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## Newsletter

### BABY/TODDLER GROUP HAS NOW FINISHED UNTIL THE NEW YEAR

Well the days are getting chillier and the nights are getting darker! We felt the need to ensure all children who are likely to walk home alone from school be reminded of rules to stay safe this week. You may want to reinforce these basic rules at home too!

There has been plenty to make me proud this week. First of all, Rainbows children had a fantastic time with Badger Forest School at Wheal Martyn where they participated in a range of activities with great interest and enthusiasm.

In addition, our lower Key Stage 2 superheroes were truly heroic in organising a fantastic fun run. It's looking like they will have exceeded their target total raised for Shelterbox. Thank you for all of your support—it means a lot! For more detail about the event, please read Peter's news report over the page...



Thanks to 'BB Friends' too for organising our annual Christmas Treat. The whole school got to watch M & M Productions perform 'Cinderella'. The children had a great time!

Today, all the schools in the Saints' Way and St Piran's Cross trusts have come together to form a new trust called Celtic Cross Education. It is a wonderful chance to be part of a unique group of church schools in the Diocese of Truro and in Cornwall. Coming together as eleven church schools will bring about many more opportunities for children and staff to work together and share the fantastic things that are going on in each of our schools.

We sadly said farewell to a very special member of staff this week. Mrs Topham has been an asset to the school during her time with us, supporting a number of children, who have faced a variety of difficulties. Her patience and enthusiasm knows no bounds and many children (and staff) benefited from her calm nature and wealth of knowledge. We wish her well as she takes on new challenges.

A fun-filled day was had by the children in Rainbows class this week on our Badger Forest School day at Wheal Martyn. We created homes for mini beasts; made a bug hotel and learned how to create a fire safely. The children particularly enjoyed toasting marshmallows on the fire! We were really impressed with the children's engagement; they were a credit to the school in how they showed enthusiasm, curiosity and the skill of applying the knowledge and understanding they've gained through our woodland animals and habitats topic. A huge thank you to the parents who accompanied us on the day too!



#### Friends of B.B. Secret Santa Day

Tuesday 5th December.

All gifts will be £1 and gift wrapped by B.B. Friends Elves.

(Limited to 2 gifts per child—if there are any gifts left at the end of the morning, children will be offered the opportunity to purchase extra gifts)

(Sorry, but we cannot accept old £1 coins).

SECRET SANTA



#### Reminder:

Little Doves, Little Fish and Little Lambs will be presenting their undersea art in their exhibition at Bethel Chapel on Thursday, 7th December, 9:30am-11:30am. We would love to see lots of parents, relatives and friends so spread the word!

# BB as quick as the Flash!

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Bishop Brosscombe organized a Super Hero Fun-Run.

At the start of the school term, years 3 and 4 wanted to answer the question 'what makes a superhero Super?'. The classes Peacocks, Phoenix and pelicans went to Shelter Box a charity that helps homeless people. Shelter Box relies on donations so the children decided to raise some money for them by doing a Fun-Run. Their target of 1000 pounds was easily beaten by over £1063 pounds! Their Teachers are very proud of them. Peacocks measured the perimeter of the playground so they know how many times to go round the track. A few weeks before they raced, they made capes. Each class marched for ~~each~~ every class in the school.



## The BB Super Heroes!

Peter, a boy at the school, said, "It was so fun, we even had a warm up to do!" and the whole class said, "It was so fun!"

### **Applying for a reception place for September 2018**

If your child was born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 you will need to apply for a reception class place. Please visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) to complete the online application form. This will need to be completed by 15th January 2018. Please note that attending a school's nursery does **not** guarantee your child a place at the school—you still need to apply.



### Autumn Term Diary Dates:

**Secret Santa Day**—5th December

**Advent Communion**—7th December

**St Luke's Christmas Fair**—9th December

**EYFS Christmas Nativity**—11th December 10am & 2.30pm

**KS1 Christmas Play**—12th December 10am & 2.30pm

**Christmas Lunch**—13th December

**Christmas Carol Service**—13th December 5pm

**LKS2 Christmas Play**—14th December 10am & 2.30pm

**UKS2 Christmas Play**—15th December 10am & 2.30pm

**Christmas Jumper Day**—15th December

**End of Autumn Term**—20th December, school finishes at 3.15pm, no BBKids will be running.

Spring Term begins—Thursday 4th January 2018

**There will be no more Baby/Toddler group until the new year.**



## ATTENDANCE

### School attendance by classes.

Government guidelines state that attendance should be 96.1%.

Please ensure your child only takes time off for medical reasons. If they are unwell and absent from school please call the office on 01726 64322, as this could result in an unauthorised absence if no reason is given.

Please note Reception children have not been included in our attendance report due to not being of statutory school age, this will be subject to change in the Spring Term.

Just 1 day off each week means 2 months' of lost education; that's 7.5 weeks, or a whole half term of missed lessons!

### DID YOU KNOW.....?

Being 10 minutes late every day means your child misses 32 hours of lesson time each year. This is equivalent to 6 whole school days lost out of class per year!

Classes	%	No of lates
Little Doves	90.74	0
Little Fish	91.11	0
Little Lambs	97.78	5
Peacocks	97.41	2
Phoenix	99.23	0
Pelicans	97.32	0
Angels	96.83	2
Faith	97.71	1
Hope	98.85	0
Total	96.19	10

We're happy to report our continued attempts at raising the importance of positive attendance with pupils and have put the following in place:

For the class achieving the highest attendance each week, a Friday 'Popcorn Pass' will be granted. This involves an hour's treat of a film and popcorn to munch on! Here are the winners from this week..... **PHOENIX**

For the individual children achieving 100% attendance throughout the week, their names will be put into a draw. Two names will be drawn and a small prize will be given to the winners.

Our current whole school attendance stands at 96%, a percentage that is in line with government expectations. Thank you for all your support in ensuring the positive attendance of your child and keeping school informed of any illness or absence.