



St Mary's Catholic School

Growing together in knowledge, faith and love

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Important Items in this newsletter:

- ◆ **INSET DAY**
- ◆ **World Book Day**
- ◆ **St Pirans Day Parade**



Dear All

What a busy couple of weeks we have had since the half term break. This week in particular has been a very busy week with our World Book Day and St Piran's Parade. It was lovely to see the children dressed up for the world book day and I couldn't be prouder of our year 6's for their fabulous dancing through Penzance today. A big thank you goes to Miss Pascoe for arranging the authors for world book day and Miss Tarbet and Mrs Field for teaching the children the dance for St Pirans.

Earlier in the week a letter went home to parents about our recent pupil premium review, a full copy of this is available on our website. We have a new section on the website titled 'School Improvement' where we will save all relevant improvement documents and Minutes from our monthly IEB meetings. Although there were actions for development, we were pleased that the hard work that has taken place since the Ofsted was acknowledged and all of the areas for development have been actioned since the review.

Thank you to those parents that would like to join the parent forum. Again, when this starts the minutes will be shown on the website. We are still awaiting our first visit from HMI but we will inform you of this as soon as we know more.

This week the children attended Ash Wednesday mass at church and it was lovely to receive such positive comments from the parishioners regarding the children's behaviour.

They are a credit to you all!

Best wishes
Demelza Bolton

Star of the Week

Week beginning 20th February

Reception: Natan
Class 1: Jack
Class 2: Casey
Class 3: Archie
Class 4: Michaela
Class 5: Elsie
Class 6: Jake

Week beginning 27th February

Reception: Poppy
Year 1: Maddison
Year 2: Neeve
Year 3: Fletcher
Year 4: Lillie
Year 5: Kenver
Year 6: Dominic

Book Fair

Classes to look at books on Friday 24th in the morning. The book fair will then be open after school from 3.15 - 4pm

Monday 27th morning - Book fair open from 8.15 - 8.40. After school 3.15 - 4pm.

Tuesday 28th - as above.

Wednesday morning open 8.15—8.40.

INSET DAY

Please be aware that Monday 13th March is our school INSET day and school will be closed to the children on that day.

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Learning Mentor and Family Welfare Liaison Officer. If you are interested, please see the website for further details.

Dinner Money

Please could you ensure that you pay for your child's school dinners on a daily/weekly basis.

We currently have a backlog of unpaid dinners. Please could you ensure if your child has had dinners this term that we receive the money as soon as possible. As a school we cannot fund school dinners unless your child is in Reception to Year 2 where they are entitled to universal free school meals or if you are entitled to free school meals. If you think you could be entitled but are not currently in receipt then please call at the office for an application form.

Class Attendance

Each week classes have the opportunity to win two attendance prizes. One for the best attendance and one most punctual class with the least number of recorded lates. Well done to the following classes :

w/ending 10th February 2017

1st place Y5 with 98.6%, 2nd place Y4 with 96.7% and 3rd place Y3 with 92.9%

w/ending 24th February 2017

1st place Y3 with 100%, 2nd place Y2 with 99.5% and 3rd place YR 99.2%

We are receiving a high volume of holiday requests during term time. Whilst we do not currently fine parents for this, it is having a huge impact on the attendance figures in the school. Our attendance currently stands at 94%, which is below the accepted national figure at 95% or above.



Donation

If you have any of the following, please could you donate them to the school for maths interventions:

- Any shapes that are cubes;
- Starfish, shells and pebbles;
- Buttons;
- Children's magazines that are in good nick;
- A collection of small toys that would fit into a small shoebox;
- Spoons;
- Forks;
- A stuffed crocodile.

Many thanks!

Red Nose Day 24th March

Red noses on sale soon! Look out for your red clothes to wear on the day. Anything red will do.

Mary's Meals

At an assembly last week the children welcomed 2 ladies to talk about the Charity Mary's Meals which provides 1 million meals for children at school across the world. It costs £13 to feed a child for a year. But there are still another 52 million children who need meals. So each class has a collection cup, and the children were challenged to think of the ways of raising money during Lent. We have already collected £164.65 from donations at our Christmas entertainments, thank you again.

St. Pirans Day - Monday 6th March 2017

The menu for this day will be
Proper Cornish Traditional Steak pasty
Or
Proper Cornish Cheese and Onion pasty
Ice Cream Tub
Jacket potatoes available on request

Reminder- Cross Country will be on Monday 6th March at Cape Cornwall from 4pm till 5pm, KS2 only.

Incredible Years Parenting Programme

For parents and their babies aged 0-12 months. Please see the poster for more information at the end of newsletter.

Dates for your Diary

Spring Term 2017

Monday 13th March	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th March	Nursery & Reception	Parent's evening
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th March	KS1 & KS2	Parent's evening
Friday 24th March	All	Red Nose Day
Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April		Easter Break

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18th April	All	Return for Summer Term
Friday 26th May	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June		Half term holiday
Monday 5th June	All	Return for second half Summer Term
Wednesday 26th July	All	INSET DAY—School closed
Monday 24th July	All	Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 25th July	All	Leavers Mass 9.30am school
Thursday 27th July	All	Break up for the Summer Holidays

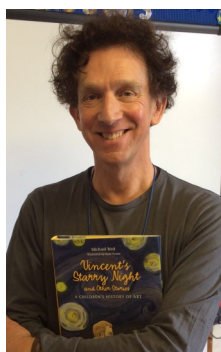
St Piran's Day Parade

Well done to our Year 6 children who took part in the St Piran day parade today. As a school we are so proud of them for their excellent behaviour and enthusiasm when joining in the celebrations. I think they will hear '1,2,3 hop' in their sleep! Many thanks to Miss Tarbet and Mrs Field for teaching them the all important dance!



World Book Day!

Yesterday the children throughout the school took part in World book day. They came to school in fantastic costumes, it was very difficult for the teachers to choose a winner from each class. KS1 children had a visit from the author Alasdair Hoswell who wrote 'I brushed my teeth with hair gel' and KS2 with author Michael Bird who wrote 'Starry Night'. The children thoroughly enjoyed their workshops. Below are pictures of each class winner!



Nursery: Oskar as Tiddler

Reception: Lottie as Goldilocks

Year 1: Jack as Mr Bump

Year 2: Miley as Mary Poppins

Year 3: Neve as The Queen of Hearts

Year 4: Dylan as Fisherman Tom (Mousehole Cat)

Year 5: Tazeena as Goth Girl

Year 6: Ethan as the Oxford English Dictionary

