

# Padstow School Newsletter

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### School closes for the summer on Wednesday 26th July at 2pm

We return to school on Tuesday 5th September

### And Now The End Is Near...

We have a total of 8 members of staff to say goodbye to at the end of this term.



**Mrs Helen Nicholls:** I came to Padstow School in January 1990 and have worked under 4 head teachers: Mary Proctor, Geoff Leend, Phil Banks and Simon Hill. I worked full time until the birth of my first child, Julie. Then, in September 1995, I started a job-share with Julie Evans which lasted until her retirement 3 years ago. My new job-share partner was Debbie Richards and I feel very lucky that both partnerships worked beautifully.

During my time at Padstow, I have produced many Nativity plays, arranged Carol concerts, organised fundraising events such as singing/keyboards/recorders at Tesco. I have enjoyed making strong links with the C of E and Methodist Church, especially organising the May Day painting competition and spending the day as part of the community. I have entered many children in local music festivals and taken groups to the Hall for Cornwall both to see shows and to be in them. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at the school and will miss the staff and children. I will return to see you often. I am looking forward to my new job at WH Smith. If you are passing by Cornwall Services, pop in and say 'Hi'.



**Mrs Kate Meehan:** "I officially started working at Padstow School in October 2001 (nearly 16 years ago!). Before that I helped out in the classroom as a parent helper. I've worked in most classes, but latterly in the reception class. I had a job share with Tina Hilton and worked one to one with Tom Vine all the way through his junior years. I was also a staff governor for 4 years. I will still be coming into school, as a volunteer!"



**Mrs Miranda Easdon:** I started my career at Padstow School as a volunteer in 2002, I also became a governor and joined the PTA in the same year. In 2008 I took on a one to one role in Year 1 and I have had various Teaching Assistant roles since then. Alongside this I have organised many fundraising events including the Casino Nights, collected numerous raffle prizes on behalf of the school, been on countless residential trips, took over the running of the school council, undertook autism training, become the school's Pupil Premium Champion, run art, RE & PHSE lessons and most recently trained as a THRIVE practitioner. I will miss the school and working with the children terribly.

### Diary Dates

#### July:

26th—School closes for summer 2pm

#### September:

5th—Autumn term 1 begins

20th—Cheese & Wine Evening

#### October:

12th—Harvest Festival

20th—School Closed

23rd-27th—Half Term

30th—School Closed

31st—Autumn term 2 begins

#### November:

1st- 3rd—Year 6 Residential Trip

8th—Our Girls Can

13th-17th—Anti Bullying Week

17th—Children in Need

20th-24th—Road Safety Week

#### December:

12th—Carol Concert at St Petroc's

13th—Christmas Fayre

20th—School closes for Christmas at 2pm

#### January 2018:

4th—Spring term 1 begins

#### February 2018:

6th—Safer Internet Day

12th-16th—Half Term

17th—Random Acts of Kindness Day

19th—Spring term 2 begins

#### March 2018:

1st—World Book Day

16th—Sport Relief

29th—School closes for Easter at 2pm

#### April 2018:

16th—Summer term 1 begins

30th—Strike Up

#### May 2018:

1st—School Closed: May Day

14th-18th—SATs Week

29th—Half Term

#### June 2018:

4th—Summer term 2 begins

#### July 2018:

2nd-6th—Year 6 Transition Week

18th Summer Fayre

20th—School closes for summer 2pm

**Help us to become nit-free—please check your child's hair this weekend**



**Mr Simon Hill:** "My journey with Padstow School began with long hair (really) in an interview in September 2004. I had a much shorter cut when I started teaching in Year 3 covering Mrs Moule, I then went on to teach Year 6. After several facial hair experiments I left the school - space raiders and sat nav (it was cutting edge then) to work in Camborne. In 2010 the opportunity arose to come back to Padstow and I leapt at the chance to be deputy head. After participating in several custard pie fights, trying my hand at DJing overseeing sleepovers, dances, Strike Ups and trips all over the country, alongside being the SENCo it is time for me to move on. I will miss Padstow more than anything."



**Miss Laura Dickson:** "My time at Padstow School started during my third year at university. I was a student teacher in Year 2 with Miss Mainwaring (with the current year 5 class). I then returned to Padstow school 2 years later as a qualified teacher when I covered Miss Webster's maternity leave in March 2016. My plans now are to take a year to myself to travel and perhaps to teach abroad. I'd like to add that my time at Padstow has been fantastic and I've loved working with all the staff and children. I've had lots of laughs and good memories that I will treasure forever. I'd love to keep in contact with the school to see how everyone's getting along!"



**Miss Brooke Stephens:** "I started working at Padstow School in 2015 as an apprentice, once I passed my apprenticeship I was offered a role in the front office. I became the face of Padstow School. I have helped with classes on trips, but mainly my role has been in the office dealing with general administration and talking to parents. I am off to work at Retallack, which is going to help me further my career. It has been a pleasure working here and I will keep in touch."



**Miss Charlotte McPherson (now Swabey):** "I began working in the Reception Class at Padstow School in March 2016 as a one to one Teaching Assistant and carried the role on through to Year 1. I have been offered a very exciting job opportunity and feel ready to move on to a new challenge. I wish the children and staff of Padstow School every success."



**Mrs Anna Osborne:** "I have not been at Padstow School for as long as others but I have really enjoyed my time at the school. I started working here earlier this year in both the Year 1 and the year 6 classes. It's been lovely to meet all the children and get to know the heart of Padstow. I am leaving due to personal circumstances. For now I would love to volunteer and support the school as a parent."

## Welcome Aboard



**Mrs Kate Whitford:** Kate is an experienced and respected Head of School from Treverbyn Academy. She will be joining us in September.



**Mr Anderson:** On Tuesday Mr Gus Anderson was appointed as our new teacher for Year 6. He will be joining us from September. Mr Anderson is an experienced Key Stage 2 teacher, who is currently working at another one of our Aspire Schools. He is thrilled to be joining the team here at Padstow. Mr Anderson came into school yesterday morning and met with the children he will be teaching next year, he spent looking the afternoon at the Summer Fair talking to parents, children and staff.

## New Appointments

We will be appointing at least 2 new Teaching Assistants ready for the new academic year. We will introduce you to them in the new term.

**Swimming:** Year 6 will be swimming in the autumn term. A letter with more detail will be sent on our return.

**Scooter Days:** Mon: Year 3 | Tues: Year 4 | Weds: Infants | Thurs: Year 5 | Fri: Year 6



## And Then There's This Lot!



It's always an emotional time, we have seen many of the children start their education in the Reception Class as 4 and 5 year olds, we have watched them growing, learning, overcoming challenges, enjoying new experiences and turning into strong 10 and 11 year old individual characters. It has been an absolute pleasure.

Good luck Year 6, you will be greatly missed and we wish you well as you start the next stage of your school career.

## School Uniform

As many of you will be purchasing new uniforms over the summer holiday, here is a useful reminder:

**Winter uniform** consists of:

- Maroon school jumper / school cardigan / school sweatshirt
- Light blue shirt or blouse
- Dark grey trousers or shorts. Please note that leggings should not be worn instead of trousers
- Dark grey skirt or pinafore
- Plain black/grey tights or black/grey/white socks

**Summer uniform** as winter or:

- Blue checked summer dress
- Black/grey/white socks

All uniform, including PE, is available from Vivienne's in Wadebridge.

Sweatshirts, cardigans and polo shirts embroidered with the school name can be ordered directly from [www.wovina.com](http://www.wovina.com). For those without access to the internet, order forms are available from the school office.

### Footwear

Flat, smart black shoes or smart black trainers with no markings or other colours.

School shoes should be suitable for both indoors and active play outdoors.

Open-toed sandals should not be worn, even in the Summer Term.

Boots can be worn into school during inclement weather but must then be changed for shoes. School shoes should be practical for both indoors and outdoors.

All items of footwear should be identified with the child's name.

### P.E. Kit

- Blue polo shirt – available in the correct colour from Wovina
- Black shorts
- Optional plain black hoody and plain tracksuit bottoms
- Plimsolls for indoor activities
- Trainers for outside activities

The updated school uniform policy can be found [here](#). Or by visiting [www.padstow.school.co.uk](http://www.padstow.school.co.uk). Click on the parents tab and then 'uniform'.

### Nearly New Uniform

A stock of second-hand uniform is usually kept by the school and is available to buy for nominal amounts. Donations of outgrown uniform are gratefully received. This system helps other parents and raises a few pounds for school funds too!

## School Dinners Next Week

Jane will be using up the food stock she has in the fridges and freezers so will not be following the advertised menu for the last 3 days, There will, as always, be a range of options, including a vegetarian one.

## Year 6 Mosaics

Big thank yous once again to **Becky Bate** and **Julia Prior** who have been working with Year 6 to complete their mosaic tiles, ready to join the others on the wall. Becky and Julia first started the mosaic tile project back in 2010 and the wall had become a fantastic school feature.

## Summer Fair

Despite the wind and squally showers, the Summer Fair was a huge success yesterday afternoon. It was disappointing not to be able to set up the water-slide, but due to the wind, there were safety concerns, likewise, the bouncy castle operators called a few hours before the Fair started to inform us it was too windy to go ahead. The 'Sponge A Teacher' stall was, once again, one of the favourites and thoroughly enjoyed by Mr Hill! The beetroot and chocolate brownies made by our Year 3 & 4 children using beetroots from our garden were much appreciated and several of you have asked for the recipe. We plan to post this on our website and Facebook page before the end of term. Thank you to the FOPS for taking on the tireless organisation of the event, to our parent volunteers for helping to set up and pack away as well as manning the stalls, to everyone who generously sent in donations and to all of you who came along to support us.



L-R top:

- our beetroot crop
- making brownies
- the finished product

L-R bottom:

- Lizzie & Lillian with their winning produce sticker designs
- Lillian's sticker
- Lizzie's sticker

## Sponsored Bike Ride



All children from Reception through to Year 6 are invited to join Year 5 pupil Alfie George and his friends on the charity bike ride to raise money for Christopher Hawke's 16th Birthday.

The ride takes place this Saturday (22nd July). Meet at the start of the Camel Trail (in Fancy Dress) in Wadebridge (next to Lidl) at 10.30am for an 11.00am start. They aim to arrive in Padstow for 12.30/1.00ish where Christopher will be to greet them.

All infant (years R-2) children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult please.

If your child is in the juniors (years 3-6) and you won't be accompanying them on the day, please text or email your consent to Emma George using the contact details below.

If anyone has any queries, would like more information or needs help getting there or their bikes to Wadebridge please contact Emma. **contact info: email: [starcharlee@hotmail.com](mailto:starcharlee@hotmail.com) Tel: 07496 387 382**