



Germoe Community Primary School Week beginning 23rd July 2018



DATE	BREAKFAST CLUB WILL BE ON EVERY MORNING
Mon	NO CLUB
Tues	BREAK UP AT 1.30PM

STARS OF THE WEEK

PORTHCURNO CLASS – Ben for imaginative thinking and problem solving.

SENNEN CLASS – Lucy for a brave performance and conscientious work all week

GODREVY CLASS – Isla for her resilience and perseverance

A BIG THANK YOU TO FROGS FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND FUNDRAISING DURING THE YEAR – YOU ARE ALL A GREAT HELP TO OUR SCHOOL AND ALSO TO OUR OTHER VOLUNTEERS, KATHY AND SID FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL, CHANTELE FOR HELP WITH READING

CHANGE OF MENU TUESDAY 24TH – SAUSAGE CHIPS AND BEAN

SUMMER FAIR – Summer Fair tomorrow 11.00 am – 3.00 pm – lots of different stalls, refreshments, barbeque etc

CLASS1/EYFS TA VACANCY – There is a vacancy for a Learning Support Assistant to work in Early Years from September (until Christmas initially) for 10 hrs per week and also 1.25 hours per week to cover Thursday breakfast club, both on Grade C1. If you are interested please contact Mrs Care by either calling the office or emailing (01736 763310/secretary@germoe.cornwall.sch.uk) to request an application form.

Closing date: Monday 23rd July 2018

CLASS 2 AND 3 - Please can all children in class 2 and 3 bring in a bag **on Monday** in order to bring home their work from the year.

CLASS 3 - As part of their reward for positive behaviour this year, they will be playing water games on Monday. Please can they bring a change of clothes and shoes plus a towel.

MR WILLIAMS – It with great sadness that we have to say farewell to Mr Williams at the end of this term. We all wish him well in his new post.

INTER-SCHOOLS GYMKHANA - There were 62 children from all over Cornwall coming together to compete. For Tia it was the biggest competition she had ever done and what a great job she did, her Gymkhana skills were amazing and her pony Simon was so well behaved. Eve and her pony Denis also loved the Gymkhana games especially the apple bobbing! As a team they were unplaced but did the school proud, Eve had a 5th in the jumping individual placings. Hopefully next year we may find a couple more children from Germoe to join them. Well done girls!



NEW UNIFORM - Due to the company who we usually order from having ceased trading, our uniform has had to change. We found it difficult trying to find another company which did the v neck light blue sweatshirts so looked into other colours with round necks. The children chose between light blue, sapphire blue and royal blue and they unanimously chose sapphire blue. Parents had also

voiced their opinion at the last parent/governor meeting saying that the light blue faded quickly and showed all the stains so this has also solved that problem. The new company have been able to price match so the sweatshirts will be £10.50 and the t-shirts are £5.50. Don't worry about changing them straight away we will phase the new ones in when your children grow out of their existing ones. Future polo shirts should be white. The rest of the uniform remains the same. If you would like to order new ones then please could we have your order by Monday. We won't have them before we finish on Tuesday but you can pick them up the day before we return to school between 9.00 am and 3.00 pm from the office. Order form attached.

HEAD LICE - There has been a reported case of head lice in class 2. Please check your child/ren and treat accordingly

COLLABORATIVE WORKING – As we watch the educational landscape change around us once again, we see our resistance to becoming an Academy, for a variety of reasons, has paid off. Schools will no longer be forced into academisation unless they are judged inadequate by Ofsted. We can continue to be “good” with outstanding features by working in our unique, child-led enquiry based way. The Regional Schools Commissioner for the south west Lisa Mannall (an ex Cornish head) wants to see “collaborative” working amongst schools, regardless of their status. We already do this with the Camelford and Bodmin cluster; staff regularly meet for moderation, assessment or professional development opportunities. During the Autumn term we will also be working more closely with Richard Gambier and his team at Marlborough Primary in Falmouth. Their staff have already met ours and they adore our ethos, unique learning environment and our values which are all similar to their own. We look forward to strengthening our partnership and further developing our team to improve outcomes for our children.

SAILING - thanks from all Germoe sailors - a massive big thank you to our parent volunteers, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Menhennet and Mr Shenton for volunteering their time in order to supervise and transport our Germoe school sailors to the Helford passage week on week. And a big special mention to Mr Shenton who has not only transported every week but who has also coordinated the interschool regatta and overseen the smooth running of the event. The children have loved every minute and it has been a wonderful experience for all involved. We couldn't do it without you all.

RUGBY - next term we would like to offer a touch rugby club. As we have signed up to enter the interschool's tournament and will be competing against schools in the Helston/Lizard catchment, I would like children who sign up to commit to weekly training. The club will be open to boys and girls in y3/y4/y5/y6. We hope to have some club coaches in to train our children from Helston rugby club.

USE OF IMAGES OF CHILDREN - A parent has recently asked about their child's photos being shared on facebook. Official images taken by school are covered by data protection principles and consent is requested for this when a child is admitted to the school. The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) states that images taken by parents or relatives are not subject to the data protection principles as they are deemed to be for personal use. Parents/relatives who wish to publish images of their child at school events on social media (eg photos from sports' day, school productions) should consider the wishes of other parents/relatives whose children are included in the images.

FOREST SCHOOL – Baya and James Benzing are offering a free Forest School taster session between 4.00pm and 5.30pm on Thursday 12th July on their land in Balwest, Ashton. This is a chance to try out the fun filled nature based outdoor activities they will be offering every Tuesday and Thursday from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm throughout August. Please call or text Baya to book taster session places – 07990925875

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE - The Summer Reading Challenge is about reading for the pleasure of reading. It takes place over the summer holidays in libraries throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Developed by charity The Reading Agency, along with the UK public library network, it is now in its 20th year and is the UK's biggest annual reading promotion for primary aged children. For 2018 the theme is Mischief Makers, celebrating the 80th anniversary of the much-loved comic Beano. Mischief Makers will celebrate adventure, friendship, reading and fun and is a must for

all children who want to live in the moment and be themselves. How it works: The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children and families into their local libraries and inspires them to read for pleasure by combining free access to books with fun social activities and a creative online element. Throughout the Summer Reading Challenge, library staff and teenage and adult volunteers support

children, helping them to discover new authors and explore a wide range of different types of books. Children sign up at their local library from Saturday 14 July. They receive a Mischief Makers collector poster to get them started, they borrow and read at least SIX books during the summer, collecting special stickers and incentives along the way. They can read any library book they choose - story books, fact books, joke books, audio books - they all count and they receive a certificate and/or medal when they finish.

INSETS - The inset days have now been set and will be 3rd – 7th June 2019

CHILD SICKNESS AND DIARRHOEA – Please note that it is school policy that children cannot come back to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness and diarrhoea

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – All children who are in Reception, Yr 1 or Yr2, even though they are entitled to Universal Free School Meals, may also still be entitled to Free School Meals, which may entitle them to trip subsidies.

The criteria to get FSM is:

- Income Support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employ & Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit
- State Pension Credit

You can get more information and an application form from the office.

Y2 - Y6 We are about to set up 'Toot Toot', an on-line anti-bullying initiative promoted and funded by the Department for Education. Whilst incidents of bullying in Germoe are few and far between and resolved quickly when incidents do occur, ensuring children have a voice and the confidence to use it, is very important as a life-skill. The resources also guide and support children regarding cyberbullying, which they may well encounter as they grow up. We are keen to promote our children's well-being, confidence and self-help strategies with regard to safeguarding issues and we felt this project well worth taking part in. The DfE are assessing the impact of the initiative and students, staff and parents are asked to complete a short on-line survey. We would be very grateful if you are able to take five minutes to do it:

Parents: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TootootParents20181?schoolid=1744>

Germoe's identification number is 1744 Children will be completing their online views within school time. Thanks for your support.

EARLY YEARS FUNDING

To find out if you are eligible, please look at Childcare Choices: website <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

2018 Diary Dates

Saturday 21st
Tuesday 24th

FROGS Summer Fair 11.00 am – 3.30 pm
BREAK UP @ 1.30 PM- SUMMER HOLIDAYS BEGIN

September
Tuesday 4th

Back to school – 9.00 am