FRIDAY NEWSLETTER 9th October 2015



A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week's British Values focus has been MUTUAL RESPECT

'The more contact we have with one another and the more we come to understand each other's values, the greater will be our mutual respect.' Dalai Lama

GOVERNOR COMES FOR A SECOND VISIT – After an enjoyable morning's visit earlier in the term, Mr Phil Madeley came for a second visit on Monday afternoon to see the KS2 specialist teaching sessions in action. Mr Madeley enjoyed spending time talking to the children about their learning and saw how focused the children were during these afternoon sessions. We look forward to more governor visits throughout the year. The school values their support and commitment.

ROBINS SING THEIR HEARTS OUT – On Wednesday, the Robins had the whole school singing with one of their new songs that they have learnt as part of their music curriculum. The children shared their understanding of rhythm when tapping in time to a traditional song from a different part of the world. Well done Robins! We think your new song will become a firm favourite in our assemblies.

REVEREND DOM POPS IN TO SAY HELLO – On Wednesday, Reverend Dom, a newly appointed vicar in the parish, came to visit the school to say hello to staff and pupils. Rev Dom will be popping in to talk about his role within the church as part of our RE curriculum that covers Christianity. We are looking to invite visitors from other faiths and religion throughout the year to share their culture and beliefs to enhance our knowledge of and respect for world faiths.

CHAIR OF GOVERNORS CHECKS OUT THE CLUBS! — On Wednesday and Thursday this week, Mr Colin Bridges, our Chair of Governors, popped in to see the range of clubs that were on offer at the time. Mr Bridges saw a wide range of clubs on Wednesday with dodgeball in the hall, gardening in the grow zone, cooking in the staff room and recorder players in the corridors! Indeed, it was a hive of activity! On Thursday, Mr Bridges spent some time being impressed with the work the children have been doing in animation club. We are very grateful to the staff who run these clubs with such enthusiasm.

EXCITING TIMES AHEAD FOR FOPS – At the FOPS meeting last Thursday, there was a busy hum of excitement over ideas being shared for the forthcoming fund raising events (please see below). We are thrilled to see so many new members and look forward to more joining us at the next meeting which will be held on **Thursday**, **3**rd **November at 7pm at the school**. Come along and join in the fun!

POETRY RECITAL COMPETITION COMING UP! – As a way of giving the children a greater purpose for learning to recite a poem by heart as part of their home learning, there will be a competition running this term where pupils can choose to recite their poem to a carefully chosen group of adjudicators who will mark them on various skills such as, clarity of voice, projection, intonation, performance etc. The **KS1** competition will take place between **1pm and 2pm on Friday, 13th November** and the **KS2** competition will take place on **Friday, 20th November**. Our school librarians are already preparing letters to invite their guests to be adjudicators on the day. More information will be sent home about the competitions closer to

the date. This is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to develop their confidence in performance and speaking. We hope to see many pupils taking part.

OOPS! MATHS WORKSHOPS DATE CONFUSION! – Apologies to parents for any confusion caused by the final maths workshop date listed on last week's newsletter. Although this has now been amended on the newsletter posted on the website, the hard copies sent home listed Wednesday as the 23rd November. All four workshops will still run on Wednesdays. Just to confirm, the dates for these workshops are as follows:

Wednesday, 14th October 5.30pm to 6.30pm - Addition from KS1 to KS2

Wednesday, 21st October 5.30pm to 6.30pm – Subtraction from KS1 to KS2

Wednesday, 18th November 5.30pm to 6.30pm – Multiplication from KS1 to KS2

Wednesday, 25th November 5.30pm to 6.30pm – Division from KS1 to KS2

As a way of finding out how many parents may wish to attend these session, please could we ask you to complete and return the attached slip to the school office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

THE HARVEST FESTIVAL IS NEARLY HERE! – Just to remind parents that the harvest festival will be taking place in the school hall for all pupils on **Thursday, 22**nd **October at 2pm**. As in previous years, we ask if you would like to kindly donate any non-perishable items for the local food bank and any perishable goods or home-made produce to be auctioned off to help raise money for this year's chosen charity. We look forward to seeing you all there. Thank you.

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS – As you are already aware, the parental consultations will be taking place during the week beginning 9th November. Most of these meetings will take place over the Monday and Tuesday evenings. The lists for signing up for a time slot that suits you will be on display in the reception area outside the school office from Monday, 19th October. If you are unable to pop into school to sign up, please contact the school office as we understand it is difficult for some working parents to get to school at certain times of day. If you find that you are unable to make any of the time slots available, please speak with your children's class teachers who will do their best to find a mutually agreeable time.

We wish you a lovely weekend and hope the weather behaves for us all!

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Plea from Mr Anderson: 1) Any spare boys pants and socks will be gratefully received. Also, Playmobile or small world (wooden farm animals, hospital, police station, garage etc) that is no longer played with will be very much appreciated by Puffins class.

Year 1 Hearing Tests: Will be taking place during the morning of Wednesday 14th October. You will recall receiving the NHS older style 'opt out' version of the consent form in September 2014, when all parents consented to their child taking part in the hearing tests. If your child is found to have a problem with their hearing, a note will be sent home that same day and a repeat visit arranged.

Recorders: Message from Mrs Whomersley – she will be away on a course from Monday to Thursday next week, but will be in on Friday 16th if children are able to come then.

Little reminders:

- ** Year 6 transferring to secondary school: The deadline for applications is 31st October 2015. We understand that there are still 10 parents that need to apply for a place for their child.
- ** Children starting school in September 2016: The deadline for applications is 15th January 2016

Netball match report by Zoë Willcocks. We played Truro High school for girls. The score was 5:0 to them. Although we lost, we played really well and we are getting better as a team every week. Some injuries occurred but we all played very well. We shook hands at the end for good play. I'm very proud of my team and hope we win next week!

Football match report by Finlay Hudson. Perran-ar-worthal vs King Charles. We all played really well. We all did some great passes. Zane just hit the top of the cross bar. We gave it a hundred percent, we just need to pass the ball into the space. The score was two nil to them. Please remember to bring your kit back into school by Monday.



Celebration Assembly: The following children all received a Bronze Certificate in assembly this morning for achieving 50 team points. Very well done to you all. Oliver Ward, Jack Barker, Isla Cameron, Jack Matthews, Daniel Matthews, Flora Clark, Evie Dark, Genevieve Pinnick, Samuel Anderson, Ollie Parkes, Chloe Saayman, Jonty Bailey, Jake Mackrill, Eddie Legge, Morley Neale, Megan Ashton, Morgan Willey, Thomas Penna, Noah Reynolds, Millie Cunliffe.

FOPS Update!

Thank you to everyone that attended the AGM last week, it was lovely to see some new parents at the meeting. We are planning some exciting fund raising events, dates for your diaries are as follows:

16th October - Year 6 (Swifts) "Fun Friday Cake Stall" 2 - 2.30pm, please bring your cake donations to your classroom in the morning. Thank you!

- **3rd November** Next FOPS meeting, 7pm at School
- **6**th **November** Quiz Night, School Hall, 7pm. We have decided to repeat this again following the successful event last year, a fun evening's entertainment, £6 per person including a pasty. Please bring your own refreshments and nibbles for your team! Tickets will be on sale shortly.
- **4th December** Christmas Fayre, School Hall, 6pm-8pm. Stalls, music, Santa, refreshments, raffle and much more! Further information to follow.
- 11th December School Christmas Themed Film Night A different film will be shown in each classroom, wear your PJ's and bring a pillow! £2.50 per child, includes squash and snacks. Further details to follow!

5th February 2016 - School Disco – details to follow in the New Year!

If you would like any further information, please feel free to speak to

Rona King, Susie Matthews or Sarah McConnell.