



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

## Newsletter

Happy Friday everyone!

A busy week with extra-curricular clubs starting up again. Thanks to Mr Daysh for organising so many teachers, TAs and external organisations, enabling a wide range of activities for our children.

We had our singing teacher in on Thursday afternoon to talk to the children about the singing lessons she offers and our brass teacher will be in next week to do the same. Guitar, woodwind and keyboard lessons are also available. Please speak to our office staff if you'd like your child to take up any music lesson.

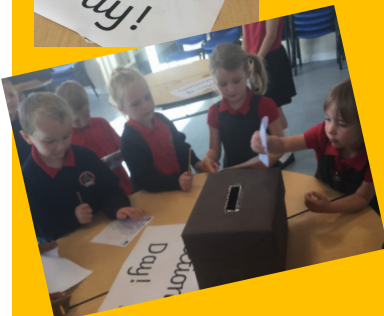
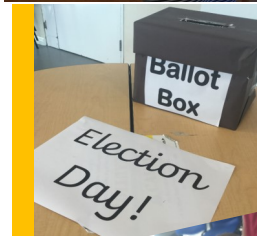
We have had a good initial response to our residential offer letter. We are really hoping we can run all 4 planned trips this time so please ensure you send in the consent slip and pay deposit on Parentpay! Many Thanks



On Wednesday, we held a celebration collective worship to thank one of our parents, Mrs Williams, for her hard work in creating a wonderful mural for our hall. As you will see, it depicts the Bible story linked with our School vision—'The feeding of the 5000'. We chose this story to help us encourage everyone in the school to develop and use their talents, even if they seem small (like the boy in the story). We hope that with God's help, and with the help of people around us, we can make a difference to the world. Mrs Williams has certainly done this for us in giving up her time and using her fantastic creative talents to create a wonderful reminder of our vision. Thank you, Mrs Williams!

### ELECTION DAY AT BB!

Last Friday, the whole school had their say in our School Parliament elections! Each class had their turn to vote for their chosen MPs at our polling stations with their polling cards. Last year's school parliament did an excellent job of organising the day, counting votes and assisting our younger year groups! Well done to all of our newly elected Members of Parliament, who I am sure will work hard this year to create an active pupil voice in our school!



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

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

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

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

Our attendance for this week is **97.33%**

Our attendance for this school year is **96.57%**

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

Classes	%	Lates	Class	%	Lates
Little Doves	96.3%	0	Pelicans	95.34%	2
Little Fish	95.16%	0	Angels	96.17%	2
Little Lambs	99.63%	2	Faith	96.93%	0
Peacocks	100%	1	Hope	97.13%	0
Phoenix	98.89%	0			

## 2019/20 Autumn Term Diary Dates:

Thurs 26th September—Year 6 Taster Day & Evening at Penrice

Tues 1st October—Year 3 Bible Presentation

Wed 2nd October—Year 1 hearing screening

Wed 9th October—New Sept 2020 starter open session @ 10.30am

Mon 14th October—Harvest Communion @ 2pm

21st—25th October—HALF TERM

Mon 28th October—INSET DAY

Wed 30th October—Parent Forum/Reading afternoon

w/c 4th November—Parent consultations

Wed 6th November—Half price book fair

Fri 15th November —Children in Need dress up (more details to follow)

Tues 26th November—Years R—6 Immunisations (letters to follow shortly)

Fri 13th December—Christmas Jumper Day

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



The school are collecting the Aldi Kits for Schools stickers which allow the school to win free sports equipment. Please give your stickers to the school office or Mr Daysh.

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

## Online Safety update

Research shows that almost 40% of 3-4 year olds and two thirds of 5-7 year olds go online! It is important that our youngest children to make sure that children are supported in their internet use right from the start. **ChildNet** has prepared a guide for the parents of under-7s to help them think about the issues involved.

<http://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Keeping-Under-Fives-Safe-Online.pdf>

**Keeping Children Safe Online** (for parents) (NSPCC) The NSPCC have drawn together lots of advice for parents, including Being Share Aware, Minecraft Safety Advice, and how to stay safe using apps. The information can be found here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/>

**Parents' Online Safety Helpline** (NSPCC) Parents can also contact the free NSPCC Online Safety Helpline with questions about parental controls or concerns about a social network their children are using on 0808 8005002

**Common Sense Media** is also a great source of information about online games and apps.

Over the last twelve months St Austell Foodbank, through its outlets at St Austell, Roche and St Stephen, has provided emergency food to over 3500 people who were facing the prospect of hunger. Of these over 1200 were children.

To enable us to do this we rely on the generosity of local communities, such as your school, especially over the Harvest Festival period. The demand for our services is steadily increasing this year and your continued support would be greatly appreciated. Any donations to the school can be received at the school office.

We are holding our Harvest Festival on Monday 14th October at 2pm, all welcome to attend.



## School Admissions

The online application process for Starting School, Transfer to Junior School and Transfer to Secondary School for September 2020 has now started. 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).





## Diocese of Truro Christmas Card 2019 Design Competition

As you may know, the Bishop of Truro sends out an annual Christmas card from the diocese both locally and nationally. Each year a design by a pupil from one of the church schools in Cornwall is selected to appear on his Christmas card.

We would like to invite all the CE schools to participate in our competition to design the Christmas card that Bishop Philip will use this year.

It would be a significant accolade for your school to win this competition and we will publicise this in the media.

There is a prize of £100 for our school and £25 in book vouchers for the winning entry. The following is important entry information:

- Designs can in any 2D medium.
- Please submit these on A4 (we will subsequently reduce this to A5 for the card)
- Entries to be handed in to your child's class teacher or the school office by Monday 7th October.

(If you decide to email your entries to us, then please keep the originals, as we will need this for the production of the winning design).

Bishop Philip and a local artist will be judging this competition.

The Bishop will be extremely grateful for your interest in this, though I know it is hard to think about Christmas in September, we hope it is a great opportunity to celebrate your children's creativity.

## School Monitoring Council—Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent councillor on our School Monitoring Council. This group (similar to a governing body) meet twice a term and visit the school regularly to monitor how we work to improve pupil outcomes and their school experience.

If you are able to give up some time and have a passion for our pupils' education, please contact the office for an application form. We would particularly welcome applications from those with a background in PE/sports. We look forward to hearing from you!



# MINI SOCCER CENTRE

**@ POLTAIR SCHOOL**

EVERY SATURDAY MORNING

9.30am-10.30am (4-8 YEARS)

10.30am-11.30 am (9-15 years)



- TURN UP AND PLAY
- Fun filled footballing activities throughout the morning
- ONLY £3.50 per participant or £5 for sibling discount

Please contact Anne-Marie Couch for more information  
Email: [anne-marie.keast@pafo.co.uk](mailto:anne-marie.keast@pafo.co.uk)  
Mobile: 07854199617

**SIGN UP  
NOW**