



A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

Welcome back to you all! We hope you had a lovely half term and I'm sure you'll agree the first week back has gone very quickly.

ARTISTS BRUSHES AT THE READY - This week we have seen the return on the Falmouth Art Gallery who have been working with our Robins on the theme of 'Blown Away'. The children had a wonderful day developing a range of skills to create stormy scenes on paper. Mrs Lea impressed her class with her IT skills using the new LED clevertouch interactive board to create a picture. The day was a huge success and the pictures the children produced showed real talent. Well done Robins! A big thank you to the Falmouth Art Gallery. Visit the Robins' class page on our website to see some examples of their wonderful pieces of art work.

SONGS TO LIFT RAISE THE ROOF – With the Cornwall County Music Festival fast approaching, the school has been filled with the sound of singing and poetry reciting. We now have no less than 59 pupils in our school choir and over 30 adults in our community choir. Both choirs will be competing in this year's festival and rehearsals are well underway. If your child has brought a choir letter home, please ensure they return the reply slip to the office as soon as possible, if they haven't already done so. Several pupils will also be competing in the solo competitions where they have chosen to either, recite a poem, sing a song or play an instrument. We wish them all the very best for their performance.

TECHNOLOGY! TECHNOLOGY! TECHNOLOGY! – We are thrilled to now have in place all the items purchased through the Belling Funding which our school successfully bid for last year. During the half term holidays, NCI installed 5 LED interactive clevertouch screens. Every class now has a quality teaching board with cutting edge technology. Staff are receiving training to enable them to use the boards to their full potential. The Puffins have already been seen testing their interactive pens on their board this week when using the programme called Hungry Bear to develop their subtraction skills. In addition to the Belling funding for the new screens, the funding also enabled the school to purchase a further 20 student laptops. As a result, we now have two mobile laptop units enabling two classes to have an IT lesson at the same time. We are very grateful to the Belling Trust for their support and look forward to their return visit where they will see how the new technology is making a difference.

READING RECORDS AT THE READY! – This week, we have issued all our KS2 pupils with newly designed reading records which we are trialling this half term. Reading is one of the most important skills for children to have as it enables them to gain better access to all areas of the curriculum. The children have been asked to try to get into the habit of bringing their reading records to school each day as these can then be used to refer to during guided reading or independent reading sessions. We hope that the information that is at the front and back of the reading records will provide parents with a greater insight into how to support your child when hearing them read at home. We would welcome any feedback. Please feel free to speak to your child's teacher if you have any comments or questions relating to the new reading records. Thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY – Next week the children will be given a World Book Day voucher to use against a purchase of a book at a local book store. The staff have decided due the short length of this half term, we will celebrate world book day in style after the Easter holidays. More information on that will be provided closer to the time.

ENTHUSIASTIC FOPS! – A great meeting was held last night where a good number of parents came to support this great fundraising group. Several ideas were discussed including the developing arrangements for the BIG VILLAGE FAMILY DAY as part of the Big Village Month. It was also agreed to hold the Easter bingo the week after the half term holidays to give more time to organise, what will no doubt be, a very popular family night. At the end of this half term, FOPS will be holding a fund raising film night for the children. More information on that will be sent out shortly. Many thanks to all who attended and for the continued support you offer the school and the children. FOPS would very much welcome any new parents who have not attended before. The next meeting will be held at the school at 7pm on Thursday, 23rd April.

We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible to help to begin to sort the arrangements for the big village family day.

MEDICAL FORMS! – Please could I remind parents that we cannot administer any medication without a completed medical form. These can be obtained from Mrs Read in the office. Thank you for your support with this.

PLEASE BE AWARE- We are concerned that some children have been seen running across the main entrance and car parking area - please can we ask all parents to be extra vigilant particularly at busy times, as we are concerned that there may be an accident.

Handbell Ringers - No club next Friday as Mrs Thomas is unable to be with us due to prior arrangements.

Fundraising for RSPCA - Eleanor, Jess, Ella, Hannah, Maddy and Lily from our Kingfishers class will be running a cake stall to raise funds for the RSPCA next Tuesday (3rd March) on the KS2 playground from 3.00 p.m. They would love to receive donations of cakes to sell and are hoping to see as many people as possible to help in their fundraising efforts. Good luck girls.

Change to lunch menu – To celebrate St Piran's Day – there will be pasties (traditional beef, or cheese and onion) for lunch on Thursday 5th March rather than the option shown on the menu for that day.

Music Tuition – letters were sent home on Tuesday to parents that needed a gentle reminder to complete and return the Cornwall Music Trust application form. These forms should be returned by post to Cornwall Music Service Trust, % Truro School, Trennick Lane, Truro. TR1 1TH – or online at www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org

Message from Jacqui Davey - *There is a meeting to discuss funding at the Village Hall @ 7.00 p.m. on 11th March - and the Playing Field Committee need as many people as possible to attend. Please do come along if you possibly can - your support is needed and will be very much appreciated. Thank you.*

Celebration Assembly

Well done to Valentina Thomson for receiving a Bronze, and Megan Ashton, Genevieve Pinnick, Sammy Beard, Shannon Hennessy, Edie King, Morgan Willey and Matt Marshall a Silver Certificate.