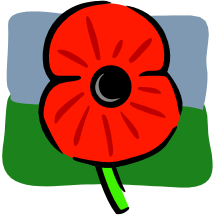




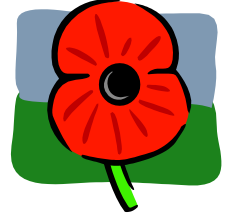
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'Nurturing God's gifts with compassion and drive, so that all our children succeed, learn and thrive'

St Piran's Cross will remember those who sacrificed so much for our futures in all wars during the week of the 7th November 2016



Dear Parents,

We hope you and your family enjoyed the half term break.

Once again thank you for all of your support for our schools during the first half term, this is much appreciated. A positive start has been made to our teaching and learning and I know that some of you have already met the teachers, and others will do so early this month.

As you may be aware, Grampound Road School had their OFSTED inspection during September 2016 and I hope that the inspection report will have been published by the time you read this letter.

Thank you to the parents who have booked a place for their children on our 2017 residential for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. Deposits should have been paid by the **1st November** and we are currently confirming the places booked and that each visit is viable. The details of the Year 5 trip to London were circulated just before half term and this trip looks wonderful and is also good value.

We are currently working out which staff are able to attend each trip. The trip leaders are as follows:

Year 3 to Camp Kernow – Caroline Jarrett, Head of Grampound with Creed.

Year 4 to Porthpean – Oli Deadman – teacher at Bishop Bronescombe.

Year 5 to London – Mark Lees and Marie Cameron (Head of Grampound Road).

Year 6 to Barton Hall in Torquay – Mark Lees

Remembrance Week at St Piran's Cross MAT Week of the 6th November 2016

We will be supporting the annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal during the week of the 6th November and our collective worship etc will focus on '**remembering**'.



Open Mornings in October 2016

I am delighted to tell you that **130** parents attended the St Piran's Cross MAT Open Mornings during October 2016. The general feedback from parents was that these were worthwhile and helpful.

I would like to thank our Heads and staff who worked hard to ensure that you could see how the children learn during the school day. I am sure that you would like to join with me to thank them for this!

Below are some photos of parents supporting their children's learning.





Parents visiting our classrooms



Our parents are helping us with learning!



Parent Forums – second one this term

Parents are invited to attend one of our parent forums this term. Please note this is not a meeting to discuss individual children as this should be addressed to the class teacher in the first instance. The Head and I hope to attend each meeting and look forward to a discussion with you over a cup of tea.

The dates and times of each Forum can be found below:

Bishop Bronescombe - **7th November at 2.15 pm**

Ladock – **10th November at 2.15 pm.**

Grampound with Creed – **9th November at 2.15 pm**

Grampound Road – **8th November at 2.15 pm**

Vernan – **11th November at 2.15 pm**

Christmas at St Piran's Cross MAT



Our schools are currently planning their Christmas events and will let you know about the dates and times of these in the weekly school newsletter. This year we will be holding one event for the MAT and this will be our Christingle Service for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.



This will take place on **Tuesday 6th December 2016** at Truro Cathedral. Bishop Tim will be attending the service. Each school will make a contribution to the service and we will be raising funds in aid of the Children's Society.

This year we have space for 250 parents to attend, so you are cordially invited to join us. Last year this service was very special and a great start to our Christmas celebrations

The Immersive Curriculum

Our schools have been considering how to improve the children's learning within the foundation subjects of art, history, geography, DT, science, PE, computing and MFL.

We have been looking at the idea of developing our own immersive curriculum. This is a curriculum that has high expectations of the children, helps to develop the core skills of reading writing and maths and is based on what the children want to learn about.

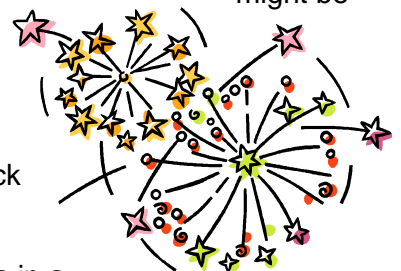
We are planning to introduce this in January 2017 but a few of our teachers are piloting this approach this term. We will let you know how this is going in our next newsletter.

Bonfire Night – Saturday November 5th 2016

Attending an organised event is always safer, however if you are having a display at home we thought this advice might be helpful.

Always follow the firework code:

- Stand well back
- Keep pets indoors
- Keep fireworks in a closed box



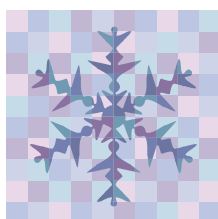
- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114
- Light at arm's length, using a taper
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them



Never go near a firework that has been lit - even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode

Cold Weather Routine or other emergencies

At this point of the year as the weather begins to turn colder it is worth reiterating our cold weather and emergency closures plans. There may also be a need for a part closure if some members of our staff cannot travel safely into our schools.



In the event of severe weather or another emergency we would follow this procedure:

- We will inform the local radio stations that the school will not be open.
- We will place an information notice on the front page of the school website with the latest information.
- We will text all parents with our intention to close the school.
- A board will be placed at the school entrance to inform people arriving.
- The phones will be manned by staff who live in close proximity to the school.
- If we have to close the school during the working day we will telephone all parents, and staff who live in close proximity to the school will look after them until they are collected.

We hope that this will not be necessary but it is better to be prepared and warned.

Good News for Grampound Road School- but they need your help!

Grampound Road School has been successful in receiving a TESCO grant and the money will help

to develop the outdoor space for year 1 and 2 and improve the KS2 playground/outdoor classroom.

Tesco has teamed up with Groundwork on its Bags of Help initiative in hundreds of regions across England and Wales. The scheme will see three community groups and projects in each of these regions awarded grants of £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 – all raised from the 5p bag charge.

Grampound Road School has been shortlisted as one of the three successful projects. The public will now vote in store from 31st October – 13th November on who should receive the £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 awards.

When you shop at **Truro Tesco** - grab a token at the till and choose us! Please spread the word and help Grampound Road School get as many votes as possible!

Dates for diaries:

5th November – **Bonfire Night** – keep safe!
 Week of the 7th November – **Parent Forums**
 18th November – **Children in Need Day**
 Week of the 21st November – **Road Safety Week**
 1st December – **Advent Collective Worship**
 5th December – St Piran's Post December edition sent out.
 6th December – **MAT Christingle Service at Truro Cathedral** for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 in aid of the Children's Society, details to follow.
 16th December – end of term
 3rd January- School re-opens for the Spring term 2017

When I am in school

You will hopefully notice that I am in school at least twice a week and try to be out and about when parents are on the playground. Do feel free to come and find me to ask questions, express concerns or make suggestions. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M.J Lees
Executive Principal

Trust Committee Vacancies

The MAT's Audit and Risk Committee is seeking to appoint two additional members. The role of the Committee is to review the risks to internal financial control at the Trust, to agree a programme of work that will address these risks, to inform the governance

statement that accompanies the Trust's annual accounts, and to provide assurance to the external auditors. The Committee meets three times a year (one meeting per term). If you would be interested in joining this Committee, or would like more information regarding its role, please contact Kathryn Trudgeon on 01726 250260 or email ktrudgeon@stpiranscross.co.uk
Thank you.