



Thank you all for your enthusiasm in supporting Children in Need this year! We raised a whopping **£300!!**



It was my absolute pleasure to be able to sort and send off 28 Christmas shoeboxes from Bishop Bronescombe School and St. Luke's Church last Friday! It brings a smile to my face knowing that there will be excited families opening up such lovely shoeboxes on Christmas day. Thank you all so much for your generosity, thanks to Mrs Greenaway for transporting the shoeboxes and to Miss Jane for helping to organise. What a lovely thing for us to be involved in as a school.

Mrs Horwell



REMINDER...

This half-term's Parent Forum is on Tuesday, 21st November at 5pm. Please come and share your views and concerns about any aspect of school life. We hope to see you there!

KS2 Residential trips—2018

There are still a few places available for our trips to Camp Kernow, Porthpean, London and PGL Barton Hall. Please return your slips and pay the deposit as soon as possible to secure your child's place. Please speak to the office staff or write in to us if you need financial support.



Friends of BB are delighted to be organising **Secret Santa** again this year. We know the children love it. For those who don't know, Friends of BB come into school near the end of term and have a sale of small items suitable for children to give as gifts to adults in their life. These items are carefully selected by the child then they have them gift wrapped by the Friends. Please could you donate a small gift for a man and a woman, Friends of BB will be collecting the gifts at the Ark on Wednesday 22nd November between 8.30—9am. (Sorry, but we cannot accept alcoholic products or fictional/autobiographical books as we cannot sell them to the children—recipe/cook books are ok. Thank you)

SECRET SANTA



Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Parent Forum—21st November at 5pm
Secret Santa Collection—22nd November (info to follow soon)
Scholastic 1/2 price book fair—30th November
Surprise Christmas Treat from BBFriends—1st December
Secret Santa Day—5th December
Advent Communion—7th December at 2pm
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. The Last Baby/Toddler group will be on Wednesday 29th November.



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

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IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Please ensure we are updated with any new telephone numbers as soon as possible. This ensures we are able to contact you quickly in an emergency!

Scholastic **Half Price** Book Fair to be held on Thursday 30th November, during the day for children and after school for parents/carers. Everything half price—books, posters and stationery.



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 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.

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	97.41	1
Little Fish	98.15	1
Little Lambs	97.04	2
Peacocks	98.47	1
Phoenix	97.42	2
Pelicans	96.93	0
Angels	98.02	0
Faith	98.09	1
Hope	96.3	2
Total	96.78	10

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..... **Peacocks!**

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.