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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our five schools and we hope you all had a lovely Easter holiday. The summer term is usually a busy one with key national assessments for almost all of our year groups. We will also have our residential trips for Year 3, 4 and 6.

We have also been working hard to set budgets for all of our five schools and ensure we have excellent teachers to teach your children in September.

Following two days of interviews during the last week of the spring term 2017, I am pleased to inform you that we have recruited seven excellent teachers for our schools.

We are currently advertising for two Heads of School for Grampound Road and Veryan, the interviews for these two posts are planned for the 28th April and 5th May respectively.

We also are continuing to explore the merger of our trust with another and we will be communicating with you about this in the near future.

Congratulations to Marie Cameron

Marie Cameron who is our Head at Grampound Road Primary has been recently promoted to be the new Headteacher of St Columb Major ACE Primary Academy and will leave our trust on 31st August 2017. This is a wonderful achievement and I am sure that you would all want to join us in congratulating her!

Marie has worked tirelessly during her time at Grampound Road to provide the very best experiences for the children, a great learning environment and a talented staff to teach them.

The outcomes of the OFSTED and Church inspections are a testament to this effort and hard work. We are very grateful to Marie for all that she has done and she will be sorely missed.

Well done Marie!

Year 5 Residential Trip to London

During the last week of the spring term 2017 46 Year 5 children and five members of staff travelled to London for three days. A good and interesting time was had by all. Visits were undertaken to The Houses of Parliament, The London Eye, The Natural History Museum and the National Gallery.

The highlight of the visit was watching the performance of the Lion King at the Lyceum Theatre!

The children were a credit to our schools and

Trust. I would also like to thank the staff who gave up their time and family lives to attend. Thank you!



MAT Value this half term – Trust

This half term we will be focusing on the trust value within our Collective Worship times.



Captain Slyeye and the Lost Treasure Map

Following weeks of practice and rehearsals we have now reached the month where we take over the Hall for Cornwall and present an amazing show to our parents and families. Thank you for all of your hard work with this and a special thanks to the coordinating committee and Janine Tringham our director.

The show starts at 7 pm and we will be in the Hall for Cornwall for rehearsals from 2 pm that afternoon. The children need to be picked up from the theatre following the show.

Parent Forums this term

We have one further **PARENT FORUM** planned in each school this half term:

Forum dates:

- 5th May at 2.15 pm – Bishop Bronescombe
- 8th May at 2.15 pm – Ladock
- 11th May at 2.15 pm – Grampound Road, we will invite the new Head of School to this.
- 4th May at 2.25 pm – Grampound with Creed
- 2nd May at 2.15 pm - Veryan

We look forward to seeing you at one of these events. Where possible the Head and I will be in attendance. There will be another Parent Forum later in the summer term, details will follow in the next MAT newsletter

National tests for 7 and 11 year olds – SATs.

The SATs for Year 2 children will be undertaken in May and will be part of everyday lessons, this year there are also some tests which will be like the ones we do on a half termly basis.

Year 6 SATs take place during the week of **8th May 2017**. This is an important assessment for the children in Year 6.

At the end of Year 6, children will sit tests in:

•Reading

•Maths

•Spelling, punctuation and grammar

These tests will be both set and marked externally, and the results will be used to measure the school's performance (for example, through reporting to Ofsted and published league tables). Your child's marks will be used in conjunction with teacher assessment to give a broader picture of their attainment.

Our Top Tips for Year 6 children

Tip 1: Remember your child's education is a partnership. Meet with their teachers as they will know your child's strengths and weaknesses, and ask them how you can help.

Tip 2: Support your child with homework tasks and daily reading. Try drawing or acting out answers of difficult concepts.

Tip 3: Encourage your child to work to speed. Try timed recall of timetables in the car/journey to school. Set min challenges for example – 'can you find the word on the page that means 'dangerous' you have 1 minute - go!' 'What is 10% of 150? You have 10 seconds - go!'

Tip 4: Make sure your child is aware that getting stuck is not a problem. Move on and give them another challenge and come back to the hard ones at the end and/or go through it together.

Tip 5: Encourage your child to believe in themselves, 'you can do it!'

Tip 6: Remind your child that the tests are important, but that they are not the only way they are to be measured. We don't want any child panicking or worried, we want them to be prepared.

Tip 7: Approach a subject from lots of different angles. Software, games, activities, books, flash cards and practical applications all help make the revision time at home as fun and interactive as possible.

Tip 8: It is easier said than done, BUT do not put your child under too much pressure. Have fun – they will find things easier to remember if they recall the good times they had learning.

Residential Trips this term



We are currently finalising the residential trips for the remainder of this year and we will be inviting you and your children to a briefing meeting on either:

- **Year 6 to Barton Hall** – 16th May at 4 pm at Grampound Road or 17th May at 3.30 pm at Bishop Bronescombe
- **Year 4 to Porthpean** – 3rd May at 4 pm at Grampound Road or 12th May at 4 pm at Bishop Bronescombe at 3.30 pm.
- **Year 3 to Camp Kernow**- 3rd May at 4 pm at Grampound Road or 12th May at 4 pm at Bishop Bronescombe at 3.30 pm.

The Year 6 visit to Barton Hall is full, but there still maybe some places available for the Year 3 and 4 camps. Please ask at the school office if you are interested. Thank you.

Making Contact

If you need to get hold of me then please email to enquiries@stpiranscross.co.uk We have also now introduced a St Piran's Cross Twitter page. Please feel free to ask general questions about the trust or your schools on this. Please do not discuss your own child though and if you are cross about something please save this for a private email, thank you!



Summer term 2017 Dates for your Calendars:

- 25th April at 7 pm – Hall for Cornwall Performance for Key Stage 2.
- 28th April – Head of School interviews at GR
- 1st May – BANK Holiday – schools closed.
- 5th May – Head of School interviews at VR
- 8th May – Key Stage 2 SATs week.
- 22nd May – Year 3 residential to Camp Kernow
- 22nd May – Year 4 residential to Porthpean

- 29th May – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
- 6th June – Holiday week in lieu of INSET Days.
- 12th June – Year 1 National Phonic Screening Test Week
- 19th June – Year 6 residential to Barton Hall, Torquay.
- 21st July – Year 6 Leavers' Ball at BB
- 26th July – End of the summer term 2017

Once again thank you for your continued support with your children's learning and for our schools. I am hoping that we are heading for a lovely summer!

Yours sincerely

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