



This week we have continued to focus on the meaning of Christmas:

CHRISTMAS SPARKLE! – This week we have enjoyed the wonderful KS1 Nativity performance. Both performances were shared with a full audience who clearly enjoyed every minute of the show. Is it possible for these shows to get better each year? It certainly seems so! The children never fail to amaze and impress us with their talent for singing, speaking clearly and portraying their character at such a young age. A big thank you to the children for their enthusiasm and energy and to the parents for providing so many wonderful outfits to make the performance so special. The staff have worked tirelessly to make sure the children performed to the very best of their ability but a particular thanks must go to Mrs Lea for ensuring that every move was carefully choreographed, every note sung in tune and every word clearly heard. This may be the first Christmas at Perran-ar-Worthal School for some of our little Puffins but it is sadly the last Christmas at our school for our lovely Mrs Lea who will be retiring at the end of the summer term. Thank you for 22 years of amazing Nativities Mrs Lea...we will miss you!

AND MORE CHRISTMAS SHOWS TO COME – Now that KS1 have completed their shows we are can now start to look to KS2 to entertain us with their Christmas plays which will be presented next week. As with the KS1 Nativities, the KS2 show is also something not to be missed. As a matter of urgency, please can we remind parents of KS2 children that you need to return your request for tickets to see the KS2 show to the school office by Monday at the very latest. Thank you.

THE VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT – The children's choir have been busy preparing for their performance of Christmas songs at the village Christmas concert which will be taking place this coming Sunday at 7pm. There are no less than 46 children taking part with some performing with their recorders also. The adult choir will also be part of the concert and the Stithians Brass Band will once again fill the hall with their own interpretation of a range of Christmas favourites. There is a small entry fee for those not performing. We look forward to seeing you there. Please can I remind parents that all children performing will need to be at the village hall no later than 6.50pm wearing a long sleeved white shirt.

THE EDEN TRIP IS FAST APPROACHING – We are very excited to be taking the children to Eden to enjoy ice-skating once again. The FOPS team have very kindly agreed to provide funds for this trip to be heavily subsidised resulting in parents only having to pay £3 which will include the hiring of the bus, the entry fee into Eden and the time on the ice skating rink. Please can we remind you that as the trip is at the end of the very first week back after the Christmas holidays, we need all reply slips returned to the school office before the end of this week. The canteen must have five days' notice of how many packed lunches children will need if they are not bringing their own. Please could we ask that these forms are returned as soon as possible to enable the canteen to order what they need in time. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES – Just to remind parents that the class Christmas parties will be held in school at 1pm on Thursday, 15th December. Children are asked to bring a plate of food to share and can wear 'sensible' party clothes if they wish. There is a rumour that we can expect a special visitor on this particular day...!

LAST DAY OF TERM – Just a quick reminder of the following:

- School finishes for all at 3pm.
- Children have been told that they can wear a Christmas Jumper or a Christmas item/hat/etc in aid of Save the Children – any donations for this charity can be handed into the class teachers.
- Lunch will be served as normal on the last day and will not be a party lunch as in previous years. This is due to the growing number of children that now makes it very difficult for the whole school to be seated comfortably in the school hall.

SWEET WRAPPER PLEA – As it is very likely that there may be a higher percentage of sweet wrappers in households during the festive season, Mr Anderson would like to request that any coloured cellophane type wrappers (such as the ones you get with Quality Streets) are kept and brought to Puffins in the new year for a little art project that Mr Anderson is very excited about. Thank you.

School finishes at 3.00 p.m. for all children on Friday 16th December and we re-open on Wednesday 4th January.

Eden Project: Thank you to FOPS for once again kindly agreeing to subsidise the cost of the whole school trip to the Eden Project on Friday 6th January. Letters have gone home to parents today regarding consents, voluntary contributions and how to order a packed lunch. Please remember to return your packed lunch order by Tuesday if you wish to order one. Thank you.

Hot lunch on last day of term: There will be hot lunch available as usual on the last day of term (Friday 16th December), although the menu may be slightly different to the advertised one. This is a change to previous years, when children have brought in packed party lunches.

Little reminders:

If you have a child (or know a friend or relative) that is due to start school in September 2017, please remember to log on to the Cornwall Council website www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions to apply for a place at primary school before the deadline on 15th January. Thank you.

Consent forms for NHS flu vaccination for Years 1 to 3 on 12th December. Please would parents complete and return the NHS form (indicating whether you do or do not give your consent). Thank you.

Free School meals. *If you think you may be entitled to 'free school meals' please log on to the Cornwall Council website schoolmeals@cornwall.gov.uk. Staff there will be able to check whether you can claim (and you may also be eligible for other benefits including free school trips, clubs etc. Thank you.*

TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS FROM LAST WEEK –

Bronze – Toby Anderson, Poppy Distin, Georgia Murphy, Teagan Yendle, Oliver Persaud, Opal Perkins, Ned Thomas and Oliver Ward.

Silver – Boaz Opie-Bos, Joshua Anderson, Lola Guinchard, Eleanor Bray, Ross McKnight, Noah Farrell, Lily Smallman, Sophie Woodrow and Saul Warr.

Gold – Oliver Entwistle, Isabelle Hampton, Stanley Cameron and Eleanor Teff.

TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS FROM THIS WEEK –

Silver – Austin Mitchell, Mawgan Howell, Nandor Nemeti, Rosie Lawrence and Lily Murphy.

Gold - Rowan Leigh, Isla Cameron, Harry Murphy and Kiera Peters.

Medal – Daniel Vincent.

Well done to you all!