

**A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER**

The focus this week has been on 'REMEMBRANCE'. There will be a remembrance service by the war memorial in Perranwell on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> November.



**QUIZ NIGHT TONIGHT!!!** – We look forward to seeing you all at the fund raiser quiz night at school tonight starting at 7pm. For £7.50 entry on the door, you will not only be able to join in the fun and exercise your brain cells, but also enjoy a delicious baked potato and chilli supper. Don't forget to bring your own choice of beverage and a snack or two to enhance your thinking skills! The staff team have been limbering up (revising) and are ready for the challenge....are you? See you there!



**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP?** – If you can spare some time to help us with the preparations for our Big Christmas Extravaganza then please don't forget to sign up on our help sheet which is on display in the Reception area by the office. Thank you for your help.



**CHILDREN IN NEED** –To support this worthy cause we are inviting children to wear a spotty item e.g. scarf, hair clip, socks, gloves, hat, leggings, trousers etc as part of their Fabulous Friday uniform on **Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November**. Any donations for Children in Need can be handed into the office or to your child's class teacher. We will let you know how much is raised in next week's newsletter.

**MULTI ACADEMY TRUST** – Thank you to those of you who were able to make the consultation meeting this week. If you were unable to make the meeting, the document outlining a range of questions and answers that was issued on Monday evening is available on the school website on the parent help page. There is also an opportunity to meet with Marie Hunter and myself to discuss any further questions you may have on **Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> November**. Two discussion sessions will be held in school on this date. The first session will be held from 2.30pm to 3.15pm and the second session from 3.30pm until 4.15pm. It would be helpful if you

could let the office know that you wish to attend one of these sessions to enable us to have the right space available for the number of parents that may wish to attend. Thank you.



On Tuesday the **Educational Welfare Officer** visited the school to discuss pupil attendance and discuss any pupils whose attendance was falling below 90%. Please be aware that if your child's attendance is slipping below this percentage the school is expected to monitor your child's attendance carefully. It is likely that a letter will be sent to those parents where attendance is

becoming a concern.

**PARENTAL CONSULTATION MEETINGS** – We hope you have all had the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher this week to discuss progress and look at their work books. If you would like further ideas on how to continue to support your child at home, please ensure you take a moment to check out our new English and Maths Information pages which can be found on the curriculum page on our school website. Don't forget to let us know if there is anything else you feel would be a useful addition to these pages. We welcome your ideas! Thank you.

**HELP NEEDED IN THE GROW ZONE!** - We have been very busy in the grow-zone clearing up and the adults have been chopping down or pruning the bushes . We have more to do if anyone feels they would like to help next Wednesday 3.00 - 4 pm . Bring thick gloves and secateurs as we need to tackle the brambles and hedges next. We also need help disposing of all the materials we have chopped down . We have the offer of one trailer but if anyone can help please let me know as there is a lot to dispose of.

Lisa Waters



**WE NEED WELLIES PLEASE!** - Plea for small size wellingtons Size 9.

Size 10 and size 1 has anyone got any they no longer need?

Also waterproof trousers your child has grown out of.

Thank you for all donations so far they have proved very useful.

Lisa Waters .

**WHOLE SCHOOL VISIT TO THE EDEN PROJECT** – Arrangements for our trip to the Eden Project on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January** have now been finalised, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank FOPS for kindly agreeing to subsidise the cost of the activity. We have booked an ice play session for KS1 children during the morning and ice skating for KS2 during the afternoon. We will also be visiting the biomes. Letters will come home with children in the next few weeks with more information and consent forms. If any DBS checked volunteers would like to come along, please speak to Miss Braddon for more info!

#### **CERTIFICATE WINNERS -**

**BRONZE CERTIFICATE WINNERS:** Eliza Nicholls, Dylan Barker, Sol Guimaraes, Sophie Woodrow, Rosie Lawrence, Kiera Peters, Grace Macindoe, Flora Clark and Flo O'Neill

**SILVER CERTIFICATE WINNER:** Cara McCandless

Well done to you all!

**PHONICS** – 100% of pupils who took the Year 1 phonics screening assessment last summer reached or exceeded the pass mark, placing the school amongst the top 3% in the country. Below is a copy of the letter we received. Well Done!



**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**  
Minister of State for School Standards

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23 October 2017

Dear Mrs Heffer,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2017 phonics screening check.

Early fluency in decoding is a necessary first step in acquiring the key skill of reading. There is a substantial body of evidence demonstrating that systematic phonics is the most effective method for teaching children to read. We want to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics, which is why I was delighted to see your results. With 100 per cent of pupils at Perran-Ar-Worthal Community Primary School reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top 3 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

Your success in teaching phonics means your pupils are developing a firm foundation in reading, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you for your work in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

## FOPS UPDATE

**REMINDER!!! Tonight is QUIZ NIGHT, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm onwards, £7.50 per person, tickets sold on the night.** Thank you to everyone that has so far returned team details and food orders to the school office. There will be plenty of chilli and potatoes available, so if you can make it this evening, don't panic; you won't starve! BYO refreshments and nibbles, winning team prizes and a raffle will be available. See you there!

**Christmas Fayre, Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December.** The fayre will officially open at approximately 6.45pm once the school nativity and lantern procession has finished (start time 6pm). There will be lots happening around the school including, meet santa in his grotto, lots of stalls where you can do some essential Christmas shopping, tombola, games, refreshments will be available to purchase, BBQ selling locally sourced quality hotdogs and burgers – always very popular, cake stall and lots more.

There will be an entry cost of £3 per adult, this will include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, there is no charge for the children to come along and there will be free squash and biscuits provided for them.

We would be really grateful if as many of you as possible could volunteer to help out on the night, as this is one of the busiest fund raising events that we organise each year. Please look out for a volunteer rota displayed in school reception, we will need help with refreshments, BBQ, covering the entrance doors selling tickets, tombola, setting up, clearing away, serving mulled wine/mince pies.

Thank you to everyone who has so far asked to have a stall at the fayre, if you haven't, please let Miss Braddon know - there is a small charge of £10 per table.

If you are about to make your Christmas cake, please can you make an extra one, any size, plain or decorated, these will be sold at the fayre.

We are planning to run a quality second hand toys and book stall, so if you are having a pre-christmas de-clutter, we would be grateful if you could bring items in during the week of the fayre.

Also, just in case we have bad weather on the day, we would like to borrow a few gazebo's or event shelters that can be put up in the playground – fingers crossed we won't need them? Please let Miss Braddon know if you are able to help. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend, Sarah McConnell, FOPS Secretary.