



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

## Newsletter

**REMINDER: BBEBIES NURSERY WILL BE CLOSED ON THURS 12TH DECEMBER DUE TO THE PARLIAMENTARY GENERAL ELECTION**

**ALSO, BBKIDS WILL NOT BE RUNNING ON FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER—SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.15PM.**

### HEAD'S BLOG

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas....

Advent is here and Christmas activities are in full swing! Our Key Stage 1 children learned more about the Christmas Bible via the Christmas Experience laid on by St Luke's Church on Monday. A trip to St Blaise Church and Christmas activities followed for Rainbows and Stars on Tuesday. Thanks to Emma, Grace and Rev Jules for both of these great experiences for our younger children.

Thanks too to our Friends Christmas Elves who laid on a fantastic Secret Santa sale on Wednesday. The children were delighted with the opportunity of buying gifts for their special someone and I hope you all enjoy opening the surprise packages on Christmas Day. They are already thinking of next year's event so if you find you have any unwanted small gifts or leftover wrapping paper in January, they would be very happy to accept donations!

All classes are putting the finishing touches to their Christmas performances next week. From what I've seen so far, you're in for a treat! A year 3 child was even heard to say about the KS1 play 'Miss, Miss, they are singing so beautifully!' We are unfortunately limited, due to fire regulations on the number of people we can have in the hall so I'm sorry if we cannot accommodate everyone at their preferred time.

Don't forget.... it's St Luke's Christmas Fair this Saturday and Christmas Jumper Day next Friday!

Debbie Carmichael

A group of dancers that has been working with local dance teacher, Dean, will be performing at the old Eden Café in White River Shopping Centre on Tuesday, 10th December. This is an event the children have been working towards for a few weeks now and will see them perform alongside a number of other local schools. So, if you're doing a bit of late night Christmas shopping on Tuesday, please pop in and show your support! Doors open at 6:45pm and it's totally FREE!!!

On Tuesday, Rainbows and Stars had an amazing time at St Blazey church for our first school trip! We explored the church and took part in a 'Christmas Experience' workshop! Some of the children's favourite parts were: the Christmas card making, playing dress up, seeing the stained glass windows and going on the bus! Thank you very much to Emma, Grace and Rev Jules who organised the activities for us.



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

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



## PHOTO PAGE

# Secret Santa....



### St Austell Speech Festival 2019

Last week twenty children from BB participated with a large number of schools from all around the St Austell area in the St Austell Speech Festival. In order to be able to enter the festival, each of them had to learn a poem by heart and then perform it with suitable expression to an audience and an adjudicator, who then commented and marked their performances.

We are so proud of the way that the children from BB conducted themselves at the festival, the commitment they showed in learning their poems and their courage in performing them to an audience in a very big building. We are also delighted that we had three winners of their classes - Oscar won the Y6 class, Elouisa won the Y3 class and Jamie won the Y2 class.

In addition, we had several children who achieved a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place which, in classes of well over 20 children, is a remarkable achievement. Well done everyone and thank to all the parents who not only helped their children learn their poems, but took them to the festival and were there supporting them - I think many of them were more nervous than their children! Well done to Zoey, Aimee, Mia Jess, Morveren, Eva, Talon, Paige, Ella, Nathan, Alanna, Neve, Molly and Beth.





Huge great big thanks to KS1 classes for their wonderful work which is now on display in Holy Trinity Church, St Austell.

The invitation is open to all to **come and see**.

Thank you KS1 classes, your work is wonderful and will be enjoyed by many, many people visiting Holy Trinity Church during this advent season

The attached photo gives a little taster of one of the tableaus, that is now complimented perfectly by your wonderful work

Warmest festive greetings to you all

**Dave Smith**

Associate Minister for Youth, Children and Families

St Austell Parish Church

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## ATTENDANCE

The expected average attendance for a child is 96% for the year

Our attendance for this week is **97.68%**

Our attendance for this school year is **96.56%**

Well done to **Angels** class for the attendance stars of the week!

Classes	%	Lates	Class	%	Lates
Little Doves	98.85%	4	Pelicans	96.06%	3
Little Fish	99.18%	1	Angels	99.21%	5
Little Lambs	97.04%	3	Faith	96.3%	1
Peacocks	94.84%	2	Hope	97.78%	0
Phoenix	98.89%	1			

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 2019/20 Autumn Term Diary Dates:

w/c 9th December—Christmas plays

**Mon 9th**—EYFS Nativity play

**Tues 10th**—KS1 Christmas play

**Wed 11th**—LKS2 Christmas play

**Thurs 12th**—UKS2 Christmas play

Thurs 12th December—BBeebies Nursery closed—The Parliamentary General Election

Fri 13th December—Christmas Jumper Day

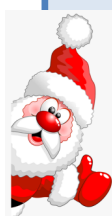
Mon 16th December—Reception Vision Screening

Wed 18th December—DT Christmas craft day

Wed 18th December—Christmas Lunch

Wed 18th December—Christingle at 5pm

Fri 20th December—Last day of Autumn Term (school finishes at 3.15pm,  
there will be no after-school provision)





## READING

### Christmas Reading Recommendations

Sometimes it's very satisfying for a reader to enjoy reading all the books in a collection and therefore a small collection of books can make a good Christmas gift which children can enjoy over and over again. This week, I'm going to share a couple of different book collections which are currently being enjoyed in school by some children and some that your children, especially if they are in KS2, are waiting to get their hands on (so am I!).

 <p>Suitable from about Year 5</p>	 <p>The Cogheart Trilogy by Peter Bunzl: Cogheart, Moonloket and Skycircus. Compelling mystery. A fourth book in the series is available early in the new year.</p>
 <p>The Treehouse Adventures Lots of the children in Y4 &amp; Y5 are loving these books—they are very funny and have some very detailed illustrations.</p>	 <p>The Accidental Father Christmas, Secret Agent, Prime Minister, Rock Star etc</p>

Remember, often these book collections can be bought very reasonably from the Book People. If you purchase books from them and select our school name, we are able to earn £1 for every £10 spent!

## SCHOOL NOTICES PAGE

### School Admissions

If your child is due to start school in September 2020, detailed information about the admissions process is available online or on request from the School Admissions Team.

Please ensure you name **more than one preference**. It will not mean less chance of securing a place at your preferred school. Please note that if you do not apply on time your preferred school/s may already be full.

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 starting school—15th January 2020

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





# SCHOOL NOTICES PAGE

## Free and Low Cost Christmas Activities

**7th December**—Royal Cornwall Museum—Christmas Fair and Christmas activities at Royal Cornwall Museum, Truro 10am - 4pm o Free Entry to the museum and craft fair o Shop for gifts o Adventure through Christmas with free hands on activities o Listen to traditional Christmas stories o To meet Father Christmas £5.50 per visit.

**7th December**—Truro—This December Coppice Theatre are bringing a brand new walk about version of their popular winter storytelling show Jack's Frosty Stories to Truro. Don't miss this magical Christmas show live in the heart of Truro. Times: 12, 2pm and 4pm Limited numbers so advance booking is essential. Tickets in advance : (Recommended for Children up to 12yrs) Adult + 1 Child : £5.00 Adult + 2 Children : £5.00 Adult + 3 Children : £5.00

**7th December**—Threemilestone—Threemilestone Youth Group Christmas Party for 11 - 16 year olds Threemilestone Methodist Church Hall 6:30pm - 9pm Fancy dress, buffet food, karaoke, disco. £2 entry fee.

**8th December**—Probus—Join Santa and his Elves for a cooked breakfast, lots of festive fun and games with Karla's Parties and the chance to meet Santa in his grotto - it's the perfect Christmas treat. Sunday 8th December 10:00 - 12:00 Probus Village Hall - £5 per ticket. All children need to be accompanied by an adult

**9th December**—Truro—Recorders Rule Christmas Concert at 6pm - 6:45pm at Royal Cornwall Museum in Truro

**9th December**—Truro—Royal Cornwall Hospital Choir Christmas Celebration Truro Methodist Church at 7pm

**11th December**—Truro—Cornwall Hospice Care Santa Fun Run - free to spectate Race starts at 6:30pm.

**12th December**—Truro—Truro's Big Christmas Sing - 7:30pm Truro Cathedral and Christian Aid present an evening of community singing featuring some of your favourite carols. There is musical entertainment from Stithians Ladies Choir, Fore St Methodist St Ives Gospel Choir and Cornwall Junior Choir, plus local Christian Aid speaker Katrine Musgrave. Free with a collection for the work of Christian Aid's Christmas Appeal and the cathedral.

**13th December**—Truro Cathedral—St Petrocs Carol Service at 7pm Truro Cathedral

**13th December**—Gloweth Chapel, Truro—An Evening of Cornish Carols -13th December 2019 6:30 pm Come along and enjoy learning and singing some traditional Cornish Carols. This is an informal evening sing-along - not a service - and it is completely relaxed and informal, and great fun. Cornish refreshments (tea and saffron cake) are provided.

**14th December**—Grampound—Grampound's Christmas Market being held on Saturday 14th December in the village hall 10-12.30. Santa visiting at 11.30 with a small gift for each child included (costs may be involved.) Refreshments available with proceeds to Grampound Carnival Committee. Free entry and free parking.

**14th December**—Hobbycraft, Truro—12 Makes of Christmas- Kids' Paint Your Own Ceramics at Hobbycraft, Truro December 14th 10:30am - 1pm Join your local Hobbycraft store to paint your very own ceramic tealight holder! During the course of the workshop you will decorate 1 tealight holder using a range of components. You will have a choice of a Christmas tree, Santa or a Snowman. This workshop is £2 per person and requires booking.

**14th December**—Victoria Square, Truro—Christmas Carols in Truro from 2pm Royal Cornwall Hospital Choir singing Christmas Carols at Victoria Square

**15th December**—Malabar, Truro—Children's Christmas Tea Party and Disco Malabar Community Centre Annexe - 4pm - 7pm on Sunday 15th December With a visit from Father Christmas1 Cost: £3 per child to include a gift from Father Christmas All children must be accompanied by an adult

**16th December**—Truro Cathedral—Blue Light Carol Service - 7:30pm - 9:00pm The Blue Light Carol Service welcomes members of the Emergency Services and members of the public for this festive occasion.

**23rd/24th December**—Truro Cathedra—The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols - 7pm The 'Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols' services on 23rd and 24th December are a much loved and historic part of Christmas celebrations in Cornwall. Devised here in 1880 by Bishop Benson, the first Bishop of Truro, these services are usually filled to capacity so please arrive early to avoid disappointment. This service will be sung by the choir with its boy choristers. All welcome.





# PSA NEWS



We help families across the UK who are raising a disabled or seriously ill child or young person aged 17 or under. You can apply to Family Fund if:

- \* You live in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales
- \* You are the parent or carer of a disabled or seriously ill child or young person ages 0-17 who lives with you
- \* You are currently living in the UK and have done so for at least six months, or three months if child is less than six months old. You are eligible to work and apply for public funds
- \* Your child is not in Local Authority care
- \* You have evidence of entitlement to any one of the following

Universal Credit

Child Tax Credit

Working Tax Credit

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income Related Employment Support Allowance

Income Support

Housing Benefit

Pension Credit.

- \* Your child or young person has a high level of additional support needs arising from a long term disability or disabling condition or a serious or life limiting illness. By long term we mean lasting or likely to last 12 months or more. You must meet all Family Fund eligibility criteria in order to be considered for a grant.

Please read our child and young person eligibility criteria below

Children and young people with additional support needs arising from a disability or disabling condition or with a serious or life limiting illness meet this criteria where:

- There is evidence that their additional needs impact on family's choices and their opportunity to enjoy ordinary life; the degree of planning and support required to meet their needs are much greater than that usually required to meet the needs of children.

AND

- They require a high level of additional support in three or more of Family Fund's seven areas of support below

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- Their condition is long term or life limiting (by long term we mean lasting or likely to last 12 months or more).

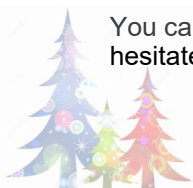
## **Family Fund seven areas of support**

Your child should require additional support in at least three of the seven areas below:

- \* Personal care—we mean things like physical support required with feeding, washing, toileting or moving and transferring child.
- \* Access to social activities—we mean things like engaging socially and taking part in activities.
- \* Education—we mean the type of support that is given for learning and who gives it?
- \* Communication—we mean listening, speaking and understanding.
- \* Supervision and Vigilance—we mean supervision and measures in place to ensure a child's safety.
- \* Medical or therapeutic treatment or Condition management—we mean what treatment or therapy is given, who does this, how often and when?
- \* Physical environment and Specialist resources—we mean things like physical adaptations and adjustments required with getting around and what specialist equipment or resources are used.

Children and young people do not need a diagnosis to meet Family Fund criteria, but their additional support needs must arise from a disability or disabling condition.

You can apply online at <https://www.familyfund.org.uk/FAQs/how-do-we-apply> or for further info please do not hesitate to contact Parent Support Advisor, Terri-Anne, at school



PSA CONTACT DETAILS—01726 64322 or 07903 613074

Working days Monday 08:30—16:30, Wednesday 08:30—16:30 and Thursdays 08:30—13:30