



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

## Newsletter

**END OF TERM—FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER.** School will finish at 1.30pm, there will be no BBkids after school sessions or BBeebies afternoon session running. Friday will be a Christmas Jumper non uniform day in aid of 'Save the Children' charity, donations of £1. Also, the Cub Scouts are nationally celebrating their 100th birthday, children involved will be able to wear their scouting uniform if they so wish.



It's December and Christmas preparations are now in full swing. There is lots to look forward to with our Christingle service, Nativity performances, Secret Santa, Christmas treats, Christmas Lunch, Carol Service and Christmas Jumper Day! Phew! I'm worn out just thinking about it all! It's a very special time of year for everyone and I'm looking forward to every bit of it!

Our Friends have been working hard, arranging Christmas treats for the children as well as our annual Secret Santa day. This is one of my favourite events of the year, when children get to experience the joy of giving—they are truly excited at the prospect of buying something for someone special. If you haven't donated a potential gift for a child to buy for their loved one, it's not too late! Please drop it into the office and we will ensure it is added to the collection.

Thanks to Friends for all of their hard work.

Debbie Carmichael, Head of School



### MAT Christmas Card Design Competition

We are looking for a Christmas Card that the St Piran's Cross MAT can send to its friends, neighbours and other schools.

If your child would like to design one for us and enter our Christmas card competition, please submit a Christmas design no bigger than A4. There will be some great prizes!

Please bring to your school office for the attention of Mr Lees by **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016**. **Don't forget to write your name on the back!!!**

Thank you and good luck!

### Bikeability

Our Year 6's took part in a bikeability challenge this week, learning how to confidently and safely ride on the roads. The first level tested the children on their ability to weave in and out of cones, signalling, and also using their brakes and gears.

Luckily, everyone passed and managed to have a go at Level 2, which included the pupils going on the road and watching demonstrations shown by the instructor.



**Secret Santa Day - Tuesday 13th December.** We know the children love it! For those who don't know, Friends of BB come into school near the end of term and have a sale of small items suitable for the children to give as gifts to adults in their life. These items are carefully selected by the child then they have them gift wrapped by the Friends. All gifts will be £1.



***Our Christian values: Compassion, forgiveness, trust, respect, courage and perseverance***



## PSA Post

### Courses for parents!

#### Ever heard of the Incredible Years Program?

Hosted by Family Support, these 10 week session cover the essentials for parents of any child. For those who want to confirm that they're on the right path, to those who are in need of specific pointers, the course aims to strengthen parent competencies and encourage parent-child relations. Best of all, it's informal, non-judgemental and has an evidence base to prove that its strategies really work!

To apply for the course, or to find out more, see Mrs Parry. Visit [incredibleyears.com](http://incredibleyears.com) to find out more!

#### Attendance by Class

#### **Congratulations to Pelican's Class with 99.3% attendance!**

Government

guidelines state that attendance should be 96.1%.

Our whole school attendance is 97.2% as of (30.09.16)

Please ensure your child only takes time off for medical reasons. If they are unwell and absent from school please call 01726 64322 to inform us.

Little Doves	97.3
Little Fish	98.7
Little Lambs	93.7
Peacocks	94.7
Phoenix	92.3
Pelicans	99.3
Angels	94.5
Faith	95.5
Hope	92.7

Congratulations to all the children and parents who took part in the torchlight carnival. The Churches Together St Austell float won first place in their category and the £100 prize money was donated to bibles 4 schools.

Thank you  
St Luke's Church

#### Diary Dates:

**Tues 6th Dec**—MAT Christingle, Year 3—6 at Truro Cathedral

**Wed 7th Dec**—KS2 Christmas Cinema Treat

**Tues 13th Dec**—Secret Santa Day

**Wed 14th Dec**—KS1 Christmas Treat/Christmas Lunch

**Thurs 15th Dec, 5pm**—Carol Service with St Luke's

**Fri 16th Dec**—End of term, school finishes at 1.30pm.

Christmas Jumper/Cub Scout day.

(There will be no BBkids or BBeebies afternoon session on the last day of term)



#### Christmas Performance Dates

**EYFS**—6/12/16

(BBeebies & Rainbows)

**KS1**—7/12/16 (Years 1 & 2)

**UKS2**—8/12/16 (Years 5 & 6)

**LKS2**—9/12/16 (Years 3 & 4)

All performances have 2 showings, 10am and 2.30pm.

#### BAD WEATHER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES



In the event of snow or extremely bad weather, we will text out to all parents any closure news. It will also be posted on our website and announced on Radio Cornwall/Pirate FM. If we take the decision to close the school during the school day, you do not need to contact us before collecting your child as this would only overload the telephone lines. Please rest assured we will NOT close the school until all children have been collected.

Many Thanks

#### 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.**