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## Newsletter

**Reminder:** There will be no after school clubs the week commencing 29th October due to Parent Evening Appointments. BBkids will run as normal.

Wow! I can't believe we are at the end of the first half term of this academic year. The last few weeks have flown by but we have already seen much to celebrate. Teachers are looking forward to seeing you at Parent Consultation meetings during the first week back. If you haven't already made an appointment, please see one of our office staff, who will arrange a time for you.



It was lovely to see so many of you at our open morning earlier this week as well as at the Parent Forum that followed. Many topics were discussed and you can read more about these discussions later in the newsletter!

We hope you have a lovely half-term break and see you for the run-up to .... Christmas!

**PSA News**—Unfortunately for us, our PSA has decided to take on a different role outside of BB School. This is for personal reasons and we are sorry to see her go after such a great start.

We will be recruiting a replacement as soon as possible. In the meantime, Mrs Parry and Mrs Greenaway will continue with the PSA support already in place for some families. Mrs Parry will be available on Tuesdays and Mrs Greenaway will be available on Thursdays to meet with any parents needing help or advice. Please call the office to arrange an appointment. Please note that Little Fish class will be taught by Miss Lawson on Thursdays to ensure consistency for those pupils.

For any urgent matters on other days, please call into the office and a senior member of staff will get back to you as soon as possible.

We are sorry for this unexpected change and we will do all we can to ensure support for parents is not affected.



This week for homework all children in Years 1-6 have been given their year group spellings to learn over the half term. Once back from the holidays, classes will be holding their own spelling bee competitions to find their own year group champions. On Friday 9th November the Spelling Bee finals will take place. Winners from each year group will receive a prize and one pupil will become our new Spelling Bee champion.



There are still a number of parents who have not submitted the online Flu Vaccine Consent Form. The submission deadline for this form is midday, Thursday 1st November.

Please follow the link to the form

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/flu> (Our school code is EE140465)

If you are having difficulties please contact 01872 221105/06/07 . Thank you.

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

# BB Sports News....

On Wednesday a group of KS2 children took part in badminton and tag rugby festivals. The day involved skills sessions in the morning and fun matches in the afternoon. The children all participated with enthusiasm and a fantastic sporting spirit. The outstanding behaviour the children demonstrated made me proud to be part of team BB! In November, BB will be attending year 4, 5 and 6 cross country, a year 3 and 4 swimming gala, KS1 multi-skills and year 5 and 6 grass track cycling.

## After school sports clubs

We would like for as many children as possible to attend after school sports clubs. If you have any suggestions for sports clubs we may not have considered or if your child does not currently attend a club but would like to, please contact Mr Daysh.

We are pleased to share with you that we are now partners in St Austell Safeguarding Children's Partnership.

The aims are:

- To improve channels of communication between schools and GPs in order to ensure that young people are kept safe.
- To remove the barriers to effective information sharing between schools and GP Surgeries where there are significant safeguarding concerns.
- To align the existing safeguarding procedures in schools and surgeries in order to keep children safe, avoid wasted meeting and consultation time and develop exemplary safeguarding practices.
- Via this partnership, if either the school or the surgery have a significant safeguarding concern about a young person which requires a multi-agency approach, they may call the designated person in the partner school/surgery in order to seek confidential advice or information. This information will not be of a detailed medical or educational nature, but is likely to be very general, e.g. x has only attended school for 60% of the time over the past 6 weeks, the parent assures us that she has visited the GP- can you confirm that this is the case and that you would expect this level of absence based upon your knowledge of the pupil? Where appropriate, those designated will be invited to attend a surgery's safeguarding conference to discuss a particular child. Partner schools will also be able to request the addition of a child for whom there is a safeguarding concern to the relevant surgery's safeguarding agenda and will then attend the meeting to support the discussion. Where a surgery is uncertain which school a particular child attends this information can be requested by a designated person. All information shared is subject to the professionally accepted levels of confidentiality linked to safeguarding.



We will be doing the shoebox appeal through 'Link of Hope' this year. We had a collective worship this week to discuss the importance of compassion and sharing what we have and hopefully you have received a leaflet with a bit of information about the appeal. It would be fantastic if you were able to support this appeal in some way. Please don't feel as though you need to fill a whole shoebox as any items would be gratefully

accepted and then shoeboxes will be made up as per the list of items on the leaflet (and above). Please be aware that we are doing the 'family shoeboxes' and so we are asking for the items that are listed under that category. Any empty shoeboxes would also be gratefully received! In previous years we have prepared a shoebox for one child, but this allows us to give something to everyone in the family. Please make sure items/shoeboxes are handed in by Friday 2nd November. Many thanks for your continued support, Mrs Horwell.

### Essential Items

Gloves/Scarf or hat (new or knitted)  
Sweets/Chocolates  
Soap/Flannel (new)  
Toothbrush/Toothpaste (new)  
Small toys—Yoyo, skipping rope, toy car  
Candles & Holders  
Teddy/soft toy  
Screwdriver/Tape measure/DIY tools  
Small games—Travel size draughts/  
dominoes or playing cards

### Extra Items

Shampoo/Shower gel (max 300ml)  
Craft/Sewing kit  
Socks/Tights (new)  
Hair Accessories  
Safety Razors/Plasters  
Wind up Torch/Radio  
Foldable Brush/Comb/Mirror  
Simple calculator (solar powered)  
Work Gloves  
Nail Clippers/Brush/Small scissors

# WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

The expected average attendance for a child is 96.3% for the year

Our attendance for this week is 96.61%

Our attendance for this term is 96.87%

Well done to Hope class for the attendance stars of the week!

| Classes      | %      | Lates | Class    | %      | Lates |
|--------------|--------|-------|----------|--------|-------|
| Little Doves | 96.93% | 0     | Pelicans | 95.19% | 5     |
| Little Fish  | 98.89% | 3     | Angels   | 94.44% | 4     |
| Little Lambs | 97.41% | 7     | Faith    | 96.3%  | 0     |
| Peacocks     | 95.93% | 6     | Hope     | 99.62% | 2     |
| Phoenix      | 97.41% | 2     |          |        |       |

## 2018 Autumn Term Diary Dates:

22nd—26th Oct—Half term

Tues 30th, Wed 31st Oct & Thurs 1st Nov—

Parents evening (no after school clubs this week)

Friday 2nd November—Yr R—5 Nasal Flu immunisations (apply online)

Friday 16th Nov—Children in Need

Friday 30th Nov—INSET DAY

Monday 3rd Dec—INSET DAY

## Christmas Play Dates for your diary .....

### KS1 Christmas Play

Tues 11th December, 10am & 2.30pm

### LKS2 Christmas Play

Wed 12th December, 10am & 2.30pm

### EYFS Christmas Nativity

Thurs 13th December, 10am & 2.30pm

### UKS2 Christmas Play

Fri 14th December, 10am & 2.15pm



Children in Need—Friday 16th November

Wacky hair and Onesie Day!! Donations of £1 to go towards Children in Need

We will also be holding a Bake sale, 20p per cake slice/bun



If you would like your child to purchase a poppy, they will be on sale during break times on the first week back. Donations welcome.



BBKIDS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 01726 65471—THIS IS FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY

# Parent Forum - 16/10

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our termly Parent Forum. 23 parents stayed to hear more about the school's performance and development plans as well as to share their views on the school.

## **The forum began with Mrs Carmichael sharing some information about the school, as follows:**

2018 performance data was shared, highlighting the ever-improving attainment of pupils. Our 'Greater Depth' attainment has improved significantly in some areas and writing progress is in the top 20% in Cornwall! If you wish to see more about attainment of our pupils, please see the School performance section (under Our School section) on the Bishop Bronescombe website.

Mrs Carmichael also highlighted particular areas we are focussing on this year along with some of the actions and strategies planned. Spellings and Times tables are particular areas of focus so any help you can provide at home will be invaluable!

Our Reception Patio is almost finished! Flooring is being laid this week, followed by fence panels and canopy so we are looking forward to using it after half-term.

Extra parking spaces will be made available after half-term as Cormac will be working over the half-term break to clear the area up the lane.

Mrs Carmichael explained a little more about her new role of Executive Head at St Winnow and explained how Mrs Greenaway will have time to support her as Miss Lawson will be assuming full responsibility for Little Fish in the Spring and Summer terms.

## **The forum was then opened up to attendees and the following points were discussed:**

A concern was raised that the 'Drop off' area on the roundabout is not being used to 'drop and go' and some parents are still parking in this space. A text reminder has already been sent out to parents but school staff will monitor each morning and address with those not using as we would like.

A few concerns were raised regarding homework, spelling books and reading record comments. Mrs Carmichael will raise these with class teachers to ensure a consistent approach.

A new initiative, Times Table Rock stars, has been rolled out and a parent was concerned that the level set for her child was not correct. Mrs Carmichael acknowledged that there have been some teething problems to start with, particularly for children in years 1 and 2. These are being addressed by KS1 staff. It was also agreed that this programme was not suitable for children at the beginning of year 1 and they would access when they are ready.

A parent asked about Family Learning as this was really useful last year. Mrs Carmichael confirmed it would be returning this year. More details to follow.

A parent raised a concern about one year group and the extra support needed. Mrs Carmichael talked in broad terms about extra support in place but could not give specifics to ensure confidentiality.

Discussion took place about communication of various aspects of school life (Reception to Year 1 transition, events, music lessons, text messages etc). Mrs Carmichael reminded parents that the newsletter is always posted on the website and if they are not receiving it via email, our office staff can sort this out. Text messages can be sent out reminding of school events but cost money so we cannot send multiple messages at different times. However, we will aim to use Class Dojo a little more often and display posters in classroom windows/doors as event reminders. We will also review information-sharing around Reception to year 1 as it is a big change for parents as well as children! A parent of a child stated that they felt they needed more information around transition into year 1. This is something the school will review.

A parent asked if audience members could access the hall earlier for school performances rather than waiting outside. Mrs Carmichael explained that the hall is being used up until the performances and we also need to ensure safeguarding of children so cannot open our doors too early. If there are special circumstances, please speak to our office staff as they could wait in the reception area.



Discussion around our Book Fayre took place. Mrs Carmichael explained that this is a way we can engage children in reading and offer the opportunity to shop for a book themselves. In addition, the school 'earns' some books for the library by hosting the book sale. We understand that some children may find it stressful or upsetting as they do not bring in money for a book, which is why we also hold the sale after school. If you do not wish your child to go up to experience the Book Fayre during school hours, please let your child's class teacher know and they can take part in an alternative activity when the class go to the hall.

A parent was concerned that she had missed information letters about music lessons. We offer a range of lessons with teachers from outside of the school. If you wish to find out more of what's on offer, please see staff in the office, who will be glad to help.

A parent asked about what would be happening for those children in KS2 that would not be going on a residential trip as last year there was some disappointment that alternative activities were not offered.

Mrs Carmichael advised that this is something we will aim to address this year.

Our next Parent Forum will be held in the Spring term. We will ask for agenda items to be sent to the school ahead of the meeting to allow those that cannot attend in person to have their say. Reminders will be sent nearer the time.

### Friends update

Tracey Mason (Chair of Friends) shared information regarding our annual 'Secret Santa'. Information will be issued in the newsletter. We will ask for small donations of gifts children can then buy, and have wrapped, to give to loved ones for Christmas. This is a super event and also goes to raise funds for the pupils' Christmas treats!

If you can spare any time to help out at Secret Santa day, or any other Friends event, please let us know and we can put you in touch with Tracey.

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### School Admissions—Don't forget to apply!

The online application process for Starting School, Transfer to Junior School and Transfer to Secondary School for September 2019 has now started. Detailed information about the admissions process is available online or on request from the School Admissions Team.

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

Deadline dates: Application for Secondary schools  
31st October 2018

Application for starting school  
15th January 2019

Please apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)





# Santas on the Run

Run, jog or walk your way around our festive  
2k course and go to the top of Santa's good list  
by raising money to support local families.



Take part in the CHSW Super Santa Sunday

Sunday 9 December 2018 @ eden project

With free entry to the Eden Project for participants and spectators  
included in the price, it's a fun festive day out for everyone!

Free Santa suit  
included in the price



# Santas on the Run

Sunday 9 December 2018 @ Eden Project

Pages can join the fun on Santa Sunday with runs at 11.00am and 2.00pm

So gather friends, family or colleagues for a great day out

Sign up early for super Santa savings!

[www.chsw.org.uk/santas](http://www.chsw.org.uk/santas) @ #CHSWSantas

Go to the  
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good list!

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It costs around £9.8 million each year to keep  
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## OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUBS

Go Active run holiday clubs with a difference for children aged 5-14 years old. We have a wide range of traditional and non-traditional sports such as Nerf Wars, Archery, Fencing, Mini games and many more. See website for further details

| VENUE   | TIME           | PRICE  | DATE   |
|---|----------------|--------|--|
| Carclaze Primary School<br>39 Agar Road PL25 3AE                              | 8.30am-4.30pm  | £14.00 | Monday 22nd<br>and Friday 26th<br>October  |
| Football Camp - Carclaze Primary<br>School, 39 Agar Road, PL25 3AE            | 8.30am-4.30pm  | £14.00 | Thursday 25th<br>October (Please<br>note Football<br>specific club on<br>this day) |
| Penryn University Campus Sports<br>Centre, TR10 9FE                           | 8.30am-4.30pm  | £14.00 | Monday 22nd<br>and Friday 26th<br>October  |
| Penryn Academy Primary School,<br>Trevedbyn Rise, Penryn, TR10 8RA            | 8.30am-4.30pm  | £14.00 | Wednesday 24th<br>October  |
| Bugle Primary School, 75 Fore St,<br>Bugle, Saint Austell, PL26 8PD           | 8.30am-4.30pm  | £14.00 | Wednesday 24th<br>October  |
| Trevithick Primary School Mount<br>Pleasant Road, Camborne, TR14 7RH          | 8.30am-4.30pm  | £14.00 | Tuesday 23rd<br>and Thursday<br>25th October                                       |
| Treloweth Primary School, Higher<br>Broad Lane, Redruth, TR15 3JL             | 8.30am-4.30 pm | £14.00 | Monday 22nd<br>and Wednesday<br>24th October                                       |
| Portreath Primary School,<br>Penberthy, Portreath, Redruth,<br>Road, TR16 4LU | 8.30am-4.30pm  | £14.00 | Thursday 25th<br>October   |
| St Mary's Primary School, Mongleath<br>Road, Falmouth, TR114PW                | 8.30am-4.30pm  | £14.00 | Tuesday 23rd<br>October  |

To book your child's place, please visit our website at [www.goactivecornwall.co.uk](http://www.goactivecornwall.co.uk) and follow the links sign posted "Holiday clubs". For further questions or information contact

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[www.goactivecornwall.co.uk](http://www.goactivecornwall.co.uk)





# Design a Plastic Free Christmas Tree!

**Santa is worried about his carbon footprint this Christmas Eve so has decided to have environmentally friendly Christmas trees for 2018. Can you help him decorate?**



**For ages 4-11. Pick up an entry form and instructions at St Austell Library from Monday 22nd October**

**Closing date Saturday 3rd November**

**The Mayor of St Austell, Gary King, will choose the most inventive design for his 2018 Christmas card!**

## OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES



### AT WHEAL MARTYN

| ACTIVITY             | DATES                   | TIMES         | DETAILS  |
|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------|--|
| AUTUMN MASKS         | Sat 20 Oct to Sun 4 Nov | 10.00 - 16:00 | Discover Wheal Martyn's nature reserve on a scavenger hunt and pick your favourite nature items to decorate your mask with! Free mask template from reception. *                           |
| DANCE WORK-SHOP      | Sat 20 Oct              | 10.30 & 14.00 | Creative dance workshops for all the family, no dance experience necessary! Katie Green will lead the sessions. £5 per participant, includes entrance to the museum.                       |
| MAGIC CLAY WANDS     | Mon 22 Oct & Mon 29 Oct | 10.30 - 15.30 | Find your favourite stick and nature objects to decorate your own magic wand with! Join us at one of our drop in clay wand workshops where the real magic begins! £1.50 per participant. * |
| SPOOKY STONES        | Thu 25 Oct              | 10.30 - 15.30 | Paint your own spooky stone and hide for someone else to find, or keep it as a memento. 50p per participant. *   |
| BADGER FOREST SCHOOL | Fri 26 Oct              | 11.00 - 13.00 | Autumn fun in the woods for families - den building, camp fires, puppet making, harvest crafts. £8 child, £4 adult, includes museum entry.   |

**Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

\*Normal admission fees still apply for some activities

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