

A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

**GOVERNORS VISIT TO SCHOOL** - On Monday and Tuesday Philippa Laval and John Harvey visited our school to see how Maths and English are being taught and talked to the children about their work. Both thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

**FABULOUS CHRISTMAS TREE** - On Monday we had a full house when we decorated our lovely Christmas tree. Thank you to all the children who put such efforts into creating their fabulous decorations making our Christmas tree a sight to behold. Thank you for all the support from parents and grandparents who were able to attend and join in with our carol singing to mark the beginning of our festivities. A big well done also to our bell ringers who played 2 Christmas carols beautifully, to the delight of the audience. Thank you to Janet from St Piran's church for her time and effort with running the bell ringing club after school on a Friday.

**WHAT A PERFORMANCE!** - On Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November, the school choir wowed their audience when they took to the stage with the Truro Male Voice Choir at the Perranwell Village Hall. If you didn't get a chance to attend then there will be another opportunity for you to hear our wonderful choir sing in Truro Cathedral on December 17<sup>th</sup> between 6.30pm and 6.55pm. We are so very proud of the achievements of our school choir and look forward to many more high profile concerts to come. Well done to all!

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** - On Sunday at 9.30 a.m. the Christingle Service will be taking place at St Piran's Church. This is a lovely service specifically designed for the children. All are welcome. We only hope that there will be enough oranges to go around! Please will all children attending, wear school uniform - they will probably sing a couple of songs that they know very well as part of the service.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY – MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER** - Staff have decided that it would be much easier for the class Christmas parties to take place on the same day - please can we ask your children to bring a plate of food to share (no nuts please). Children are welcome to wear party clothes for the whole day.

**EDUCATIONAL WELFARE OFFICER VISIT** - On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) made her termly visit. We are pleased to say that our children's attendance overall is above the national average – however she is closely monitoring those children that fall below 95%. If you feel your child falls below 95% and you have concerns please don't hesitate to come and speak to either Mrs Read or Mrs Heffer. All schools are expected to monitor attendance and lateness very closely and to provide reports to the EWO regularly.

**Music Tuition:**

Miss Sampson (keyboard and woodwind) and Mrs Sibley (guitar) have now finished their lessons for the term. Ms Munns (brass) has 1 more week to cover – so children in her group will need to bring their instruments as usual next week.

**Miss Mackie** - will be leaving us at the end of this term. Children will be saying their goodbyes to her on her last assembly on the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to make a donation towards her leaving gift, please pass it into Mrs Read in the school office. All parents and previous pupils are invited to come along and say a fond farewell to Miss Mackie at the end of the day - we are sure she would love to see you all again.

**Sports Update:** Great performances from the netball and football teams this week, a 9 - 2 victory for the netballers and a 1 - 1 draw for the footballers. We have also heard that the Year 5 boys won their competition at the Swimming Gala earlier this term. They will go on to represent all the primary schools in our area - a fantastic achievement boys and good luck! *Mr Head*

**No hot lunch on last day of term** – On 19<sup>th</sup> December, we will be having our annual ‘Christmas Party Lunch.’ This means that all children in KS2 (Starlings, Kingfishers, Swifts) will need to bring in a packed lunch as there will be no hot lunches cooked on this day.

Children who receive free school meals and all children in KS1 (Robins and Puffins) are entitled to receive a lunch on this day, and so Mrs Reeves will therefore be offering a packed lunch to all children who require one. Rather than sending home a form for parents to complete to order a packed lunch, please would any parent that would prefer to provide their own party lunch either complete and return the slip below, or pass a message on to Mrs Read in the office. Thank you.



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**CHRISTMAS PARTY LUNCH – FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
(children receiving Free School Meals – and children in KS1)**

My child ..... (name) will be bringing in her / his own party lunch and will not require a school lunch on 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Signed .....

(alternatively, please ring the school office on 01872 863004, or leave a message with Mrs Read by Thursday 11th).

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**FOPS**

**Christmas Raffle**

Tickets are now on sale for the FOPS Christmas Raffle (children will be coming home with a book of tickets). Once again we have lined up some great prizes including A Family Ticket to Eden, A voucher for The Royal Oak, A voucher for Vanilla, Tickets for a show at The Falmouth Pavilions and much more.....

Thank you to those that were able to donate or secure such fab prizes. All monies and tickets to be returned to Mrs Read in the office by the 16th December please. The draw will take place on the last day of term. This is FOPS only Christmas fundraiser this year and as always your continued support is greatly appreciated.

**Good Luck Everybody !**

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.*

**Celebration Assembly:** Well done to Flo Archer-Cairns, Charlie Munro, Merryn Grosvenor, Lily Roe, Ellie Jamieson, Toby Piper, Jasmine Tyer-Scott, Opal Perkins, Sonny Church, Sapphire Bennett, Edie King and Pierce Ford for reaching 50 points, and to Alex Teff for reaching 100 points. They were all presented with their certificate in assembly this morning.

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**Kingfishers** Before we get completely absorbed by Christmas festivities...

A highlight of the term was our trip to RCM Truro for a workshop about the Ancient Greeks. Thank you to parents who were able to support us with transport and for FOPS generous donation covering the museum costs. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and impressed me with their work. Here are some of the recounts:

#### **Kingfishers' exuberant trip to the Royal Cornwall Museum**

This morning I woke up in my bed with a shiver running down my spine. So when the bus came I leapt on and sat with my partner. After a couple of minutes we arrived at the Museum when we stepped through the large red door we hanged our bags on a metal hook then we sorted our self into two groups so we set off to our rooms. With our groups we strolled up the stairs then sat on the Navy blue carpet and when we had got comfy as a koala in a tree, she chucked us some gloves so we slid them on our hands after all of us had done that she handed out some Greek pottery the fashionable colors were orange and black, the orangey color is the iron in the clay the black is wood ash stain .

After we had heard all of the interesting facts we switched over groups and it was time for us to make clay tiles to make them you roll out the clay until it was all the same level then you grab a template and with a cocktail stick you carve the edges off so you should get a nice shape of an ancient Greek pot with a pretty design which can copy on with a stick .We all had an epic morning.

By Maddy Wilson and Hannah Bennett

Yesterday I went to school in no uniform because the school was raising money for children in need. We also went on a school trip to the Royal Cornwall Museum. Mr. Head put us into partners I was with Jess.

Jess and I went in the mini bus to get to the museum. When we arrived at the Museum we found out that we were early so we had to sit down and wait for the Museum to open. After we had waited we got told to go into groups we chose to go into groups of boy`s and girl`s. The lady`s came downstairs and introduced themselves to us they were called Luanne and Susan.

First the girls went upstairs and looked at some Greek Pots. Some of them were replicas, one of the pots was found under the sea in some sand. The one we held was 2500 years old, it had barnacles all over the pot it was looked after very well.

We went down stairs and made our Greek pot tiles. On mine it had horse's to make the horse I used a cocktail stick and a template of a pot to make the shape of a pot. When we had finished our tiles we went to have lunch my lunch was yummy. Sadly we had to leave the museum. IT WAS EPIC!!!!!!!!!!

BY ELEANOR BRAY AND JESS ROWE

### Kingfishers at the Royal Cornwall Museum

Today was the exiting day at the phenomenal Royal Cornwall Museum. First of all we hopped on the ice white mini bus. While the large vehicle was carefully reversing out of the tiny car park.

Finally we got to the old museum, first we were split into active groups of our choice witch was boys and girls. First the girls went to the room upstairs where we learnt about Ancient Greek archaeology, which was extremely fascinating.

After that we went to the artistic clay making group, where the lady carefully showed us how to make our own clay Replicas of ancient Greek pots.

I put a livid Minator filled with rage, on my finally we had our delicious lunch and zoomed back to school. I loved the exiting trip and learnt a lot. By Zane and Lily.

On Friday 21st November Kingfishers had a great trip to the museum to learn about the ancient Greeks. First we hopped into the minibus and Mrs. Heffer drove straight to the museum and we were there really quickly. Everyone was so excited as it was our first trip this school year.

We had a quick snack and then got into two groups. Not surprisingly the girls chose to go in one group and the boys went in the other. The group I was in looked at various pieces of ancient Greeks pottery that the Greeks used in day to day life and they had really complicated patterns. The lady said that you colour the clay by using different types of soil.

Next we made ancient Greek pottery. It was really fun. One of the fantastic members of the museum staff taught us how to make tiles in the shape of different types of pots used. We carved on Greek gods and goddesses with cocktail sticks although some people didn't. It was really sticky.

Soon it was time to go and as people say time flies when you're having fun it really did. We hopped back on the minibus we headed back to class.

When we were back we were all talking about it. We hope we can do other fun trips like it.

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