

Crowan Primary School – Newsletter

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Releath	Trenoweth	Pengelly	Crenver
95.4%	96.8%	96.0%	97.9%

Congratulations to Crenver! Piran Bear will be visiting next week! Overall attendance – 96.7%.

Golden Ticket winners this week are Lily and Alfie.

Sports News – There was a friendly **football match** against Connor Downs on Thursday. The final score was 8-2 to Crowan. Well done everyone – terrific skills and sportsmanship. Our thanks to Mr. Willis for refereeing.

Health & Safety – The teaching staff attended Child Protection (Tier 2) training at Camborne Science & International Academy on Monday evening. Please remember that concerns relating to child protection should be addressed in the first instance to Mr. Hunkin (Designated Child Protection Officer) or in his absence to Mrs. Northey. Our **Junior Road Safety Officers** have a word-search for you to try overleaf to help keep road safety in the forefront of your thinking.

Emergency School Closures – Please complete and return any remaining forms as soon as possible.

Cross-country Club – Please remember that children should wear appropriate clothing and footwear for the conditions which may be wet, muddy and cold. The terrain off-site can be rugged also so trainers or old shoes rather than plimsolls please.

Do you have a child who was born between 1st September 2007 and 31st August 2008? If so, you must apply for a school place for that child by 15th January 2012 even if he/she already has an early years or nursery place at your preferred primary school. Apply on-line at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions or ask for a paper application form at the school office.

PTFA AGM – 16th January at 7.30 pm.

This will be the last opportunity for parents to come forward to constitute the committee of the PTFA, without which many of the fundraising events will cease. Named committee members need not organise and run all events themselves, but rather enlist support from other willing volunteers. If not enough can be found, then events need not be undertaken. If you are interested in becoming the nominal Chair, Secretary or Treasurer and cannot attend the meeting, please let a member of staff know.

Helston & Lizard Education Trust – The inaugural meeting of Headteachers from the recently expanded Trust was held on Monday, chaired by Andrew Upton, University College Falmouth. The Trust is now the second largest in the World with over 1,475 primary aged pupils and around 2,300 secondary pupils.

There will initially be 3 committees focusing on Teaching & Learning, Aspiration & Opportunities, and Resources, each chaired by one of the Headteachers from the 17 schools currently in the co-operative Trust.

Negotiations with the Local Authority have already begun to ensure improved value for services required by the Trust. Services will in future be purchased by the co-operative rather than by each school individually.

Governor News – OFSTED – The school had a ‘no-notice’ monitoring visit from Ian Hancock (Her Majesty’s Inspector) on 1st December last year. The purpose of the visit was to gauge the school’s progress towards satisfying the action points identified during the last OFSTED Inspection of May 2010. As part of the process of gathering evidence the inspector observed lessons in each of the classes, examined the children’s work, held discussions with the Headteacher, subject co-ordinators, governors, children and the Local Authority’s School Improvement Partner, interrogated assessment data and pupil tracking, and explored other records related to standards and teaching and learning. The full letter resulting from the visit can be downloaded from the OFSTED website and can be viewed on the school’s own website under the Governor tab.

Highlights – ‘the school has made satisfactory progress in making improvements and good progress in demonstrating a better capacity for sustained improvement.’

‘Attainment is rising steadily in both key stages’

‘there is more good teaching and rates of progress are improving.’

‘Pupils report they increasingly enjoy mathematics..’

‘Teachers’ comments in books provide informative feedback..’

‘Pupils have a greater involvement in evaluating their work..’

‘Systems for setting individual learning targets are now well established..’

‘Targets are challenging..’

‘The whole school focus on story-telling has made a significant contribution to improvements in writing. Greater use is made of assessment information to ensure tasks are carefully matched to pupils’ needs and abilities.’

'The implementation of increasingly robust systems has improved the way leaders plan, monitor and evaluate the school's work.'

'The school is becoming more self-reliant when securing its own improvement and in developing its capacity to improve.'

'The governing body has a greater understanding of its role..'

House Points – This week the winning team is...Godolphin, just one point ahead of Pendarves.

Rotary 'Youth Speaks' Competition – The children in Pengelly and Crenver Classes are currently very busy preparing their speeches for the first round on Thursday, 26th January. Our thanks to Mrs. Carpenter and Miss. Phillips for working so hard with each of the groups this week to start them off on the right foot.

Parent Readers – If you can spare some time each week on a regular basis to listen to children read in school please let a member of staff know – parents, grandparents, carers... welcome (subject to a completed CRB check).

Dates –

Monday, 16th January PTFA AGM, 7.30 pm

