

Breage School Newsletter



September 2023



Welcome back to school #teambreage! I hope you had a wonderful Summer break (even if the weather wasn't always the best).

We have been extremely busy over the Summer, with lots of building work, improvements and changes happening!

Our new EYFS / KS1 classroom is up and running, with amazing new toys and learning resources both inside and out. Our new hall space is almost complete - we are just waiting for delivery of our new dining tables. We also now have more spaces for group work and individual activities and are busy making these spaces ready for children to work.

Aspens have now taken over as our school dinner provider and feedback has been incredibly positive.

DT sports coaching are all set to start working with us on Wednesday 13th September when they will be delivering a PE lesson to each class as well as a lunchtime Girls football club and two afterschool clubs (KS1 football & KS2 Laser tag).

I have been working over the holidays to look for new ways to enhance our provision for the children at Breage, building on our incredible strengths. I was drawn to some increasing research on the value of Animals in Education and the incredible benefits that are being seen in schools who introduce dogs to their learning environment. We have already seen the huge benefits of visiting dogs (Dolly the PAT dog and Alf the TIS dog).

There are many benefits to having a dog in school: A greater enjoyment of being in the school environment, improved attendance and a greater willingness to learn and participate. Improved behaviour, social interaction and sense of responsibility in the classroom. There is also evidence to show improved learning outcomes.

Research shows that children benefited from increased confidence, improved literacy skills and an improvement in reading scores when they read to dogs. Specifically, reading to a dog lead to:

- an improvement in reading accuracy
- improved oral reading fluency
- better comprehension
- more positive attitudes towards reading
- improved behaviours toward reading

With all this in mind I have been working with PAWs (<https://paws-therapydogs.com/>) with my dog Eddie, a 5 year old Golden retriever). Eddie will be coming into school with me, on occasions, to work with children and enjoy being part of #teambreage. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

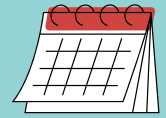
I am so excited to share this year of learning, development and fun with you all!

Keep being kind!

Mrs Holliehead 😊



Diary Dates



September

Wednesday 6th: Term starts for all children

w/c 11th: Cornwall Music Service Trust lessons restart

Thursday 14th: Children's University assembly

Farm & Country workshops: all classes

Tuesday 19th: Yellow Class St Michael's Mount trip

September/October: secondary school open day events

Autumn Term: Geothermal Engineering visit

Autumn Term: Kehelland Trust visit

October

3rd: Will Keating Music Workshop day

w/c 09/10 & 16/10: Blue Class Intensive Swimming: Helston Sports Centre (see over for more information)

TBA: Year 5/6 trip to Carnyorth Outdoor Education Centre



23rd to 27th: OCTOBER HALF TERM

Monday 30th: Inset Day: staff training

Tuesday 31st: Children return to school

31st: Applications for secondary school admission deadline

PE - Every Wednesday (all classes)



CLUBS!

Football League

Mondays - Years 5 & 6
4.30 at Helston Community College (Starting
18th September)

Ks1 Football Club

Wednesday - Years R, 1 & 2
3.30 - 4.30

Ks2 Laser Tag

Wednesday - Years 3 - 6
3.30 - 4.30

Happy Me Club

Tuesday - Years 1, 2, 3, & 4
3.30 - 4.30 Wellbeing, Yoga, mindfulness and fun!

**MORE CLUBS
COMING SOON...**



School Uniform

Our School Uniform Policy

We believe school uniform is important: it looks smart; wears well; contributes to a sense of belonging and community; makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance; fosters a feeling of pride and is designed with health & safety in mind.

We ask that all children wear the uniform and encourage them to maintain a good standard of clean and tidy dress in school. The uniform is designed to be practical, maintainable and good value for money. From September, we would ask that school hoodies are used primarily for sports purposes. If your child has hoodies in place of sweatshirts which still fit, please do not feel you have to replace these immediately with a school sweatshirt. Hair accessories such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc should be fairly simple and if possible in school colours. IMPORTANT: please ensure ALL items are labelled clearly with your child's name. For safety reasons we ask that children do not wear jewellery in school. For health reasons it is important that children are properly dressed for physical activity. All children should have a full PE kit.

School Uniform - where to buy choices

School uniform can still be ordered direct from School Trends (new logo)
<https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/BreageCofEVAPrimaryTR139PZ>

NEW THIS YEAR: Uniform can be purchased locally from Whirlwind Sports, Meneage Street, Helston. Items will feature our new school logo. You will be able to browse items on their website and check if the garment and size required is in stock. If not in stock, it will only take days, not weeks, to arrive with the convenience of trying sizes in store as well. Please allow Whirlwind time to set everything up, but this should be within the next few weeks. As in previous years, a school book bag with logo will be given to each child starting Reception during the first week of school.

<https://www.whirlwindsports.com/schools>

Old Uniform Stock

We do have a quantity of new uniform with the old Breage logo. Items are available at half price - if you wish to purchase, please email hello@breageschool.org stating garment type and size required. If it is in stock, we will confirm back and put the item aside for you and add the cost to your child's ParentPay account.



Attendance

School is so important!

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please inform the office as soon as possible. You can use our email hello@breageschool.org or select the attendance reporting option when you ring.

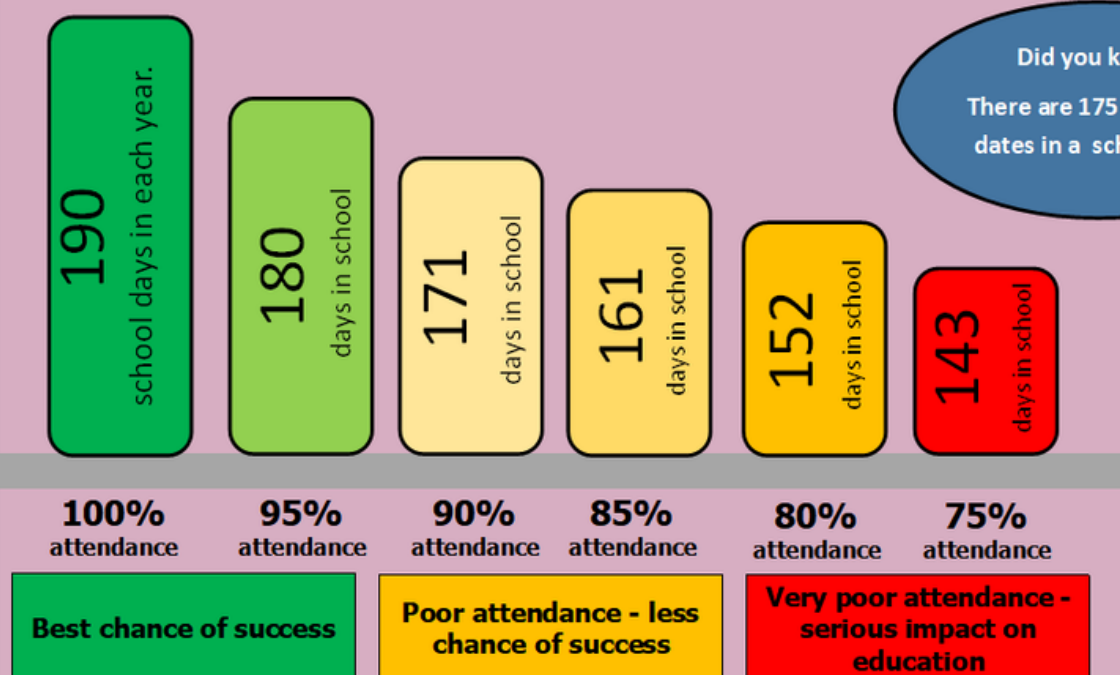
All children should arrive in school for 8.50am ready for registration and prompt lesson start at 9.00am. For safeguarding reasons our registers close at **9.05am**. If your child is absent and we are not aware of the reason, a text will be sent asking you to contact school.

In the new academic year, we will be sending home termly attendance certificates. You can also check your child's data, including attendance, using your Arbor login.

Being in school at least 97% of the time (184 to 190 days)

That is no more than 6 days off per year.

365 days in a calendar year



Did you know?

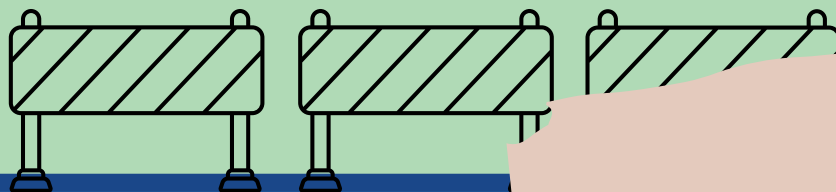
There are 175 non-term dates in a school year.



Pedestrian entry into school

From September, we will be using barriers to create a protected walkway at the edge of the playground for pedestrians, instead of using the entry via the sensory garden. Although this has proved effective in taking pedestrians out of the car parking area, it has caused further concerns about children walking alongside queuing cars on the road.

Hopefully, the new arrangement will help keep our children safe. If driven to school, children should be escorted from cars to the blue gate for safety reasons.



Don't forget to join our Facebook page (Breage C of E Primary School & Nursery) where we regularly share school experiences and information. You can also follow us on Twitter @breageschool



Breage C of E Primary School & Nursery

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Information

Blue Class Swimming Lessons

New for the Autumn term are the introduction of intensive swimming lessons as opposed to weekly lessons. These have been proven to increase children's water skills and confidence greatly in comparison to weekly lessons. Blue Class children will swim each school day over two weeks (w/c 09/10 and 16/10). Children will travel by minibus each day.



ParentPay

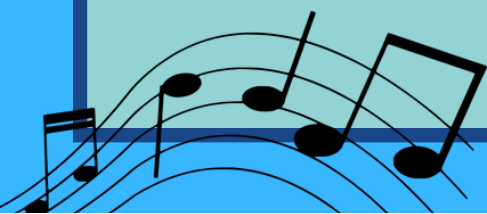
All children have a ParentPay account. Children's accounts can be joined (add child) so that you only have one login with multiple children accounts within it. Please login to your ParentPay account and clear any outstanding balances, PAFC, school meals, trips, nursery fees. Balances that cannot be cleared within a reasonable period, please email hello@breageschool.org to advise when we can expect payment (instalments acceptable for larger sums). This will avoid Aspire Trust intervening.

Cornwall Music Service Trust

Mrs Watkiss has thoroughly enjoyed teaching pupils this academic year and many took their exam and passed their grade receiving their certificate. If your child is interested in learning an instrument please browse their website for full information. Signup is required for participation. Pupils receiving pupil premium free school meals can receive a free funded lesson based on a group of 4. Verena is able to offer tuition on the following instruments:-

Flute
Saxophone
Clarinet
Keyboard/Piano
Ukulele

<https://cmst.co.uk/home>





Information

Aspens - replacing Chartwells in September

Sadly, we also say goodbye to Gemma who has been doing a fantastic job in our servery each lunchtime. Gemma has decided to stay with Chartwells and will be redeployed to another location. We would like to thank Gemma and will miss her at lunchtimes and wish her the best of luck in her new ventures. We'd also like to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone at Porthleven kitchen for looking after us so well for many years.

The new Aspens menu will be added to ParentPay over the summer break. There is a price increase in September. Each school meal will cost £2.65. Parents should pre-book their child(ren)'s meals on ParentPay. This ensures children have a meal of their liking ordered and speeds up time spent on this in class during registration. Home packed lunches should contain healthy options and children are encouraged to bring in a piece of fruit for morning break (Reception, Year 1 and 2 receive fruit in school). All children should have a water bottle in school each day.

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

Universal Infant Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal. This is part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative and regardless of what benefits, if any, are being claimed. However, some children in these year groups may also have an entitlement to benefits related Free School Meals. Children in this group are also eligible for Pupil Premium - additional funding paid to school. It is important to apply for benefits related FSM if you think your child may be eligible. You can check eligibility criteria [here](#). Children in Years 3 and above can also check criteria and apply on this link. This funding also opens up other extras such as free music lessons, holiday clubs and previously, additional help such as the cost of living payments etc.

Aspens Menu

FOOD FESTIVAL By Aspens

Autumn/Winter 2023/2024:
4/9, 25/9, 16/10, 6/11,
27/11, 18/12, 8/1, 29/1

LUNCH WEEK 1 MENU



MAIN EVENT

MONDAY
Chicken & Vegetable
Meatballs in Tomato
Sauce with Pasta
Twirlers

TUESDAY
Sausages with
Mash Potatoes
and Gravy

WEDNESDAY
Roast Chicken and
Stuffing with
Roast Potatoes
and Gravy

THURSDAY
BBQ Drizzle Pizza
with Baked Potato
Wedges

FRIDAY
Golden Fish Fingers
or Salmon Fingers
with Chips



MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish

Sweet Chilli
Vegetable Stir Fry
with Whole Grain
Rice

Cheesy Broccoli
Pasta Bake

Homemade Cheese
and Leek Sausages
with Roasted/Mash
Potatoes and Gravy

Tarka Dhal Curry
(Veggie Lentil Curry)
with Whole Grain
Rice

Pizza
Margherita
with Chips



RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads

Mixed Salad

Green Beans

Broccoli

Peas

Baked Beans

Daily salad bowl and freshly baked bread available every day



PASTA TWIRLER Topped Pasta

Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce



BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket

Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes
with Cheese or Beans



DESSERT TROLLEY Pudding

Toffee
Sponge and Custard

Jelly &
Fruit Slices

Apple Pie
and Custard

Vanilla
Ice cream

Orange
Cookie

Cut fruit, yoghurt and jelly available every day

FOOD FESTIVAL By Aspens

Autumn/Winter 2023/2024:
11/9, 2/10, 23/10, 13/11,
4/12, 25/12, 15/1, 5/2

LUNCH WEEK 2 MENU



MAIN EVENT

MONDAY
All Day Breakfast
Brunch
Sausage, Egg, Hash
Brown and Beans

TUESDAY
Pizza Margherita
with Baked Potato
Wedges

WEDNESDAY
Roast Chicken and
Stuffing with
Roast Potatoes
and Gravy

THURSDAY
Minced Beef and
Onion Pie with Mash

FRIDAY
Golden Fish
Fingers
with Chips



MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish

All Day Veggie
Breakfast Brunch
Veggie Sausage, Egg,
Hash Brown and Beans

Golden Vegetable
Fingers with Baked
Potato Wedges

Super Veggie Pie
Vegetable, Lentil and
Onion Pie with Mash

Mexican Bean Wrap
with Whole Grain
Rice

Cheesy Sweetcorn
Pizza
with Chips



RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads

Baked Beans

Green Salad

Carrots

Sweetcorn

Baked Beans

Daily salad bowl and freshly baked bread available every day



PASTA TWIRLER Topped Pasta

Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce



BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket

Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes
with Cheese or Beans



DESSERT TROLLEY Pudding

Sponge Cake and
Custard

Jelly

Apple Crumble and
Custard

Vanilla
Ice Cream

Jammy Crumble
Bars

Cut fruit, yoghurt and jelly available every day

LUNCH WEEK 3 MENU



MAIN EVENT



MEAT-FREE MAGIC Vegetarian Dish



RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads



PASTA TWIRLER Topped Pasta



BIG TOPPING Filled Jacket



DESSERT TROLLEY Pudding

MONDAY

Hot Dog
with Baked Potato
Wedges

Vegetarian
Shepherd's Pie

Green Beans

Vanilla
Ice Cream

TUESDAY

Tomato & Roasted
Vegetable Pasta
Bake

Mixed Vegetable
Korma with
Whole Grain Rice

Broccoli

Chocolate Crunch
and Custard

WEDNESDAY

Roast Gammon
with Roast Potatoes
and Gravy

Baked
Mac n Cheese

Carrots

Oaty Apple
Crunch Slice

THURSDAY

Pizza Day!
Veggie Supreme
Pizza with Baked
Potato Wedges

BBQ Drizzle
Pizza with Baked
Potato Wedges

Peas

Jelly

FRIDAY

Golden Fish
Fingers
with Chips

Golden Vegetable
Fingers
with Chips

Baked Beans

Shortbread
Biscuit

Daily salad bowl and freshly baked bread available every day

Hot Pasta topped with Homemade Tomato Sauce

Crispy Skin Jacket Potatoes
with Cheese or Beans

Cut fruit, yoghurt and jelly available every day

HUB COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Are you passionate about improving the outcomes for pupils?

We have a Hub Councillor vacancy at Breage School. You will work with the Head of School and other Hub Councillors in the Aspire Academy Trust to monitor progress and assess the impact of academy improvement. If you are interested in school governance, and believe you have the skills and time available, then please contact the school office for more details.