



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

## Newsletter

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (EXCEPT BBKIDS) RUNNING THE FIRST WEEK BACK AFTER HALF TERM DUE TO PARENT CONSULTATIONS**

We have had a fantastic, busy and very productive half term and we hope you have a restful and safe week off. We hope to see you for our Parents Consultations the first week back and of course the lead up to Christmas! I was especially impressed by a group of Year 6 boys on their first stages of their Mars landscape (please see photo), and I am very much looking forward to seeing the finished product. Well done!

Mrs Carmichael



Last term, the children took part in a sponsored run to raise money for a defibrillator. The AED has now arrived and is situated in the School Hall. Staff have been briefed and trained, either through paediatric first aid training or through the recommended DfE training video.

Thank you so much to the children and sponsors for helping us to raise enough funds to purchase this piece of equipment.



This year, we are participating in the Family Shoebox Appeal to support families across the world in poverty. Many of these families are living in very poor conditions; some do not have running water, electricity or heating. We hope to support the Link to Hope organisation by filling some shoeboxes so that these families can have a gift for Christmas. We are asking you at home to either fill a shoebox or to provide one or two items to put into a shoebox to help a family in need. Please ensure your items are from the list below. We would be really grateful if we could have your donations of either completed shoeboxes or individual items by Friday 6th November and then they will be dropped off over the weekend. We would also really appreciate your donations of any empty adult shoeboxes you may have, these can be passed to Miss Jane or Mrs Horwell. For more information about the charity and what happens with the shoeboxes, please visit <http://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2017/filling-a-shoebox>

- \* Gloves/scarf or hat (new or knitted)
- \* Sweets/chocolate
- \* Soap/Flannel
- \* Toothbrush/Toothpaste (new)
- \* Colouring books/pens/felt tips
- \* Small toys, Yoyo/skipping rope/toy car
- \* Teddy/Doll/soft toy
- \* Candles & Holders
- \* Screwdriver/tape measure/DIY tools
- \* Small games—Travel size
- \* Dominoes & playing cards etc

- \* Shampoo/shower gel—max 300ml
- \* Craft/sewing kit
- \* Socks/tights
- \* Hair accessories
- \* Safety razors/plasters
- \* Wind up torch/radio
- \* Foldable brush/comb/mirror
- \* Simple calculator—solar powered
- \* Work gloves
- \* Nail clipper/brush/small scissors

Here is a list of the items that need to be included in the shoeboxes:

We hope that you and your children enjoy filling these shoeboxes and that it will give you a wonderful opportunity to give to those who aren't as fortunate as us. Many thanks for your continued support. Miss Jane and Mrs Horwell.

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

### Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Half Term—23rd—27th October

National Bug Busting Day—31st October

Parent Consultations—Week commencing 30th October

KS2 Open Morning—1st November at 9am

KS1 Open Morning—2nd November at 9am

Reception Phonics Meeting—2nd November at 2.30pm

Flu vaccinations (Yrs R 1,2,3 & 4) - 8th November

Year 6 Swimming—9th November

Children in Need—17th November

St Luke's Christmas Fair—9th December

Christmas Nativities—w/c 11th December

Christmas Lunch—13th 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.



### Christmas Performance Dates for your diary

BBeebies/Reception (EYFS) - Mon 11th Dec

Doves, Fish & Lambs (KS1)— Tues 12th Dec

Peacocks, Phoenix & Pelicans (LKS2) - Thurs 14th Dec

Angels, Faith & Hope (UKS2)- Fri 15th Dec

There will be 2 performances, 10am & 2.30pm

A letter will be sent out next half term regarding booking of tickets and tickets will be limited to 2 per child.



This year Children in Need is on Friday 17th November. We would like to invite the children to dress in a 'Wacky, Anything Goes' style. For example, inside out clothes, odd socks, odd shoes, back to front outfits and wild hair! £1 donation. There will also be a bake sale, 20p per cake.  
Thank you Mrs Allen.

### **Bug Busting Day!**

**Don't forget... Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October is Bug Busting Day and we're inviting children to do 'something wacky' with their hair! A contribution of 50p would be appreciated.**

**For Bug Busting to be successful, we need you to check your child's hair on the evening of 31<sup>st</sup>! Every child will leave school with a head lice comb and a wealth of information on how to comb their hair safely and thoroughly!**



### 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	95.19%	0
Little Fish	98.52%	2
Little Lambs	89.74%	1
Peacocks	93.13%	3
Phoenix	97.41%	1
Pelicans	97.78%	4
Angels	91.7%	2
Faith	91.22%	2
Hope	97.41%	6
Total	94.88%	21

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 hours treat of a film and popcorn to munch on! Here are the winners from this week..... **Little Fish!**

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.

**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.

Please note you can now use the below link to view our Admissions Policy 2019/2020.

Please go to our website, Our school tab and policies.



## A POSITIVE ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN

Games, crafts, loads of fun, treats, hot-dogs...

**TUESDAY, 31st OCT, 5-7pm at Holy Trinity Church**

Local children and schools worker  
Dave Smith, welcomes you to  
St Austell Parish Light Party

31 OCT  
5-7PM

**YOU'RE  
INVITED!**



To find out more and reserve a place for your child  
please email [admin@staustellparish.uk](mailto:admin@staustellparish.uk) or call 64299

(All children must be accompanied by an adult)

# Follow Ben for a safe fireworks night



Don't forget your gloves.

**Ben loves fireworks night.** To make sure he stays safe every year, he follows the **Firework Code**.

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## Firework Code

- Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114.
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode.
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children around fireworks.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to a child under five.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Don't let off noisy fireworks after 11pm.

[www.direct.gov.uk/fireworks](http://www.direct.gov.uk/fireworks)

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NOT SORRY**  
ALWAYS FOLLOW THE CODE



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