

**A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER**

This week our focus has been on **SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS**



**A**bove are some of last year's tree decorations made by the children. We are looking forward to our 2018 Christmas Tree Decorating Service that will be held today at 2pm. Clearly, this annual tradition for Perran-ar-Worthal School cannot happen without a Christmas Tree and below you will see pictures of how many dads it takes to get a rather large Christmas tree through the front door of the school and upright in the school hall. A huge thank you to all the dads involved in helping to get the tree in position and a particular big thank you to Mr and Mrs Bailey for donating a tree again this year. They seem to be getting bigger each year!



The tree is in position ready for decorating! Thank you gentlemen for your perseverance! Your determination certainly paid off! We are now ready to launch the start of our festivities at Perran-ar-Worthal School.

**L**ANTERN MAKING ON A MAJOR SCALE! - Last week, over 80 pupils were involved in designing and making lanterns for the Christmas parade which will take place on Saturday, 15th December and will start at the school and move across the village green (weather permitting). A wide range of very creative shapes and sizes were created with the support of several parents and staff. A big thank you to all but a particularly big thank you to Jane Mitten who led the lantern making workshop for us. A fantastic day was had by all!



The morning was all about the designing and creating the structures. The afternoon was when the glue came out to play...and there was a lot of glue! Lunch had to be served in classrooms, which turned into a very social occasion which the children and staff thoroughly enjoyed! Mrs Pallot took on the role of trolley dolly with great style and finesse! A great day all round!



And so the gluing begins!



The finished results are stunning! All different and special in their own way. Well done to all involved. The children were an absolute joy to work with. Don't forget to come along to our parade to really see these wonderful lanterns in their full glory!

**S**HELTER BOX APPEAL! - If you haven't bought your Christmas cards yet then perhaps our Green Ambassadors can encourage you to add a greeting tag to our recycled Christmas Trees instead. They are inviting parents and pupils to donate the money they would normally spend on cards towards raising funds towards Shelter Box and then write your greeting on a tag which can be added to the two happy little drift wood trees sitting in our corridor in school. Anyone who wishes to donate towards shelter box is most welcome.



## BRONZE CERTIFICATE WINNERS THIS WEEK!

Jonty Bailey, Connie Preedy, Noah Butler, Toby Anderson, Isla Dark, Courtney Saayman, Oliver Cunliffe, Kai Baker, Tarloh Morris, Daniel Vincent, Harry Murphy, Leo Arthur, Rafferty Pinnick, Isla Cameron, Rosie Sells, Amelia Vincent, Charlotte Best, Rowan Searle, Sophie Holt and Dexter Scoltock.



Well done for getting 50 team points!



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## ISSUED READING THE DATES ON PREVIOUS NEWSLETTERS? SEE A FULL LIST OF IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS EVENTS BELOW

**Monday, 3rd December:** Tree Decorating Service 2pm (PLEASE ENSURE YOU BRING IN YOUR NAMED HOMEMADE DECORATION ON MONDAY MORNING)

**Friday, 7th December:** Festive Film Night at 6.30pm (A SEPARATE LETTER WILL BE GOING OUT NEXT WEEK LISTING THE FILMS ON OFFER)

**Friday, 7th December:** Wreath Making Night for Grown-ups in the school hall at 6.30pm (A SEPARATE LETTER WILL BE GOING OUT NEXT WEEK WITH ALL THE DETAILS)

**Monday, 10th December:** KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal (COSTUMES NEEDED FOR THIS REHEARSAL PLEASE)

**Tuesday, 11th December:** KS1 Nativity Matinee Performance at 1.30pm

**Tuesday, 11th December:** KS1 Nativity Evening Performance at 6.30pm

**Saturday 15th December: CHRISTMAS CRACKER EVENT!** To include the KS2 Lantern Parade, Community Christmas Concert and Christmas Fayre—Parade will start at 4.45pm (A SEPARATE LETTER WILL BE GOING OUT CLOSER TO THE DATE WITH MORE DETAILS)

**Monday, 17th December:** KS2 Christmas Play Matinee Performance at 1.30pm

**Monday, 17th December :** KS2 Christmas Play Evening Performance at 6.30pm

**Tuesday, 18th December:** KS2 Christmas Play Evening Performance at 6.30pm

**Wednesday, 19th December:** Christmas Parties for all pupils (PUPILS CAN COME INTO SCHOOL DRESS IN THEIR 'PRACTICAL' PARTY OUTFITS)

**Thursday, 20th December:** INSET DAY (school closed to pupils)

**Y**EAR 4 GO WILD FOR THE DAY! - On Fab Friday, our year 4 pupils, dressed in waterproofs and wellies, set off for a morning at Tomperrow. The children enjoyed a wide range of outdoor learning tasks before they had the chance to eat their own homemade vegetable soup. Mr Teasdale was very pleased to be invited along as self appointed chief soup tasting officer! A big thank you to Mrs Waters for organising another wonderful outdoor experience for the children and to Mrs Dunn for ensuring the soup making exercise was a great success!



**W**E'RE ALL AS SAFE AS HOUSES! - Last week, our Junior Health and Safety Officers conducted a Health and Safety check of the school premises accompanied by Chris Anderson (Health and Safety Governor) and Sonia Jenkins from Interserve. No stone was left unturned as the inspection team visited every classroom and outdoor space. A big thank you to all involved for their time and enthusiasm for their very important role.



### FOPS CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE!

On December, 15th at the Christmas Fayre, the raffle will be drawn. As in previous years, we are looking to create 5 festive hampers to be won on the day. In order to fill these hampers we will be holding a **non-uniform day on Thursday, 13th December** and ask that the children bring in a donation for their class Christmas hamper on this day. Please see below for the class themed hampers:

**PUFFINS— CHRISTMAS STOCKING FILLERS**

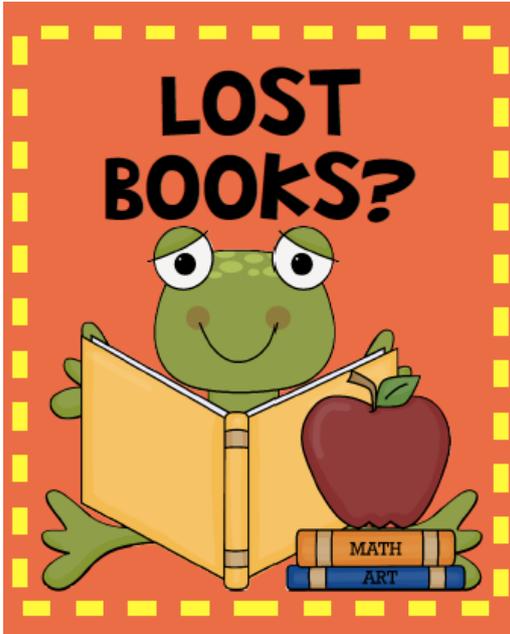
**STARLINGS— HIS PAMPER HAMPER**

**SWIFTS—XMAS TREATS**

**ROBINS—CHRISTMAS TABLE**

**KINGFISHERS—HERS PAMPER HAMPER**

***Thank you for your support!***



**LOST YOUR LIBRARY BOOK?** - It has come to our attention that several library books that have been returned have not been logged off the system which has caused some confusion and upset for pupils wanting to take books out when the system is not allowing them to do so....a classic, 'computer says no' situation! We understand that some books do go missing at home and in school and we ask that if this is the case then please let us know and we will try to help you locate it. However, we are sorry if you are someone that has returned a book that has not been logged off the system, as this can appear that the book has been lost. We will endeavour manage book returns and exchanges more effectively to avoid any further confusion. If a book has been damaged or lost at home, we are always happy to receive any donations of books that your child may not wish to read any more. In fact, any donations of good quality books that you no longer have a use for are always welcome to help keep our library shelves well stocked for the children to enjoy. Thank you.

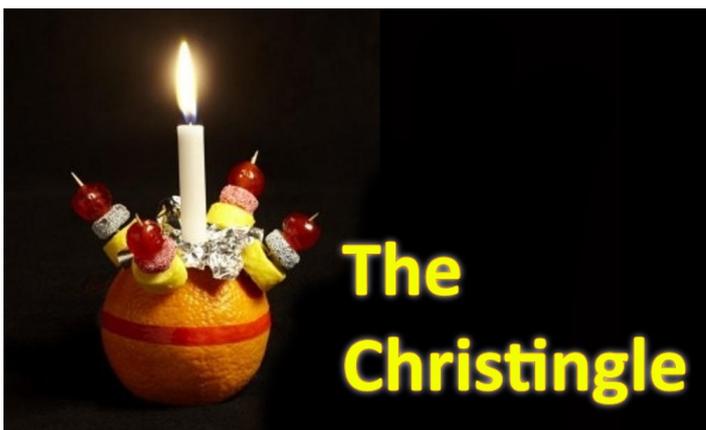
### **JUST A FEW REMINDERS!**

- The final cross country club will be on Friday, 7th December.
- It was the last Fab Friday for the Autumn term on 30th November. Please ensure your child wears normal school uniform for the remaining Fridays of this term.
- There will be a cake stall in aid of Shelter Box on Tuesday, 4th December. Please bring any donations of cakes to the school office.
- There will also be a cake stall on Tuesday, 11th December to continue to help raise funds for a new cooker. Again, any donations of cakes are very welcome and can be handed in to the office.
- **FESTIVE FILM NIGHT IS THIS FRIDAY!** £3 entry on the door. Please ensure your child has selected their film and returned the slip to the office before Friday.
- **WREATH MAKING NIGHT IS ALSO THIS FRIDAY!** £10 per head to include a glass of bucks fizz and a mince pie as well as the great company of other wreath makers.

Thank you!



**Y**EAR 6 SHOW THE YOUNGER CHILDREN HOW IT'S DONE! - Last week, our Year 6 pupils took their own learning to another level by teaching younger children in the school how to use the new maths programme TTRockstars. This new programme is capturing the interest of all our pupils where they can access the maths challenges at home and play against each other online in a safe cyber environment. A fun way to support maths learning. A big thank you to our Year 6 pupils who impressed staff with their patient and gentle approach to teaching the younger pupils in school.



## THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

ST PIRAN'S CHURCH

SUNDAY, 9TH DECEMBER AT 10AM.

This is a lovely family service where every child will have a Christingle to hold and take home as part of the service.

St Piran's Church look forward to seeing as many families there as possible.

## RAK CLUB NOMINATIONS!

Quilla's mum, Lucy Richards would like to nominate Indah Williamson for being extremely helpful and patient with her brother Bodhi when at chuckles , helping him to get his coat on as it was all inside out.

Mrs Deakin has also nominated Indah for helping Bodhi - Bodhi had hurt his knee at playtime and was upset in the dinner hall and was struggling to eat his food. When Indah came into the hall she was asked if she would mind giving Bodhi a cuddle to make him feel better and she did so which made Bodhi feel much happier so he went on to finish his dinner then went out to play with a smile.

Well done Indah for being such a caring big sister!

I would also like to nominate Indah.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you have time to spare on a Wednesday afternoon to help at the Health and Wellbeing Community Hub in Perranwell?

We need cheerful people to help with making tea, serving refreshments and chatting with our visitors and also drivers to pick up and take home our guests.

Please call Sue (07817303112) or Mary (01872 862801) for more information.

*(Please note: If you have an elderly relative who attends one of the local surgeries, they may benefit from attending The Hub each week. Please contact the Community Matron at Carnon Downs)*



## ST PETROC'S SOCIETY

Would you like to get involved in supporting St Petroc's Society? Then perhaps you may be interested in making up a shoe box containing, toothbrush, toothpaste, wet wipes and a bar of chocolate.

If you wish, you can also donate any mens/womens clothes/blankets/scarves/gloves/hats or any of the above items individually.

Any donations can be brought in to the school office for collection by Jayne Marsden on Friday, 14th December.

St Petroc's society thanks you for your support.

## Christmas is coming and Messy Church is thinking about Giving and Loving

**MESSY CHURCH** is an all-age **family** gathering with craft, games, songs, story and food, not like conventional church; that is partly why it's called "Messy". There is plenty of space for the energetic to run around, and we do not expect anyone to sit quietly when they are not in the mood.

The next gathering will be on **SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> December between 9.30 and 11.00 at All Saints Church, Killigrew Street, Falmouth**. We will start at 9.30 with **breakfast** and then there will be games and activities, followed by a story and songs. Everyone is welcome and **we would be delighted to see you**. All children must be accompanied by an adult please.

Messy Church is free, but donations are very welcome.

For more information see [www.messychurch.org.uk](http://www.messychurch.org.uk) or find us on Facebook.com/Falmouth Messy Church .

Dear Parent/Carer,

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Devon and Cornwall Police

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Thank you

Rachel Heffer  
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