



A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

It's been a busy end of term and it is now drawing to a close. Regardless of all the sickness, that is often the case at this time of year, the children's spirits have continued to be high and the school have been buzzing with Christmas activity and fun!

PUFFINS TAKE TO THE ICE - This week the news starts with what happened at the end of last week when on the Friday our little Puffins boarded the mini-bus and took off to Eden for a wonderful experience on the ice as part of their topic on winter. A splendid day was had by all with every child enjoying the experience of finding different ways to travel on ice. Even the adults had a chance to have a go! The day was made extra special by our unplanned visit to see Santa's reindeer. What a treat! Everyone clearly enjoyed themselves on a trip to remember. A few sleepy heads were seen nodding on the journey home but the trip was certainly worth the effort. A big thank you to all the adult helpers and a huge well done to all the children for their exceptional behaviour. Don't forget to check out our website under the latest news section for updated pictures of what we get up to.

A FULL HOUSE AT ST PIRANS – On Sunday, many of our Perran-ar-Worthal School children attended the Christingle service at St Pirans. Following the vicar's lovely child centred story about the meaning of the Christingle, every child was given their very own Christingle to hold. The children also delighted the congregation with their singing of 'Away in a Manger' and 'The Lord's Prayer'. The congregation were also treated to an impromptu joint performance of both the children's choir and the Perran-ar-Worthal Adult Community choir. We look forward to performing as a joint choir again on Wednesday, December, 17th at 6.30pm in Truro Cathedral.

PUPILS CONTINUE TO IMPRESS OUR GOVERNORS – This week, Matt Fletcher (IT governor) and Anne-Marie Jagers (Early Years governor) visited the school to talk to the children and staff. The children were happy to chat about all the different activities they have been enjoying and sharing their work with the governors. Thank you to our governors for their continued support.

NEW TEACHER VISITS – On Tuesday, Miss Sarah Shaile came to meet the Starlings. Miss Shaile thoroughly enjoyed her day and is very much looking forward to teaching the class in January. We are very grateful to both Miss Shaile and Mrs Pallot for agreeing to spend a day with us before January.

STARLINGS SING TO THE DELIGHT OF THE COMMUNITY – On Tuesday, the Starlings delighted the member of the Perranwell Memory Café when they sang a range of Christmas favourites for a very appreciative audience. We were very proud of how well behaved and considerate the children were. A huge well done to all!

WHAT A SHOW! – Our Puffins and Robins delighted their audience on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening when they performed their Christmas show 'The Wiggly Nativity'. Not a dry eye was left in the packed hall. The children were fantastic and the audience were clearly very appreciative of all the hard work that goes into preparing the children for their show. Many thanks to all the parents for providing such wonderful costumes and a big thank you to the staff for preparing the children so well. We are so very proud of the Puffins and Robins for a job well done!

WELL DONE AND THANK YOU TO THE CHEFS – The Christmas dinner was a delicious success again this year! Lots of compliments were heard from the children and the whole lunch time went smoothly without a glitch! A big thank you to Sharon and Helen for all their hard work at this busy time of year. No less than 119 children ordered a Christmas lunch this year! That's a lot of roast potatoes!

GOOD LUCK! – It was the turn for Starlings, Kingfishers and Swifts to perform their Christmas show this afternoon. The dress rehearsal was a great success and we now wish them all the very best for their Christmas show at St Piran's church on Thursday, 18th December at 6.30pm. Details of arrangements for next Thursday will be sent out separately next week.

IT'S PARTY TIME! – As you are already now aware, the KS1 and KS2 parties will be taking place on Monday afternoon in the children's classrooms. We have asked the children to bring a plate of party food to share for this event (NO NUTS please). If you wish to have containers returned, please ensure they are named clearly. We have also told the children that this is a day when they can wear their own choice of party clothing so no school uniform needed. We look forward to ensuring the children enjoy their end of term party. We are expecting a certain special visitor dressed in red to come to the classes during the party afternoon.

LAST DAY OF TERM – Just to remind you that that we will be having a tea party for Mrs Byers' retirement on Friday afternoon starting at 2pm. If you are able to provide some cakes for our tea party it would be very much appreciated.

Can we also remind you that the last day of term both KS1 and KS2 will finish at 3pm.

Phew! I think that's everything! Have a restful weekend.

Mrs Byers Retirement

Many of you know Mrs Byers is retiring at the end of this term. She has worked at our school for 15 years and made a difference to every child in her care. We want to mark this special occasion in true Perranarworthal style. On the 19th December, the last day of term at 2pm we will be having a special farewell assembly followed by tea and cakes for everyone. You are all welcome to come along. School finishes for the children at 3pm.

If you can spare some time to make some small cup cakes or biscuits it would be much appreciated. If you wish to contribute to our collection for Mrs Byers pop it into the office or see me.

Any help would be appreciated. Please pass on this invitation to anyone you know who has any association with the school and Mrs. Byers. I know she will be delighted to see everyone. Thank you. *Mrs Lea.*

Panto on Tuesday - Please remember all children will need to be picked up from The Hall for Cornwall @ 4.30 p.m. If you will have a spare seat and can offer a lift back to school in case any other parent has a last minute hic-up – please speak to Mrs Read. Hopefully it won't be needed, but someone on 'stand-by' would be most helpful. Also, if you are able to offer staff a lift back, please speak to Mrs Read or Mrs Lea. Thank you.

WE ARE STILL CHASING PANTO CONSENT FORMS - PLEASE RETURN YOURS IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO. THANK YOU.

Please remember – no hot lunches on the last day of term and all children will finish @ 3.00 p.m.

*** FOPS Update ***

Don't forget to hand in your Raffle Tickets to Mrs Read. There are some great prizes up for grabs so don't miss out on your chance to win. More tickets are available if you need them. Good luck everybody!