

Thursday 16th July 2020.

Dear Parents and Carers

As we are approaching the end of this academic year, I am writing to you with some end of term updates. Our last day of the academic year for our Hub, SEND Nurture Hub and Year 10 and 12 students is this Friday 17th July. We would like to thank and congratulate all students who have been in school for the duration of lockdown for their tremendous team spirit, 'can-do' attitude and good humour: it has been a pleasure spending time with them.

We are equally as proud of all the students who have engaged so positively with their online distance learning and face to face sessions with their teachers. Children, from 7 - 11, have engaged in Classcharts tasks; recorded lessons; live lessons; challenges on social media; on-site lessons; induction lessons and projects. What a lot of learning planned, set, marked and uploaded - well done the NT Family! The quality of work produced by some students has been superb and we are celebrating success with awards for KS3 and KS4 achievement and attitude to learning. Many congratulations to everyone who has been awarded a certificate.

Moving forward, all subjects in current Year 10, and Core subjects in Years 7 - 9, have written 'Just Check...' booklets. These booklets summarise, week by week, Summer Term's content and link directly to the work your child has been set on Classcharts during closure.

Students are encouraged to begin to work through these booklets, **only completing tasks that are overdue / they are yet to complete**. The students can work this out by looking back through their Classcharts to see what they have not yet uploaded. Alternatively, they can wait until September, when their subject teachers will guide them through the tasks as Homework. The aim is that all students have caught up on any missed Distance Learning work by Christmas. Together, we'll make sure that no child is left behind.

A message from Lisa Verity, Chair of our Local Governing Body:

On behalf of the Local Governing Body, I'd like to take this opportunity firstly to say a huge thank you to all the teachers and staff who have worked very hard during these unprecedented times to ensure the safety and welfare of the vulnerable children and the children of key workers as well as rising to the challenge of delivering lessons in a wholly different way - for many this has involved a huge amount of work and adaptability.

As a mum of two teenage boys, I can honestly say one of the hardest thing about the Covid crisis for me has been 'home-schooling' - not only are we not trained teachers, but we're also battling with the distraction of social media, mobile phones, Instagram etc. Not to mention the strange body clocks that teenagers seem to have when there isn't a need to get up to go to school - getting out of bed much before midday is a huge effort. I'm sure I'm not alone in dealing with this and so I wanted to also say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who have negotiated, cajoled and encouraged their children to get out of bed, get off their phones and sit down and do some study over the last few months. Furthermore looking after the physical and emotional wellbeing of the children during these tricky times has been a huge challenge, so well done!

As we look forward to starting a new term in September, we are looking to recruit more members to the local governing body. If you are interested in becoming a governor at Tretherras, please do get in touch - we'd love to hear from you. It's not a huge commitment in terms of time, but is a critical role and one that's very rewarding, a privilege and gives an insight into the workings of the school. If you would like to know more or apply, please contact our clerk, Mrs Tracy Barnes: t1b@tretherras.net

Lisa Verity

During the summer holidays our main office will be open to parents, Monday → Friday, between 9am and 11am. Alternatively please call 01637 872080 or email enquiries@tretherras.net. The Autumn Term for students will begin on Friday 4th September, 2020 for the new Year 7 and Year 12. The rest of the school will return on Monday 7th September, 2020. Heads of Year are writing to you very soon with specific information relating to the start of term arrangements for the different Year Groups and their rooming zones.

To parents and carers who are buying school uniform for students in Years 7-11 over the holidays, please refer to our fully comprehensive uniform list. We will be very grateful for your support in ensuring that students come to school in September dressed in the correct uniform. We know that you always appreciate the fact that Tretherras students look smart and display positive attitudes towards their learning and school life, and we would ask you to work in partnership with us to maintain high standards. Full uniform details are on our website and please do get in touch if you need some support with providing uniform for your son or daughter, as we are able to help.


This week we say a 'virtual' goodbye to staff who are leaving us for pastures new. Our Assistant Headteacher and Director of Maths, Rose Roelofse is retiring this term after twenty-one years in the school and we wish her every happiness. We also say good bye and farewell to Mike Bartaby, Aimee Butterworth, Sam Frost, Tom Platts and Henry Wharton. We also wish them every success and happiness in the future and thank them for all they have done for our school community in the time they have been with us. Many congratulations to Roxy Gekas and Kym Langdon, who will both have their first babies this summer – Mrs Gekas is expecting twins! We send them every good wish for many nights of unbroken sleep ahead!

I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for your patience and support during the past few months. Your understanding, especially with the loss of GCSE and A level exams and proper farewells for Year 11 and 13, the development of distance online learning and the changes to the opening arrangements we have experienced, has meant a lot to us all. Thanks to your commitment to working in partnership with us, and your constructive and positive feedback, the whole process of lockdown schooling has gone relatively smoothly. Thank you to those of you who have taken the time to email our staff; your kind words have helped to keep morale high across the school during very challenging circumstances.

We are very excited about coming back to school in September. As I wrote last week, please do contact us if you or your child experience any anxieties at all: we are here to help and we have systems and people in place to support everyone. I will contact you again if any of the DfE guidance for September opening is updated over the holiday or if there is a local lockdown.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very relaxing, well-earned and enjoyable summer break. Thank you for all you do to support the staff and students at Newquay Tretherras every day, but especially during the time of this pandemic.

Yours sincerely



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