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**Down on the Farm**

This week, Milo and Donut have had their hooves trimmed, and a good old brush! Both boys are happy, healthy and full of bounce. They can’t wait for the weather to improve and their daily cuddles to start again from our wonderful children. Being Pygmies, they much prefer the warmer (dryer) weather, so when it’s raining - they’ll be snuggled up together in their stable! The chickens haven’t started laying again yet, but now the days are getting longer - it won’t be long until we’re eggundated! A massive thanks to Leesh, Ross, Romes and Amiirah for their ongoing love and support for our boys.

**Other News**

**Outdoor Learning Day –** Friday 2nd February. Please can all children wear warm, old clothes – they will get dirty!

**Parent Pay –** Up and running for breakfast club – 50p per sessions. We will also be setting it up for the Porthpean Residential

**Parents Evenings –** Will take place in the week of 5th February and class letters will come out today. All appointments will be in the school hall. If the timings don’t work, please see me or class teacher to arrange for a different time.

Kynsa: Monday – 3.30 – 5.30

Nessa: Monday and Wednesday – 3.30 – 5.30

Teyr: Monday and Wednesday – 3.30 – 5.30

Peswara: Monday and Wednesday 3.30 – 5.30

**Minnack Theatre –** Free entry and audition information [here.](https://www.pendeenschool.co.uk/web/minnack_theatre/679006)

**I hope you enjoy your week.**

**Last week in Teyr**

Once again we got to enjoy a fun-filled Hygge day, with the focus on Cornish stories. We got to hear lots of interesting stories from Cornwall including Mousehole Cat and The Story of Saint Piran, this was finished with handmade Scones by the children. In Science we have been looking at teeth and how food can affect them, the results are surprising with sugar free squash causing the biggest reaction. Thanks to the storm our PE came inside and we focused on working together as a team whilst keeping fit. Teyr had fun whilst trying to figure out how to safely move a chicken, fox and corn to the other side of the hall.

**This Weeks Headlines**

**Measles -** Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children. There are currently large outbreaks in London and Birmingham, and we have experienced some outbreaks in the south-west already. We anticipate that it is only a matter of time before we see measles outbreaks in Cornwall.

**Key messages**

MMR is a preschool vaccination normally given at 12 months and 3 year 4 months to protect against Measles, Mumps and Rubella. Parents and guardians should be encouraged to check their children’s MMR status in their red book, or contact their GP practice as soon as possible if they are not sure.

Staff should be made aware that it is never too late to catch up on any missed MMR vaccinations, and they should contact their GP to book an appointment.

Symptoms include a high fever, sore red watery eyes and a blotchy red-brown rash.

Measles often starts as cold-like symptoms. NHS guidance says it is fine to send a child to school with a minor cough or common cold, provided they don’t have a temperature. School attendance is vitally important to children's learning and health.

If a child has measles they should stay off nursery or school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears, and avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system. To report measles cases or get support with outbreaks in your setting contact your local health protection team at **swhpt@ukhsa.gov.uk** or call **0300 303 8162 option 1 then option 1**

Please note that we have not had any cases in Pendeen School or The Children’s Ark and this is generic advice being given to all schools.

**Dates for your diary**

02/02/24 – Farm / Outdoor Learning Day 3

05/02/24 – Week of Parents Evenings

09/02/24 – Children break up for half term

19/02/24 – Children return from half term

05/03/24 – St Piran’s Day

07/03/24 – World Book Day

28/03/24 – Children break up for Easter

29/03/24 – Bank Holiday

15/04/24 – Children return

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