

# SPOTLIGHT



Autumn 2007

Parents' Information Newsletter

## SAFETY AT HALF TERM

### An important message from the Police

We have been asked by the local Police to remind parents and carers about the dangers that children may face during the forthcoming half term holiday (**which starts on Saturday 27 October**). We have emphasised the importance of safe play and responsibility to others through tutor time and will be following up these messages through year group assemblies.

The Police outlined some of these concerns in a bulletin which came to school this week, extracts below.

"During this holiday period young people often play outside, and use skateboards and bikes on roads, perhaps without lights and during poor light in the evenings. Teenagers with MP3's and Mobile phones are also susceptible to traffic collisions during the evening. We would ask young pupils to observe safety and not be a nuisance to other members of the community.

At Halloween many young people see this as an opportunity to get dressed up and go out playing trick or treat from door to door, often unsupervised, in dark clothing and in areas in which they are not familiar. Others see this period as an opportunity to make mischief with flour, eggs and turning over rubbish bins. Could young people please respect posters declining 'Trick or Treating', when they are clearly displayed in people's doors or windows.

On Bonfire & Fireworks Evening many people and animals get killed, hurt or injured and hundreds of pounds worth of damage is caused by thrown and discarded fireworks."

Seán Hewitt  
On behalf of the Leadership Team  
Peter Booth, Helen Holmes and Barry Richardson

## GET ELECTED !!



A group of Year 9 Prospective candidates with Learning Manager Mr Hatt

Elections for positions on the school council are being held next week. Each of the candidates are presenting themselves and their views to their year groups in the hope of joining the School Council. Pupil voice is a highly important aspect of our school life at Poltair. This is a professionally run event in our school with ballot papers and a polling day next Wednesday. We are grateful to be supported as always by the organisers of all elections from Restormel. In this way we feel our pupils are being prepared for their rights as voters in elections when they have reached the age of eighteen and are members of the voting community.

Our congratulations to all of the candidates who have presented themselves so well through their campaigns this week.

Results will be announced in next week's Spotlight.

## Table Tennis Awareness Day – Tuesday 25th September

The whole of Year 8 took part in the above day which was organised in partnership with St Austell Table Tennis Centre. Adrian Noot and Bob House took one hour taster sessions for the Year 8 pupils. Mr Robins is now running a Table Tennis Club on Mondays for all years to attend from 3.15 – 4.05 pm in the Dining Hall. All abilities are welcome.

PE Department



A Year 8 pupil having a go!

## ABBIE CAPLE

Well done to Abbie Caple who has been selected to join the Cornwall County Development Group of the West of England Netball Association. Abbie had to take part in a series of screening sessions before being selected and will receive Coaching and Sports Science support. Abbie is a member of the Poltair Sports Academy and will receive funding to help her with the cost of this training.

PE DEPARTMENT

## TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

We are becoming increasingly concerned about the busy traffic outside school at the beginning and end of the day. If you bring your child to school by car please would you refrain from parking in the pull in areas reserved for buses.

Pupils coming to school should observe the Crossing Patrol Officer and not cross the road at other places along Trevarthian Road.

There are members of staff on duty in the mornings to meet children and guide them into school and at the end of the school day there is a large team of staff on duty to ensure a safe and orderly exit.

# Funky Feet Dance School



Come along and dance to the latest chart music

- ❖ Poltair School Main Hall (Gym)
- ❖ Wednesday evenings
- ❖ 4.15 – 9.45 pm (sessions)
- ❖ Boys & Girls welcome (all abilities)

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