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12th December 2024



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VERY MOMENT MATTERS!



A FESTIVE FILM NIGHT FOR ALL CONCERNED! What a great evening was had on Friday. Well over 130 pupils returned to school at 5.30pm, armed with pillows, blankets, teddies and cosy clothing ready to snuggle up in front of a favourite film with their friends. A huge thank you to the staff who supported the evening and to the children, whose behaviour was exemplary! Whilst the films were being enjoyed by the children, the grown-ups were having a little festive gathering of their own in the pop-up parent playground party (try and say that whilst eating a mince pie!). A cold evening was warmed up by the festive drinks on offer and the friendly atmosphere. A huge thank you to our FOPS team and for all the additional helpers for planning and running yet another successful and very most enjoyable event!



Perran-ar-Worthal swim squad. 27th November 2023.



What an incredible group of students! Amazing efforts at the swimming gala last week. I was lucky enough to take 13 students to the Ben Ainslie Centre last Monday to compete against another 5 schools in our annual swimming competition. Students selected the stroke they felt most confident in and raced against the other schools in heats. Perran-ar-Worthal showed brilliant teamwork organising their relay events. Our year 5 girl's team was one team member down and our Year 6 team was two members down, so, one student from year 5 and two students in year 6 had to swim double the distance! Well done to everyone! Brilliant morning! Thank you so much to all the parents that helped transport students to the event and to Mrs Sells for staying and assisting.



We had an amazing final football session in the mud and rain last Monday. This group of students has been so much fun. It has been incredible to see how they have supported each other when someone might struggle for a moment. Their sense of humour has been brilliant as has their improvement in their skills.

Well done to all of you and thank you so much for your energy!

Miss Davies.



CHRISTINGLE SERVICE FOR CHILDREN.

On Sunday, Perran-ar-Worthal school was represented at St Piran's Church by pupils from KS1 and KS2, when they attended the Christingle Service, helped to tell the story of Christingle and sang to the congregation. There was a delightful service from Reverend Karen which had the congregation enjoying a novel way of telling a story with a chocolate orange being passed from left to right. What a lovely way to engage a young audience.



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HAPPY TO HELP!

These two siblings
are certainly making

their parents proud. Every year around their birthdays, Jago, from our Puffins class, and his sister, Elowen, decide on a 'Birthday Charity Challenge' to raise money for their chosen charity. This year, as Jago was five, he decided to do a 50m swim, 500m run and a 5000m cycle, all

unaided in one day! His sister did the 30/300/3000m equivalents. Between these two inspirational siblings, they have raised an incredible £512 for UNICEF UK Gaza appeal. What an amazing achievement!



TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS 7th December 2023

BRONZE CERTIFICATE – 50 TEAM POINTS

Year 2: Logan

Year 6: Connie, Esme, Quilla, Agnes, Casper, Indah, Leo and Elliott

SILVER CERTIFICATE – 100 TEAM POINTS

Reception: Margot, Emelia, Emily, Rupert and Hugh

Year 3: Niamh and Lennon

Year 6: Eliza, Lily-Rose, Willow M and Nuala

GOLD CERTIFICATE – 150 TEAM POINTS

Year 3: Isabella



Random
Act of
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RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS (RAK)

Meyer Buys has been awarded a RAK nomination by **Mrs Parker** for opening the door on two separate occasions for other people without being asked. Well done and thank you for your kindness, Meyer! **Harley Yendle** has also been awarded a RAK nomination. **Mrs Heffer** and **Mrs Pallot** noticed how Harley was helping to pick up all the beakers and orange peel from the hall

floor at the end of the film night on Friday, without being asked. Thank you Harley for showing such kindness and for being so helpful. We are delighted to announce that Meyer and Harley are officially kindness Ninjas this week.



KS2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT at the Village Hall on Thursday, 14th Dec at 5pm.

Things to remember:

- **Doors will open at 4.15pm.** This is not a ticketed event but we ask for a donation on the door towards the funds we are raising to buy new library books for our school. Raffle tickets will be available to buy on the night.
- KS2 children to arrive at the village hall with their lanterns **no later than 4.50pm** and take up their positions in the hall (the children will be told where they will need to be standing during our rehearsals).
- Children to wear Christmas jumpers/festive outfits.
- KS1 children attending must stay with the adult who they have attended with.
- WRAPAROUND CHILDREN: Any children at wraparound will need to be collected **by 4.30pm** if possible please. Any KS2 pupils attending the concert straight from wraparound will be taken down to the village hall by a member of staff. **PLEASE INFORM THE OFFICE IF THIS IS THE CASE FOR YOUR CHILD.**
- All instrumentalists performing will need to remember their instrument and their music and arrive in time to put these by the piano near the stage for easy access **before 4.50pm.**
- KS2 pupils will be handed back to the adult who brought them at the end of the concert and will then be their responsibility for the remainder of the night. Please note the hall is likely to be very busy.
- Mince pies and mulled festive drink will be served after the concert finishes at around 6pm.
- PARKING: Please feel free to use any available parking in the school carpark and on the front playground. Please be aware of any pedestrians when manoeuvring your vehicle at the school, on the road and outside the village hall. Thank you.



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CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Over 5 Hampers & more to be won at both
KS1 & KS2 performances



Get your tickets **EARLY** - on sale after school
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(or at KS1 Nativity & KS2 Concert)




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IMPORTANT TERM DATES UPDATE! It has come to our attention that the term dates originally provided to us by Cornwall Council were not correct and the **Spring Term will start on Thursday, 4th January 2024** rather than Wednesday, 3rd January. To help parents plan, we try to post our dates as soon as they are made available on the County website. We have only become aware this week that the version originally published was updated. Please see document below that clearly shows this change.

Original Version below (please note the **incorrect** start date of **3rd January**)

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Diary Dates



Wednesday, 13th December: Xmas Dinner—Wear your favourite Christmas Jumper or Christmas outfit on this day (please don't forget to order your child's Xmas lunch on parent pay)

Thursday, 14th December: **KS1 Christmas Nativity at 2pm at the Village Hall.** The children are looking forward to performing their Nativity, which will be a rather more festive version of British Bake-off! This is not a ticketed event but we will be grateful for any donations on the door which will all go towards buying new books for our library. Raffle tickets will be on sale to be in with a chance to win amazing Christmas Hampers.

Thursday, 14th December: **KS2 Christmas Concert and Lantern Parade at the Village Hall at 5pm** with mince pies and mulled Christmas drinks. Our KS2 children are looking forward to starting their concert with a lantern parade followed by some festive musical items from our recorder players and instrumentalists. There will be the chance to join in with some of our favourite Christmas songs interspersed with some thought provoking readings from our pupils. As with the KS1 performance, this is not a ticketed event but we ask for any donations on the door which will go towards buying new books for our children to enjoy. Again, don't forget to also bring some pennies to buy raffle tickets to be in with a chance of winning an amazing Christmas Hamper and to also purchase a mince pie and festive drink.

Saturday, 16th December: Perranwell Village Christmas Concert (please see poster attached for details)

Tuesday, 19th December: Last day of term – Christmas Party Day (Wear your favourite Christmas Outfit)

Wednesday, 20th December to Wednesday, 3rd January: **CHRISTMAS BREAK**

PLEASE NOTE: Spring term start date is now **Thursday, 4th January 2024.**

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In association with Active Cornwall and the Time2Move Holiday programme, our Xmas SuperCamps are free of charge for eligible free school meal children and their families (this does not include children eligible for EY FSM funding). Those eligible for FSM codes can obtain them by visiting [-cornwall.gov.uk/time2move](http://cornwall.gov.uk/time2move). Free school meal pupils will be provided with a meal on the day of their activity. Parent/carer(s) wishing to use childcare vouchers, please select 'Childcare Voucher' option at checkout.



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PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

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£7 PER ADULT
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Brought to you by the trustees of the hall and supporters. This is a community event aimed at bringing people together and raising funds for the redevelopment of the hall.



Christmas Concert

SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER

7-9PM

AT PERRANARWORTHAL VILLAGE HALL

PRE CONCERT FOOD AND DRINKS

SERVED 6-7PM

Featuring ■ festive performances from the St Stythians Band, Perran-ar-worthal Community Choir and local children

Mince pies

Mulled wine

Hot turkey/brie baps

Tickets £5

Children go Free



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