



# Newsletter



10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back everyone!

It was great to have everyone back in school this week. Children have settled in really well and immediately got back in to the routines of learning.

There is still a lot of coverage of catch up and recovery in the media and as a school we have made provision for this while pushing ahead with our planned curriculum. We increasingly want children to be aware of what they are learning and the progress that they are making but I would like to assure you that we are not talking to them about 'catching up' as we feel that this puts undue pressure on them.

Your role in supporting learning at home is of course vital. By far the most important aspect of this is that you have high expectation for your child and demonstrate that you value them working hard and making progress. For all we do in school it is still the motivation that you provide that is of greatest importance.

We are all looking forward to a hard-working, enjoyable and productive school year.

Jeremy Walden

### Reception Class

Well done to all of the children who started in Reception Class this week. You have all settled in amazingly well and we are very proud of you.

### Future Dates for your Diary

29 <sup>th</sup> October – 1 <sup>st</sup> October:	Year 4 and Year 5 camp at Porthpean
5 <sup>th</sup> October:	Football and Netball away game at Nanpean School
6 <sup>th</sup> October:	Nasal Flu Immunisation Rec – Y6. Details to follow
8 <sup>th</sup> October:	World Mental Health Day (Wear something yellow)
15 <sup>th</sup> October:	Individual School Photographs
19 <sup>th</sup> October:	Football and Netball home game
2 <sup>nd</sup> November:	Family Portrait Evening
9 <sup>th</sup> November:	Football and Netball away game to Foxhole School
23 <sup>rd</sup> November:	Football and Netball home game

### **House Keeping**

Welcome back to school! We hope you all had a great summer! The children have all settled into their new classes brilliantly and have been ready to learn!

A few 'housekeeping' reminders for you!

School meals should be ordered via Parent Pay by 12 midnight each Sunday for the week ahead. If your child is in KS1 or is entitled to Free School Meals, you will not be charged for the meals. School meals are currently £2.30.

Breakfast club is bookable up to 4pm the day before needed at a cost of £3 per session.

Parent Pay is used, not only to order school meals, but where trips can be booked and permission slips are used. If you haven't signed up or activated your account, please do so as it is an essential part of your child's school life.

Please make sure your child's school items (including shoes, coats, lunch bags and kit) are labelled with your child's name! It is far more likely to come back to the child if labelled. Last year we donated over £200 worth of unnamed 'lost property' items to charity!

Your child's Water Bottle should be in school every day. These are sent home to be washed by parents/carers. The bottles should be returned empty to be refilled with water at school. No squash/juice/fizzy/energy drinks please.

Please supply your child with a labelled coat. We try to get outside in all weathers so please make sure your child has appropriate outdoor clothing.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please let the school know by telephoning (01726) 890323 or emailing **each day they are absent** unless told otherwise by the office team. A reminder that if we do not hear from you, your child can be reported as missing.

Due to the wearing of PE kit to school, please make sure your child's trainers are suitable for sport and not for fashion.

No smoking or vaping on school grounds please.

The speed in the car park is 5mph. **Please make sure you adhere to this speed at all times – no exception!** Children, staff and visitors come in and out of the school at all times and their safety is paramount. Please park considerately and not in the staff spaces or the restricted areas.

When dropping your child, please do not gather around the gates. They need to be accessible at all times

Thank you for adhering to this information.

Useful contact information:

Mr Jeremy Walden, Headteacher: [head@roche.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@roche.cornwall.sch.uk)  
Mrs Chrissie George, Secretary: [secretary@roche.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@roche.cornwall.sch.uk)  
Mrs Rachel Batten, Reception: [reception@roche.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:reception@roche.cornwall.sch.uk)  
Mrs Helen Carlin, SENCO: [hcarlin@roche.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:hcarlin@roche.cornwall.sch.uk)

Telephone number of school: 01726 890323

School Website: [www.roche.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.roche.cornwall.sch.uk)



Together for Families

The deadline for applications is 15 January 2022

# Starting school September 2022

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018

### Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

### Information and guidance

Website and application form: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

### Need help with your application?

Contact the Family Information Service on 0800 587 8191

## School Applications

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, it's time to apply for their school place. Please see the poster attached to this newsletter.

If your child is in Year 6, it's time to apply for their Secondary School place. Please see the poster attached.

Please make sure you put a second choice school on your application as you will have more control if your child does not get into their first choice. If the second choice is left blank, your child could gain a place anywhere!



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# Transfer to secondary school September 2022

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school

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## Reception Class and New Starters

### Parent Pay

You will have all now received your Parent Pay activation letters. Please sign up to Parent Pay as if your child requires a school meal it will now need to be ordered through Parent Pay by midnight this Sunday for the week ahead.

All details on how to sign up are on the activation letter.

We also use Parent Pay for school trips, messages and information so it is vital you sign up for this service.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office on [reception@roche.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:reception@roche.cornwall.sch.uk) or telephone on 01726 890323.

## Celebration Assemblies

As from next Friday (17<sup>th</sup> September), we will be starting our Friday Celebration Assemblies which parents/carers are welcome to attend.

The assemblies start at 2.50pm in the school hall. Please wait by the green gate by the office and a member of staff will let you in to the foyer and then into the hall after the children have been seated and settled.

A reminder that parents/carers are not permitted mobile phones during the assembly and there should be no filming or photographs.

Please be respectful when entering and leaving the hall and during the assembly.

Thank you.



### Volunteer Drivers

We are soon to be starting football and netball matches. We aim to use the school mini bus for our away matches but occasionally with a match which is for 2 teams of footballers and 1 team of netballers we need extra transport.

If you could help to transport children to these matches, it would be really appreciated. We leave school just before 3pm and get back to school around 4.30pm. Obviously this depends on when the match starts etc.

There are Volunteers Driver Declaration Forms in the office and we would need a copy of your photographic driving licence alongside your car insurance details. We also need a document which has your National Insurance number on it.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Mrs George or Mrs Batten in the office.

### Porthpean Camp Year 4 and Year 5

The Porthpean Camp is still open for payments on Parent Pay and a letter was sent yesterday through Parent Pay to all Parents/Carers of Year 4 and Year 5.

Please make sure the consent and medical information is completed asap.

If you'd like to discuss payments, please email Mr Walden at [head@roche.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@roche.cornwall.sch.uk)



### Roche Junior Band

Youth bands are of the utmost importance when ensuring the traditions of brass banding. It follows then, that here as part of the Roche Brass organisation that we have a junior band to bring on the players of the future.

We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic, motivated, young people with an interest to begin learning to play a brass instrument or percussion. As part of the service you will receive instrumental hire, a weekly lesson taught in a small group and, from when it becomes appropriate, band practice.

If you are interested in learning a brass instrument, please contact Richard for more information on 01726 892848 or email [info@rochebrass.co.uk](mailto:info@rochebrass.co.uk)

We would be delighted to welcome people of any age and any standard.



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# The ME within WE: Your time is here! Workshop

Dates: 30 Sept, 7 Oct, 14 Oct  
Time: 10.30am - 12

Parents! Time flies when your little ones grow every day. Join our **FREE** online workshop to think about what's next for the **YOU** part of **WE**.

As they start to take independent steps in the world, sketch out your next chapter, reflect and address what change means for you.

This first step on a path to new adventures for you and your family will be led by the inspirational Julie Thompson; with ongoing support to achieve your life and work goals from your local Pluss Health Works for Cornwall team.

To book your **FREE** place, please email [HWC@pluss.org.uk](mailto:HWC@pluss.org.uk) or call **07546 412325 / 07751 095395**

Please book early as places are limited (up to 12 per workshop)



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# ARE YOUR KIDS TAKING THEIR NEXT STEPS?



Is now the right time to take  
your own steps for the future?

We will help you take the next steps!

- ♥ Build your confidence and skills
- ♥ Plan your work and life goals
- ♥ Connect with people in your community
- ♥ Job search, CVs and interview
- ♥ Meet positive employers
- ♥ Work trials and tasters.

Whatever support you need, we'll be here every step of the way.

To find out more please contact Harriet:

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