



POLWHELE POST

12th January 2024

Dear Parents

One of the things I love most about Polwhele is the feeling that we are all working together for the very best for the children. This week, Mrs Puffer and Mrs Vinyard-Allen came to suggest a group they want to set up, which has my unreserved support. The group will be called The Polwhele Parent Group and is designed to share information and experiences with parents who could use the support of those who have been through it before. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 6th February from 08:45-09:45 in the Drawing Room. This will be an informal coffee morning to see what those who come would value. Moving forward, they hope to invite professionals to address the group around specific issues which parents have brought forward. Any of us who are parents need support – I know you will agree! However, the support group may be particularly helpful for those with the difficulties that are harder to tackle. There is a need for those who can give advice as much as for those who can receive it – so if you have ever had a child who has faced a challenge you'll be welcome. Mrs Vinyard-Allen and Mrs Puffer will be happy to talk through with you any thoughts you have around this area.

I know that many of our children from Year 5 upwards will be excited about the trip we are planning to watch the Women's FA Cup Final in May. There are limited tickets but (I am told) they are in one of the very best parts of the stadium. We have our football enthusiast staff accompanying the children – it should be a wonderful (if long) day; I recommend early reservation.

I know you will all join me in wishing the very best to Mrs Spoor and her family who are managing their way through one of life's difficult moments. She expects to be back with us the week after next and we will all look forward to seeing her then.

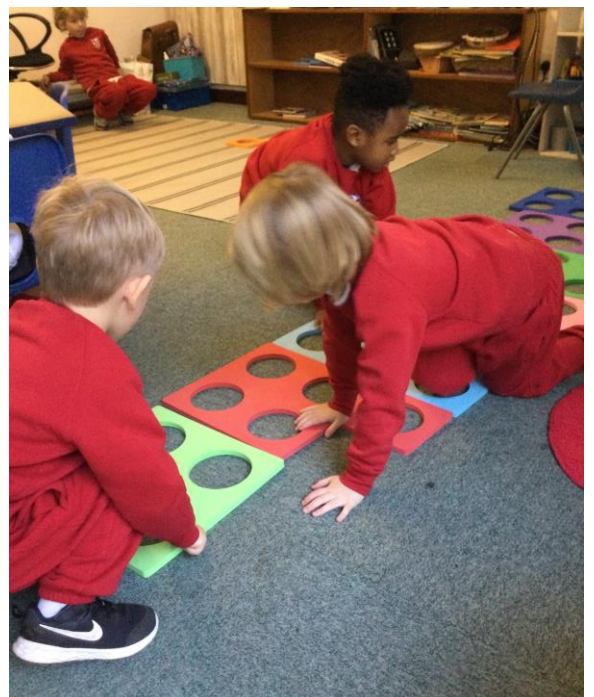
We have coped with the cold and avoided the wet this week – what a pleasure to see the sun, especially with the days starting to get a little bit longer.

Hilary Mann
Best wishes

Mrs Hilary Mann
Head



Happy learning in Pre-prep;
proud Fight Night finalists;
and our glorious grounds in
the frost, as captured by
Year 5 in their Enquiry
lesson.



NOTICES



- **Poetry Competition:** Don't forget to start writing your poetry competition entries. Miss Topsey is very excited to introduce this opportunity, ably supported by all our teachers of English – ask any of these teachers for support if you need it.
- **Cold Weather:** Some of the children would benefit from hats, gloves and scarves (the smaller hands are particularly affected). If you would like to purchase any of these items, please contact Ms Brown in the Office. The hats are amazingly versatile – a staff member is currently sporting one! Don't think any head is too big for a Polwhele hat.
- **Fencing Report:** Fight Night fought to three hits in two poules of five across two pistes with the intention of promoting the first ranked fencer from each poule to a final DE. Clemmie and Will were tied on victories, hits scored and hits received, but Clemmie had won in their bout, so was promoted from piste 1. On the other side of the hall, a fierce battle had evolved, with Tommy dropping only two hits (both to Josh), and claiming the other place in the final. Congratulations to Tommy on winning this term's Sword of Power. Clemmie, Henry and Barney claim medals for being top in their year groups. Many thanks to everyone who came to spectate, help score, referee, clip and unclip and support. The next Fight Night will on 3 May.

KEY DATES UP TO LENT HALF TERM:

AVAILABLE ON WEDUC CALENDAR
Changes in BOLD italics

JANUARY

- 13th 09:30 Cornwall cross country championships at Truro School (KS3)
17th 14:30 U12 football v Penryn (home)
23rd ISA SW cross country at Westonbirt
26th Girls' football v Bosvigo (home) time TBC
30th 14:30 U9 football v Bosvigo (home)
31st U11 ISA SW football at Launceston

FEBRUARY

- 2nd 16:00 U12 football v Truro School (home)
16:00 girls' football club v Truro School (home)
4th Fencing: SW age group
6th **08:45 Polwhele Parent Group**
U9 cross country v Truro Prep (away) time TBC
7th U11 cross country v Truro Prep (away) time TBC
Half term 12th-16th February

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