



ST PIRAN'S  
CROSS  
MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

## Newsletter

**PLEASE NOTE THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF DATE TO THE NEW RECEPTION 2018/19 OPEN MORNING.  
IT IS NOW TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER**

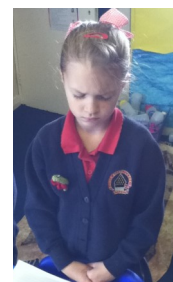
We have spent time this week remembering the soldiers that lost their lives in the many wars across the world. As usual, we marked this with a minute's silence at 11am on Friday during which the children were very respectful. This ties in well with this half-term's Christian value of respect and we have reminded children this week of the importance of valuing and respecting people of different colour and nationality. We will reinforce this message of respect for others during next week's anti-bullying week.

We will be welcoming prospective new parents and children to our Open Day on Tuesday, 14th November. This will be a chance for them to see what we have to offer. If you know of anyone with a child due to start school next September, please let them know!

Many of our pupils will, I'm sure, be part of Sunday's Remembrance Day parades—I may see you there!

Congratulations on great attendance this week, especially Hope Class!

Mrs Carmichael



On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of last week, KS1 visited Plymouth national aquarium as part of our 'Under the sea' topic. We had an absolutely fantastic time; we were taken on a personal tour of the aquarium and found out some fascinating facts, one being that lobsters regenerate and because of this, they can technically live forever! We found out loads of information about habitats and food chains and had a wonderful experience, with so much to see! One of the tanks looked like it housed the cast of 'Finding Nemo'! The children were extremely well-behaved and did BB proud.  
The KS1 Team.



On Tuesday the children from years 3 & 4 went on an awesome trip to the Cathedral and the Shelterbox visitor centre. In the Cathedral we dressed up as people who have different jobs in the Church. At Shelterbox we found out about how they help people all around the world who have lost their homes because of natural disasters and wars. We think Shelterbox is a great charity and are looking forward to raising money for them later in the term.



By Taran and Barnaby.

### KS2 Residential trips—2018

REMINDER: Please ensure you submit your permission slips and pay deposits on ParentPay by **Wednesday, 15th November.**



St Piran's Cross Choir: Many thanks to all of our children who took part in the St Piran's Cross choir performance on Tuesday evening. They performed a fantastic rendition of 'Three Little Birds' and 'This Little Light of Mine' as part of the event to wish Rev. Andrew Wade well in his retirement. The standard of singing was phenomenal, especially considering the children had only met together twice to rehearse. Mrs Parry did a fantastic job of pulling our choir together to show off our children's talents. Thanks also to the parents for transporting their children.

Lisa Michell, St Piran's Cross, Hub Lead



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

**Autumn Term Diary Dates:**

**New Reception 2018/19 Open morning**—Tuesday 14th  
November

**Children in Need**—17th November (see below)

**Secret Santa Collection**—23rd November (info to follow soon)

**Scholastic 1/2 price book fair**—30th November

**Secret Santa Day**—5th 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

**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.

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

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



Enhancing Entertainment Presents

# **Santa's Magical Kingdom**

**At The Britannia Inn, St Austell**

**Family of Four £24**

**Family of Three £18**

**Family of Two £12**

**Extra Additions £6**

**Meet Santa  
and his  
Friends this  
Christmas**



## **To Book**

**Daytime Slot**

**10am-4pm**

**01503 220761**

**Evening Slot**

**4pm-8pm**

**01726 812889**



## **December**

**Friday 15th 4pm-8pm**

**Saturday 16th 10am-6pm**

**Sunday 17th 10am-6pm**

**Thursday 21st 4pm-8pm**

**Friday 22nd 3pm-8pm**

**Saturday 23rd 10am-6pm**

**Sunday 24th 10am-4pm**

## **Parents returning to work—There's help to get your career back on track!**

Get back in to the job market or aim higher in your current profession armed with the courage, inside knowledge and expert advice you need. Unlocking Potential's award-winning, ESF Funded employability course, Stand Out from the Crowd is for anyone looking to get ahead in their career, change direction or return to work.

Get in touch now to find out about joining the School -hour friendly course starting in January.

W: [www.unlocking-potential.co.uk](http://www.unlocking-potential.co.uk) (click on blue orange!)

T: 0845 600 3660

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## **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 our Admission Policy for 2019/20 is now on our website to view.



# 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.

### 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!

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!

Classes	%	No of lates
Little Doves	95.93	0
Little Fish	97.41	0
Little Lambs	93.73	0
Peacocks	98.85	1
Phoenix	98.89	1
Pelicans	99.23	0
Angels	95.67	1
Faith	97.70	0
Hope	99.63	0
Total	97.45	3

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..... **HOPE!**

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.



## AN IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR PARENTS

In consultation with our Educational Welfare Officer, we have reviewed and revised our school attendance policy. The policy reflects a revised expectation from the government of attendance at 96% or above. We have been advised to forward a letter to the parents of children with attendance below 93%; these will be sent out next week and will outline future implications and actions for poor attendance and punctuality.

The revised attendance policy can be found on the school website.

Please continue to support your child, and the school, in raising the profile of attendance and the importance of attending school every day. We understand that genuine illness occurs and providing us with supporting medical evidence when your child is ill, or at an appointment, allows us to record absences as authorised.



Please help to reduce the spread of **NOROVIRUS**. Norovirus causes viral gastroenteritis, which is characterised by the sudden onset of vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it can spread rapidly in closed environments such as schools, childcare settings, hospitals and nursing homes. However, most people do not require treatment and recover at home after a couple of days.

Norovirus is transmitted from person to person and by consuming contaminated food or water or by contact with contaminated surfaces or objects. Soap and water should be readily available.

Please help avoid the spread by following the advice below:

Children and staff with symptoms of norovirus should:

- \* Stay away from work or school until they have been free of symptoms for at least 48 hours and avoid contact with others where possible.
- \* Keep hydrated by drinking fluids as tolerated
- \* If symptoms persist (more than the 48 hours), phone the GP or NHS non emergency number 111 for advice
- \* Encourage staff and students to wash hands thoroughly with soap and water regularly but particularly after toilet visits and before eating and handling food.  
**Alcohol hand gel is not effective against norovirus**
- \* Do not handle or prepare food for other people until symptom free for at least 48 hours.

## CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



## BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



## KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.

