

# SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

## BEHAVIOUR ON SCHOOL BUSES

I have been speaking to all pupils who travel on school transport in assemblies this week about the behaviour and expectations of all children on school buses. There have been a number of issues and incidents in the past two weeks that have sadly resulted in the banning of individual pupils from using this form of transport.

Pupils at Poltair are fully aware of the expectations that the school has laid down and this extends to time spent travelling to and from school. The Local Authority, the bus companies and the school will not tolerate poor or dangerous behaviour.

Parents of the children who travel on the POLO 116 to and from Penwithick will be disappointed to learn that much of the poor behaviour is concentrated on this particular bus. They will be as disappointed as we are that this is so, especially as this free transport has only just been re-instated following a long campaign by the school and the parents themselves.

Many children forget their bus passes. Some individuals attempt to travel on buses they have no pass for and more alarmingly – very few children put on safety belts in spite of being told to do so by the individual drivers.

We would wish you to support us in emphasising to your children the need for exemplary behaviour on school transport.

Seán Hewitt

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

## SCHOOL NURSE ISSUES

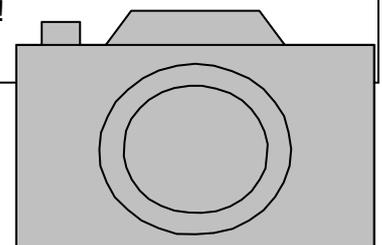
As you will all appreciate, it is essential that we provide medical care should any child feel unwell or be injured during school time. We have a full time admin assistant who is a qualified nurse. We are extremely fortunate to have her as that is not the norm in most schools. In addition we have three other members of the admin team with first aid qualifications who are on duty throughout the week. There are also members of staff with first aid qualifications.

However it has been noticeable of late that there has been an increase in the number of children, particularly in the lower years, who are turning up regularly to 'see the nurse' with ailments and issues that should really be dealt with by family doctors or surgeries. Whilst we never ignore any child who finds themselves in need of care, help or advice, we would appreciate that parents do not use this facility as an extended Doctor's Surgery. If your child has been ill and is on medication then please contact the school nurse who will organise the administration of any necessary drugs.

## IMPORTANT DATE

### INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PHOTOS Thursday 22 November 2007

All years will be having individual photos taken on the above date. Your child will be informed of the procedure for the day. Can you please ensure they come to school in full school uniform and of course looking as smart as possible!



## YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS

In order to avoid clashes wherever possible, core subject revision sessions ie English, Maths and Science will be held in Week A and option subjects in Week B.

If pupils are not required for option subjects in Week B they can therefore be available for core subject revision in that week as well.

## CASTLEDORE ROWING CLUB

Good luck to Jamie Rickard and Ben Welland who are competing in their first race this Sunday at the Totnes Head of the River Race.



## U14 County Netball Tournament

Well done to the Year 9 girls who played in the Cornwall County Netball Competition. The weather was not kind and we battled with some difficult draws and very tall players from other schools, narrowly losing to Falmouth, Pool and Penryn by 1 or 2 goals. Our final placing was 6th in our section.

The girls will be practising on Tuesdays after school and Thursdays at lunchtime. If any new players would like to join, please just come along.

### The Squad:

*Sophie Edwards   Shauna Michael   Annabel Peach   Kerry Stephens   Ellie Ternouth  
Jessica Emerson   Lauren Pearce   Gemma Salter   Rachel Taylor*



Porthpean Outdoor Education Centre is running activity days for children aged between 6-16.

£20 per person per day.  
Parents are welcome!

The Activity Day is running on 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Between 9am - 4.30pm.

Activities include high ropes course, archery,  
climbing, Mountain biking.



For more information telephone on 01726 72901

**Outdoors**



## SHOE BOXES

Poltair School is once again a 'drop off' point for Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to help by wrapping a shoe box (normal size) in wrapping paper and filling it with items suitable for a boy or girl between the ages of 2 years and 14 years, please collect a leaflet from Mrs Peters in Room 57. The final collection date will be at the end of November.

Please note that the weekly Spotlight and any archived Spotlights are available to view or download from the school website  
[www.poltairschool.co.uk](http://www.poltairschool.co.uk)