



### Reception Admission Forms for Reception 2017/18

If your child is due to start Reception next September 2017, you will need to complete an application form. These can be obtained from our school office or apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions).

The deadline for your application is **15th January 2017**.



## Happy New Year!

Pupils and staff returned after the Christmas holidays full of enthusiasm to start their new topics—the 'immersive' way. We've had children zooming into space, travelling to Japan and the Caribbean, visiting people who help us and experiencing gingerbread men in a whole different (and messy!) way. **In the words of one of our year 4 pupils... 'It's been a blast!'** Our new approach to our topic learning has certainly started with a bang and I'm looking forward to seeing all the fantastic activities the teachers have already planned.

We welcome a new teacher to our staff this term—Mrs Monika McLaughlin is teaching in Angels class until the end of this academic year and has already settled in well.

We are sadly preparing to say goodbye to one of our Early Years teachers, Miss Anna Steele, who has successfully gained a job closer to home. We will miss her greatly but wish her well with the challenges which lie ahead. Miss Steele leaves 'big shoes to fill' and we will shortly be interviewing for a suitable replacement.

Mrs Carmichael



### **Attendance by Class**

#### **Congratulations to Little Fish Class with 99.2% attendance!**

Government guidelines state that attendance should be 96.1%. Our whole school attendance is 95.7% as of the Autumn Term.

Please ensure your child only takes time off for medical reasons.

If your child is unwell and absent from school please  
call 01726 64322 by 9am to inform us.

Little Doves	95.8
Little Fish	99.2
Little Lambs	94.6
Peacocks	98.3
Phoenix	98.8
Pelicans	96.3
Angels	95.7
Faith	96.6
Hope	97.9

Year 3 were immersed in Caribbean culture on Tuesday with their launch day! After arriving in the morning, the children were greeted with plane tickets and experienced a flight simulation to an exotic island! The children used Google maps to work out where we had travelled and discovered that we were on the Caribbean islands! They located the islands on the map and some children even worked out how far we had travelled! The children then experienced traditional Caribbean dishes and made their own smoothies using fruit grown in the Caribbean. They also enjoyed listening to, and learning to play, popular Caribbean music! The children are now very excited to try and answer this question this term: Is the Caribbean the World's Paradise?

Please see photo's overleaf.....

On Wednesday 14th December, Emma and Dave came into school to do an RE workshop with all of the Year 6's. It was great fun as we all got to take part in lots of exciting activities. The first one was all about what makes us special, during we received a special call from God's messenger saying three reasons why God made us. The second part of the lesson was based on the Bible. Children acted out the verse and then at the end we got the chance to eat bread and wine (well Ribena). The best part of all was getting to sing and dance at the end saying how special we all are. We all had a great time and would like to say a huge thank you to Emma and Dave and we hope to see them again soon.

Written by Grace, Year 6

#### **WE NEED YOUR DRIVING SKILLS!**

Are you interested in helping us? Do you have category D1 on your driving licence? Can you spare some time, not necessarily on a regular basis?

We need help in transporting our children in our minibuses on trips, to sporting events and to the local leisure centre so we are calling out to any parents / grandparents who would be prepared to undertake a 1 day minibus driving course (paid by us!) to enable you to drive our lovely new minibuses!

If you are interested, please register your interest with our school office staff and we can provide more details.

Many thanks  
Debbie Carmichael  
Head of School



### **Extreme reading**

Calling all extreme readers!! Have you ever read whilst standing on your head? If yes, then we are looking for you. Your challenge, if you accept, is to get someone to take a photo of you reading a book in an unusual place/ position.

We would like to use the photos for a display in KS2.

Please bring your photos to Class Phoenix by  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Thank you      Mrs Manton