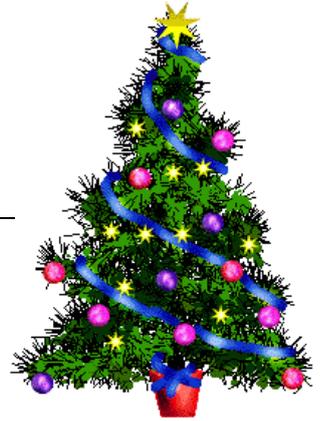


**A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER**

**This week our focus has been on 'HARVEST' and now CHRISTMAS IS COMING!!!**



**THE PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA !**

This year the Infant Nativity is having a major change of direction and we are very excited about getting you all involved in helping to make it extra special. This year we are combining the Infant Nativity with our own Perran-ar-Worthal lantern procession, Christmas Fayre and community singing event! Yes! This is going to be a major undertaking and we need all hands on deck to help us make it the success we know it can be. We are hoping to grow this event annually to eventually involve the whole village if possible. However, this year we plan to start small and just stay within the school grounds. To prepare for this extra special event, which will take place on the evening of **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December** (exact start time to be confirmed), we would welcome your help with the following:

**KS2 LANTERN MAKING** - All KS2 children, in family groups, will have a day (possibly two) of making lanterns, much like the lanterns the school children make for the City of Lights procession in Truro. This will involve a busy day in the school hall bending withies into themed shapes and covering them in the special translucent paper. We will need as much help as possible for this so if you are keen to get involved then make sure you come dressed in old clothes and old shoes as you are likely to get a bit sticky! The children will get to take their lanterns home at the end of the procession which will form part of the Infant Nativity scene on the night. We are planning on making the lanterns throughout the day on **Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> November and possible on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December** if we need an extra day to finish them.

**INFANT NATIVITY** – We are hoping, weather permitting, to do the procession outdoors in the school grounds (we are even looking into the possibility of a live nativity animal scene!) and we will need help to decorate the playground with lights and a magnificent outdoor Christmas Tree. The lantern procession will follow the Infant Nativity from one scene to another around the school grounds and communal traditional carols will also form part of the Nativity play – yes, you will have a chance to star in your child's Nativity! We will of course need help with costumes and there are plans for an outdoor BBQ, hot mulled wine and mince pies. Well, it wouldn't be Christmas without mince pies and mulled wine, would it?!

**CHRISTMAS FAYRE** – After the Nativity, the Christmas Fayre will be officially opened and stalls will be set up in the classrooms ready and waiting for everyone to come inside to enjoy the rest of the evening visiting a range of stalls selling beautiful crafts, Christmas cards, cakes, scholastic books, tombolas and much more. A wonderful way to start your Christmas gift shopping and get into the spirit of the festive season. Santa's grotto will also be available for the children and help to decorate this special room will be needed. So if you are a Christmas enthusiast, would like to decorate a grotto, have crafts to sell or would like to help run a stall with a friend then let us know!

**CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA WORKING PARTY NEEDED** – If you are keen to get involved in the spirit of Christmas and would like to help us prepare for this major event, then we are having a meeting at school on **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 6pm** to have an initial planning session and gather as many ideas as possible. Come along and bring a friend – grandparents, aunties and uncles are also very welcome to get involved. If you are not able to make this planning meeting but would love to get involved, then please let Miss Braddon know how you are able to help and we will be sure to track you down and get you involved in the process along the way.

***We look forward to sharing the excitement of Christmas with you!***

**LIVELY SONGS TO CELEBRATE HARVEST** – Yesterday, the hall was full to bursting with parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles who came along to share in our harvest celebration. Songs about Big Red Combine Harvesters and poetry about a Fruit and Vegetable Fashion Show were just a couple of items on the programme. It truly was a joy to see all our children from as young as 4 right up to our Year 6 pupils, giving their all singing with gusto with lots of actions to bring the songs to life. As always, audience participation was also part of the programme and what a fantastic job the grown-ups did! The staff didn't hold back either! A wonderful afternoon of joyous celebration was had by all. We would like to thank you all for your very generous donations of food and produce. The Food Bank are always very grateful for the support our school gives at this time every year. The auction of produce had many people bidding for the wide range of yummy home made jams and cakes and home grown veg. An amazing £168.80 was collected during the auction, all of which will go towards Shelter Box. Thank you.



**A FAMILIAR FACE AT THE FALMOUTH ART GALLERY** – Last Friday, as part of the Fab Friday rolling programme of enrichment curriculum activities, Mrs Teasdale took the Year 5 pupils to the Falmouth Art Gallery. However, the children were not aware until later that a special visitor would be spending the afternoon with them. Mrs Teasdale had secretly arranged with Mrs Lea for her to come along to spend the afternoon at the art gallery with the children. The children were delighted to see Mrs Lea, who arrived ready for action wearing her Fab Friday T-Shirt with pride. A wonderful afternoon was had by all with our superb Sister Act!



**THE STAFF ARE GETTING READY FOR THE QUIZ NIGHT – ARE YOU?** – Are you a keen quizzier and have a good general knowledge or just fancy a night out with a glass of something comforting to wash down a baked potato and chilli supper? Then **Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>** is the night for you! Our fund raiser quiz night is back by popular demand and the staff have already started swotting to make sure they do better than they did last year! We look forward to seeing you **in the school hall at 7pm** for a night of deep thought and deliberation.

**YOUNG WRITERS** – Last year’s Kingfishers entered a competition where they had to write a short story with the theme ‘Crazy Creatures’. The following children have had their Crazy Creature mini sagas chosen for publication: Maia Rowe, Georgia Murphy, Ellowen Marven, Lewis Hamilton, Isla Cameron, Charlotte Best, Rosie Lawrence, Isla Cameron, Sapphire Bennett, Edie King, Flo Archer-Cairns, Katy King, Lola Guinchard, Liberty Dingle, Sophie Woodrow, Charlie Long, Samuel Kneebone, Josh White, Jessica Lord-Perry, Charlie Munro, Noah Dunnnett and Courtney Saayman. Well done to you all!

**REMEMBER...WE ARE GOING PAPERLESS AFTER HALF TERM!!!** – This week will be the last paper copy of the newsletters to be sent out in satchel post. Please can we remind you to ensure we have your most recent email address for us to send the newsletter to. Thank you.

**Year 6 Secondary Transfers** – If you have not yet applied for your child’s transfer to secondary school, the closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

**Tempest photograph orders** – Orders need to be returned to the school office by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November with your cheque payable to Tempest Photography. If you miss this deadline, you may post your order direct to Tempest but this will incur a £4 postage/late payment fee.

**Vision Screening for Reception children** – Children in reception will have their vision checked on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**. The ‘child health checks at school’ booklet was sent home with children in September. Children will receive vision screening in Reception, hearing screening in Y1, and height and weight checks in Reception and Y6. Please read through the booklet and if you are not happy for your child to take part in the screening when the nurse comes in to school, please complete and return the green front page. If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Braddon in the office. Thank you.

**RAK CLUB NOMINATIONS** – Thomas Penna has nominated Morgan Willey for offering to share his snack with him. Sophie Woodrow has nominated Harry Baker when she saw him give a football to another child to help cheer them up. Well done to our Kindness Ninjas!

**THIS WEEKS TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS-**

BRONZE CERTIFICATE WINNERS: Noah Rawlings, Isla Ashton and Amelie Grose  
Well done to you all!

**HAVE A WONDERFUL HALF TERM.**

**We look forward to having you all back with us on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October.**