FRIDAY NEWSLETTER 9th November 2018



A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER This week our focus has been on REMEMBRANCE





WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING THIS WEEKEND? – On Sunday, 11th November 2018, many people across the country will be attending various events and services to mark 100 years since the end of WW1. In Perranwell, there will be a service at the War Memorial at 10.45am leading up to a moment of silence at 11am. Many of our pupils will be attending this brief service at the war memorial where they will be laying 14 beautifully crafted ceramic poppies for each of the 14 soldiers from Perranwell that lost their lives in WW1. Later in the day, at 2.30pm, there will be a re-enactment of a recruitment of soldiers outside the front gates of the school. The Carnon Downs Drama group will be recruiting some of our Year 5 pupils before they march them down the hill to the village hall which will begin a series of presentations from the Year 5 actors, community choir, and Carnon Downs Drama Group. This will be a very special programme that will give a brief insight into the lives of those 14 soldiers. At 3.50pm, everyone will be asked to move outside the building where the gathering of the community will listen to the bugler play the last post before we have a moment of silence, apart from the bells from St Piran's church being played in the distance. At 4pm, across the country, bells from all churches are expecting to be heard to ring to mark this very significant Remembrance year. Everyone is welcome at this community gathering on Sunday.



REMEMBRANCE – As part of our week thinking about remembrance, the whole school watched the year 5 drama piece that will be performed on Saturday and spent time quietly remembering those who lost their lives serving their country, those who served alongside them and those who still serve. Children who brought in change to donate to the Royal British Legion visited the School Council's large poppy and covered it in change. Thank you for all your donations. A big thank you to Shannon for being so organised and managing the whole poppy event.





FAIRTRADE THURSDAYS ARE BACK! – Thursday saw the first Fairtrade Thursday of the school year. Our Fairtrade Ambassadors were kept busy with a long line of children keen to buy a snack. Don't forget to bring in money if you would like to buy a delicious Fairtrade snack at morning break on Thursday.







AND SO THE GOVERNORS KEEP ON COMING! – This week we have had several more visits from our very supportive school governors. Mr McCandless came to look at PE and IT, Mr Holt came in to see science in action, Mr Hewitt came to talk about Special Educational Needs and Mrs Matthews came in to talk about use of pupil premium funding and the



work our school is doing in promoting the creative arts and how we are working towards an Artsmark Award. Mrs Bailey also came in to meet with the School Councillors and visit the EYFS pupils. All the governors survived the experience and clearly enjoyed talking the children about their learning. We only managed



to catch Mr Holt on camera. We continue to be very fortunate to have governors who are so interested in supporting the school in continuing to improve and thank them for their time.

DRUM YOUR WAY TO SUCCESS! – This week, the children in Year 4, 5 and 6 were given a percussion demonstration that left them in awe and wanting more! Jamie Fyffe, from the Cornwall Music Service, played on a full drum kit as well as showing what can be achieved with smaller percussion instruments and those wanting to have a go where many! The children had the opportunity to get a little closer and see what it would feel like to sit behind a full drum kit. Following the demonstration, the children were able to take home letters to share with parents. Lessons can take place on the school premises where the drum teacher uses electronic drum kits with headphones...phew!

We look forward to seeing those rock musicians emerging over the next few years!



OVER 100 PUPILS TAKE PART IN A MOVING PERFORMANCE! - This week, some of our KS2 pupils took part



in a joint Partnership performance which included pupils from all 8 of the schools within the Penryn cluster. The performance of Archie Dobson's War was very relevant to the focus for this year and the pupils clearly embraced the significance of being part of such a moving and poignant production. We owe a great deal of thanks to the creative arts staff at Penryn College for giving so generously of their time to help prepare the children for the performance. A big thanks particularly to Sarah Childs, head of music at Penryn, who coordinated the event. We were very proud of our Perran-ar-Worthal pupils who performed with great enthusiasm and were a credit to their school. Thank you to all those parents and relatives who were able to come to see the performance. There are now plans afoot for another joint performance next year. Watch this space!

INDOOR ATHLETICS – Today years 3, 4, 5 and 6 represented the school at the Partnership Indoor Athletics event. A big thank you to all the parents who helped with transporting and supporting!







CODE CLUB CALL! – In the spring term Mrs Pallôt will be running a code club with Mr Barber who has kindly volunteered his time but we would be keen to have other parents who have an interest in coding to join us. The club will be running on Thursday after school from 3:15-4:15 for 10 weeks. If you think you would be interest in volunteering, please pop in and see Mrs Pallôt or send her an email – <u>hpallot@perran-ar-worthal.cornwall.sch.uk</u>

TAKE NOTE OF THE DATE FOR THE CHRISTMAS LANTERN PARADE, FAYRE AND CONCERT – Please note that the date for the Lantern Parade has now been confirmed and will now take place on Saturday 15th December. The KS2 children will be involved in the parade and we hope, weather permitting, to parade across the village green towards the village hall where the parade will then be followed by a relaxed evening of musical performances involving the children singing, playing instruments and the adult choir who will perform a few songs that will hopefully



encourage everyone to sing along to. The Christmas Stalls will then be open for business and the evening will include the obligatory mince pie and mulled wine. Hot dogs will also be on offer! More information will be sent out closer to the date but please see a note at the end of this newsletter from the secretary of FOPS for more detail...put the date in your diary!



KEEP THOSE EMPTY 4 PINT BOTTLES ROLLING IN!

- Please keep on collecting your empty four-pint milk bottles (with lids) and bring them in to school for Puffins where Mrs Philp and Mrs Trembath have now started creating something rather special! (no peeking allowed!) However, many, many, more empty milk bottles are needed to complete this major creation! Only the 4 pint (empty and washed) milk bottles are needed please. If you could also remove any labels, that will also help speed up the process for our two creative ladies. Thank you!

GOVERNOR UPDATE - Welcome to the first of our Governor updates, a short article each half term to keep you informed of what the board is currently working on.

By way of introduction - the full board is made up of 12 members and each of us also sits on one of the two main sub-committees, 'Curriculum' or 'Finance, Personnel & Premises'. We meet up twice every half term.

Wondering what the role of the Governing board is? Here are our three core functions (according to the official literature!):

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of the staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent. As a new parent governor, I am still finding my feet and soaking up lots of new information. Each two-hour meeting usually has a very full agenda. Here is a snapshot of what we have been up to for the first half of Autumn term:
- Review the final draft of the School Improvement Plan for 2018-19
- Annual review of the Policies on Governance available on school website
- Approve funding to improve the Key Stage 1 outdoor learning area
- Allocate 'responsibilities' to individual governors eg. 'Health & Safety Chris Anderson', 'Science -Ben Holt'
- Attend Governor training sessions run by Mrs Edwards (Maths Mastery) and Mrs Heffer (Data Analysis)

- Organise school visits by Governors so that we can monitor implementation of the school strategy & build an understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses
- Receive the headteacher's report on the Summer term
- Approve performance-related staff pay awards

That is just a taster of what goes on and we look forward to keeping you up to date with more as the academic year progresses.

Mike McCandless

CHILDCARE FOR FORTHCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS – Below are the dates already booked in the school diary with GoActive Holiday club. We hope that providing these dates earlier will give parents, needing childcare, more time to book in advance. These clubs will only run if the numbers are high enough.

December 2018 Thursday, 20th January 2019 Thursday the 3rd

February 2019

- Tuesday 19th
- Thursday the 21st

April 2019

- Tuesday 9th
- Thursday the 11th
- Tuesday the 16th
- Thursday the 18th



RAK club: Thomas Penna has nominated Morgan Willey for helping him after he had finished his maths. Noah Farrell has nominated Taro Symons for going down to the field after cross country to get his hat. Thank you Morgan and Taro for being great Kindness Ninjas!

Mrs Pallôt has nominated Noah Dunnett for offering to swap seats during the drumming demonstration so that another pupil could have a better view.

Team Point Winners: Well done to Willow McCandless, Tallulah Tidman and Myah Peters for earning 50 Team Points and their bronze certificate.

Library Competition Winners :

Current librarians Isla, Emelie and Beth asked everyone to design a book cover and give it a title. They had over 30 entries and the winners are KS1 Lola Shelton with runner-up Skyla Symons and in KS2 winner Amelia Vincent with runner-up Theo Michell.

Winners were able to choose from a choice of brand new books and the runners-up from a choice of Roald Dahl books. All winners are on display on the library noticeboard.

FOPS : Please note the next FOPS meeting will be next Thursday, 15th November at 7:30pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – we aim to stick to these dates but will let you know if any changes have to be made.

- Thursday, 29th November: Lantern Making (tbc)
- Monday, 3rd December: Tree Decorating Service 2pm
- Friday, 7th December: Festive Film Night
- Tuesday, 11th December: KS1 Nativity
- Saturday, 15th December: Lantern Parade, Community Christmas Concert and Christmas Fayre
- Monday, 17th and 18th December: KS2 Christmas Plav
- Wednesday, 19th December: Christmas Parties
- Thursday, 20th December: INSET DAY GOACTIVE HOLIDAY CLUB WILL RUN ON THIS DAY AT SCHOOL
- Monday, 7th January: 1st day of Spring Term
- Friday, 11th January: WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP TO EDEN
- Monday 18th February to 22nd February: HALF TERM
- WB 4th March: Spring Term parental consultations
- WB 18th March: Cornwall Music Festival Week
- Friday, 5th April: Last day of Spring Term
- Tuesday, 23rd April: 1st day of Summer Term
- Monday, 6th May: Bank holiday
- WB 13th May: YEAR 6 SATS WEEK
- WB 13th May: WALL Festival week
- Monday, 27th May to Friday 31st May: HALF TERM
- WB 10th June: Summer term parental consultations
- Monday, 1st July: Year 5 and 6 CAMP MEETING for parents and pupils
- Wednesday, 3rd July: SPORTS DAY
- Wednesday, 10th July: RESERVE SPORTS DAY
- Wednesday, 10th July and Thursday, 11th July: School Production
- WB 15th July: CAMP WEEK
- Wednesday, 24th July: Leaver's assembly and last day of term
- Thursday, 25th July: INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)



NOTICES:

Do you have a favourite computer game? Would you like to learn how to make your own computer games? At Falmouth Art Gallery, the staff there will be running a free Code Club fortnightly open to all ks2 children. Something new and exciting! Where: Falmouth Library When: Alternate Saturdays from 17th Nov 1-2pm Contact: Learning@falmouthartgallery.com or just drop into the library.



Perranwell Parent & Baby, Toddler Group

Weekly sessions run by local parents - Come along to Perranwell Village Hall on Tuesday mornings from 09:15 (doors open at 09:00) - term time only for;

Playtime with lots of toys suitable for babies and toddlers Structured activity from biscuit making to stamping and sticking!

Sing-alongs and dancing (obvs!)

Each session is £2 for the first child £1 for siblings this includes all facilities and a healthy snack! (hot drinks for parents) and sometimes we have CAKE! (\mathfrak{s})

First Session is FREE, no need to book, however if you want more information please contact Jenie Macindoe on 07890 322003

Messy Church is thinking about listening, and there will be a <u>free Advent Calendar for each child.</u>

MESSY CHURCH is an all-age **family** gathering with craft, games, songs, story and food, not like conventional church; that is partly why it's called "Messy". There is plenty of space for the energetic to run around, and we do not expect anyone to sit quietly when they are not in the mood.

The next gathering will be on **SATURDAY 10th November between 9.30 and 11.00 at All Saints Church, Killigrew Street, Falmouth**. We will start at 9.30 with **breakfast** and then there will be games and activities, followed by a story and songs. Everyone is welcome and **we would be delighted to see you**. All children must be accompanied by an adult please. Messy Church is free, but donations are very welcome.

For more information see <u>www.messychurch.org.uk</u> or find us on Facebook.com/Falmouth Messy Church .

Perran-ar-Worthal C.P. School 'Christmas Cracker' Saturday, 15th December Perran-ar-Worthal Village Hall 5.00-7.30pm Come and join us for a Magical Lantern Parade § Community Carol Concert followed by the Christmas Fayre Entry - Adults £3.00, children free! Entry includes a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie. Other refreshments will also be available Before and after the parade and concert there will be a selection of stalls selling Christmas crafts & gifts Luxury Hamper raffle prizes, tickets available to purchase in advance from the school office, the local shop and the Royal Oak & on the door