

NANSTALLON VISION 2020: *Everything we do is focused on giving every child the best teaching, environment, experiences and opportunities regardless of background and circumstance.*



NANSTALLON SCHOOL

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4 April 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the summer is coming, we have a number of dates for your calendars.

Week beginning 13th May: Year 6 National Statutory test week. We all wish our Year 6 pupils good luck, they have all been working hard and we are proud of their positive attitude. Can **ALL** parents ensure **ALL** pupils arrive at school on time so as not to disturb any tests. Year 6 pupils will have a free breakfast club running that week from 8:15am.

Tuesday 30 April	Parents Evening
Thursday 2 May	Parents Evening
Monday 27 May	Half Term
Thursday 6 June	School Closed – staff Training
Friday 7 June	School Closed – Staff Training
Friday 14 June	Y4 Camp Night
17 – 19 June	Y5/6 Residential Visit to Bristol
Friday 28 June	Sports Day 10am
Thursday 4 July	Y6 Induction Day – Bodmin College
Wednesday 24 July	School Term Ends

Health and Fitness

After Easter, children in Willow and Oak Class will begin to revive the school garden and polytunnel. We have brand new Forest School Leaders (Wild Warriors) working with Key Stage 2 classes on a Wednesday afternoon. The 2 classes will also have their PE afternoon on a Thursday led by their class teacher and a Go Active Sports Coach.

PTA Project

The school PTA are committed to funding the new Early Years Outdoor Area that will promote a range of physical learning and enable us to utilise more of the playground for the rest of the school. This is under construction at the back of Elm Tree Class and they have already committed £3'500. The PTA has a number of fundraising events planned and your support is vital. Thank you for your on going support!

Maths Information Evening

The maths information evening was another great opportunity to learn more about how we teach your children. Your partnership is highly valued. We learned some important views from parents too.

Homework Survey

We received a 48% response to the homework survey. See attached results.

Attendance

<i>Term 4 Attendance by Year Group</i>		<i>Our school target</i>		<i>97 %</i>
<i>Reception</i>	<i>95.0 %</i>	<i>Whole School Attendance Term 1</i>	<i>96.4 %</i>	
<i>Year 1</i>	<i>98.8 %</i>	<i>Whole School Attendance Term 2</i>	<i>96.0 %</i>	
<i>Year 2</i>	<i>97.8 %</i>	<i>Whole School Attendance Term 3</i>	<i>94.5 %</i>	
<i>Year 3</i>	<i>97.7 %</i>	<i>Whole School Attendance Term 4</i>	<i>96.5 %</i>	
<i>Year 4</i>	<i>96.5 %</i>	<i>Whole school Attendance overall</i>	<i>95.7%</i>	
<i>Year 5</i>	<i>94.8 %</i>			
<i>Year 6</i>	<i>95.1 %</i>			

Governor News

The governing board has been developing over the last several months, building skills and capacity to support the delivery of the school improvement plan.

One of our parent governors, Saskia Smith, has recently reached the end of her term. We would like to thank her for her significant contribution to the school and wish her the very best.

The board now has a vacancy for a Parent governor. We are looking for a committed individual who can give the necessary time and commitment to support the governing board. We are seeking building, health and safety and leadership and management skills. If you think you can assist us please contact the Chair Jo Arundale by email, jarundale@nanstallon.cornwall.sch.uk

We are also seeking foundation governors (non parent) who are able to offer the same skills. Should you know of any interested parties please do refer them as above.

Mrs Pooley

After 25 years as school secretary, Mrs Pooley is starting a new chapter focusing on the needs of her growing family. I have only worked with Mrs Pooley for a small fraction of that time, but have come to rely heavily on her vast knowledge. Mrs Pooley not only ensures the smooth administration of a busy small school by combining the jobs most likely done by

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three of four staff in a larger school, she also has such huge wells of positivity and natural nurturing skills. Mrs Pooley has really enjoyed her journey through the 25 years at Nanstallon School and will be sorely missed. On behalf of everyone past and present, we salute you!

New Teachers

After two waves of advertising and over 30 applications, we interviewed 5 prospective candidates earlier this week. I am really excited to inform you that we have secured two excellent appointments.

Two experienced and creative teachers with proven track records of improving pupil outcomes will be strengthening our teaching team in September. Both teachers have significant strengths in developing children's physical and mental wellbeing. I will share further details next term but you will be as pleased as I am to know that we move ever closer to a 5 class structure and a new team bursting with passion and talent for teaching and inspiring your children.

My warmest wishes and gratitude, as ever for your trust and support. I hope you have a restful and safe Easter break with your families.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Stephenson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Stephenson
Headteacher