



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

## Newsletter

First of all, can I say a BIG thank you for all your support for our sponsored Zumbathon! We were humbled by your generosity and so excited to think that we've made such a large contribution to the much-needed bus for St John's.

Unfortunately, I have received a complaint from a local resident, whose family member is disabled, as he is regularly finding he is unable to park outside his house. Please park with consideration for our neighbours! I have this week received initial plans for the parking and access improvements and further meetings will take place soon. I hope to be able to let you know when the first stages of this work will take place.

Please can we remind you that children eligible for free school meals can also qualify for additional funding known as Pupil Premium. This extra funding can be used in a number of ways to promote better outcomes for these pupils, including extra resources, subsidies for trips, music lesson as well as funding other educational opportunities. Even if your child is in KS1 so already receives a free school meal, it could still be beneficial to apply for Free School Meals. A letter has recently been sent out with more information but if you have not received it or need another copy, please call into the school office.

Alternatively, applications can be made on-line at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals).

Don't forget, all our welcome to join us for our Harvest celebration at 2pm on Monday. I hope to see lots of you there!

### Healthy snacks

It's so good to see so many children bringing in a range of fruit for their mid-morning snack! Children in Nursery, Reception and KS1 get free fruit every day and all children in KS1 and KS2 can purchase snacks from our canteen.

Please note if you provide grapes to your child, it is recommended that the grapes are cut in half lengthways to prevent choking. All grapes sold in our canteen are pre-cut.



### Attendance

It is a concern that parents are not communicating why their children are absent from school; this results in 'N' codes for 'no reason given' being recorded on class registers. This will mean that an unauthorised absence will be recorded if contact isn't made in good time. Please ensure you contact the school on 01726 64322 to explain your child's absences or reply to messages left by school staff. Thanks

### Zumbathon

A big thank you to everyone who helped raise money for last week's sponsored Zumbathon. We are delighted to say that we have raised over £750 which will go towards purchasing a mini bus for St John's Nursery School in Kilamatinde, Tanzania. This will enable children from surrounding villages to access nursery and primary education in the poorest region of Tanzania.

An especially big thank you goes to **Becky Hosking** (Becky's Fitness) for leading the Zumbathon and to Miss Jane for helping to organise it! Please can you give any outstanding sponsor money to reception.



### 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.

Many Thanks

Classes	%	No of lates
Little Doves	98.15%	0
Little Fish	97.04%	2
Little Lambs	95.19%	3
Peacocks	98.08%	1
Phoenix	97.78%	0
Pelicans	95.57%	1
Angels	95.63%	3
Faith	95.79%	2
Hope	98.15%	3
Total	96.83%	15

### Autumn Term Diary Dates:

**Harvest Communion**—2nd October at 2pm

**Parent Forum**—12th October at 2pm

**Year 1 Hearing test**—13th October

**Open morning**—18th October

**Half Term**—23rd—27th December

**National Bug Busting Day**—31st October

**Flu vaccinations (Yr,1,2,3 & 4)** - 8th November

**Year 6 Swimming**—9th November

**Children in Need**—17th November

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

**Christmas Lunch**—13th December

**Christmas Nativities**—w/c 18th December

**End of Autumn Term**—20th December, school finishes at 3.15pm.

We hold a Baby/Toddler group here at school every Wednesday from 1.45pm—3pm.

**Secondary School Applications** - Children in year 6 will soon receive a leaflet for school admissions in September 2018. The online application system is now open and detailed information about the admissions process is available online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) or on request from the School Admissions Team.

When completing your application, please ensure you identify more than one preference. This WILL NOT lessen the chance of securing a place at their preferred school.

If you need support with the application process, please speak to our office staff or PSA or you can contact the Family Information Service (0800 587 8191) or School Admissions Team (0300 1234 101).

### **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.

### **Harvest Festival Service—2nd October**

The children will be participating in a special Harvest Service at school. If you are able to donate any tins or dried food, it would be greatly appreciated by St Austell Food Bank. Please bring them into school on Monday 2nd October

Suggested items to donate:

Sugar	Cereal	Pasta	Tinned veg
Coffee	Soup	Sauces	Biscuits
Tea	Beans	Rice	