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NEWSLETTER

18th January 2019



Last week's focus was on **KINDNESS AND THANKFULNESS**.



**A** **S IF WE'VE NEVER BEEN AWAY!** - Last week, the children started the new year and new term with focus and energy! It really was as if they had never been away! A busy start to the term with all pupils settling back into routine within minutes of being back in the building. What a great start to the Spring Term ahead. So after an exciting trip to Eden in our first week, what else does the Spring Term have in store? Below are just a few of the confirmed events we will be involved in leading up to Easter:

- ◆ **Book Week—week beginning 4th March**
- ◆ **Science Week— 9th March to the 17th March**
- ◆ **Cornwall Music Festival—18th March to the 23rd March**
- ◆ **Annual Spring Term Concert—date to be confirmed**

Below are some other confirmed dates that you may wish to add to your diary:

- ◆ **Dyslexia Information Presentation for Parents—31st January at 3.30pm**
- ◆ **Spring Term Parental Consultations—Week beginning 4th March**

**C** **ORNWALL MUSIC FESTIVAL**—Please note that a letter has already been sent home with details of this event and how to access the syllabus online if you wish your child to enter any solo classes. There is also information on the letter regarding the changes to the choir competition which has affected our entry this year. There is a reply slip attached to the letter that needs to be returned to the office **by 25th January**.

**D** **YSLEXIA INFORMATION PRESENTATION FOR PARENTS**—Please note that a letter with details of this event has also been sent home. This is a great opportunity to hear about what dyslexia is and how you or your child can be supported. This information session will also give you the chance to ask any questions. There is a reply slip attached to the letter to help give an indication of numbers that will be attending. Please note, there will be a crèche available for **school age children** of any parents wishing to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Governor Update January 2019

Last half-term's Governors meetings have, as usual, covered the wide range of issues that encompass running a school. The regular policy reviews and background work remain vitally important to ensure the school continues to have a stable and secure foundation, whilst allowing time to focus on specific issues being faced and the evolving strategies being employed within the school to build a cohesive approach to the children's education from Reception to Year 6 – no mean feat!

Of particular interest has been:

The introduction of Maths Mastery this year.

Consideration of the process and benefits to becoming a dyslexia friendly school.

Discussion over potential accreditation under the Artsmark Award, in reflection of the fantastic work evolving around Fab Fridays and throughout the curriculum.

Future changes with regards to OFSTED inspection regime, which is felt to place greater recognition and importance on non-academic activities taking place within a school, which is felt to be to our advantage!

Reviewing pupil attainment and, perhaps more importantly for Perran-ar-Worthal School, pupil progress by considering reports and statistics provided by central government, to identify areas of strength and weakness and to ensure the focus remains as agreed within the School Improvement Plan.

Engagement of an experienced educational consultant to critically assess and mentor the school, its governance, leadership, teaching and activities to ensure it continues to improve and better itself wherever possible.

On a more personal level, I have been particularly involved in various interesting issues:

Considering where we may wish to focus future finance, if available, to improve the fabric of the school, ahead of budget approval in the next few months.

Approval of funding to start the long hoped for improvement of the EYFS outside area.

Considering the formulation of a cohesive plan with regards to the general outdoor space at the school, to tie in with the fantastic funding being raised by FOPS/parents for the outdoor shelter.

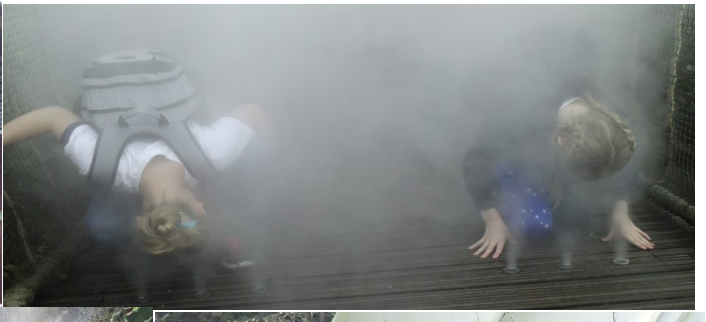
Looking at bringing together a number of important participants within the village and parents to identify whether we can reduce the risks associated from road traffic during the busy periods at the beginning and end of each school day.

Seeking assurances from Cornwall Council with regards to the stability of Interserve, the private company who maintain and control the school building under a county-wide PFI (Private Finance Initiative) scheme, and who have been reported as being in serious financial difficulty.

All the governors enjoyed the festive week(s), and look forward to supporting, questioning, challenging where appropriate and helping guide the school through 2019.

Chris Anderson (Parent Governor; Finance, Personnel and Premises Committee)

























**A** wonderful day out with great children and enthusiastic adults! Thank you to FOPS for the very generous donation of £850 towards the cost of our day out at Eden. Without your support through fund raising these events would not be able to take place. A huge thank you also to our many helpers who helped to keep all our children safe and happy during the day.

A busy day that clearly tired out our little ones!





### **BRONZE CERTIFICATE WINNERS THIS WEEK!**

Thomas Penna, William Neale, Kaia Warr, Morgan Willey, Genevieve Pinnick, Drew Wootton, Alex Teff, Jack Entwistle, Oliver Entwistle, James Ward, Amelie Grose, Ella Pipkin, Lilly-Grace Wherry, Emelie Blake and Violet Blackburn.

Well done for getting 50 team points!

### **SILVER CERTIFICATE WINNERS THIS WEEK!**

Willow McCandless, Flora Clark

Well done for getting 100 team points!



**R**AK club Nomination: The Green Ambassadors would like to nominate **Noah Farrell** for giving them each a recycled pencil make from old CD cases. What a wonderful way to show support for their eco-friendly work. Thank you Noah for your thoughtfulness and kindness.

### **Something for the grown-ups!**

#### **STEM Returners programme with Babcock in Plymouth**

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! We are currently sourcing candidates for the Babcock 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in April 2019 in Plymouth. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit [www.stemreturners.com](http://www.stemreturners.com) or email [hello@stemreturners.com](mailto:hello@stemreturners.com). More information on the programme is also available here:

<https://www.stemreturners.com/2018/12/20/babcock-seeks-stem-returners-join-career-programme-devonport/>

All the best

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## Perranwell Parent, Baby & Children's Group

# Tuesdays 9:15-11.15

(term time only)

Weekly sessions run by local parents – join us at  
**The Perranwell Centre (TR3 7JU, free parking)** for;

- ❖ Playtime with lots of toys suitable for babies through to pre-schoolers
- ❖ Messy/craft/sensory activities from biscuit making to bubble soup!
- ❖ Sing-alongs and dancing
- ❖ Healthy snack buffet

**Each session is £2 for the first child £1 for siblings** – this includes all facilities, snacks for children and a hot drink for parents.

**First Session is FREE**, no need to book, just come along. For enquiries please contact Jenie on 01872 863362





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Hello,

What is home to millions of species of wildlife, produces oxygen, and makes the rain fall in our gardens?

The answer: rainforest.

I am writing to you from Cool Earth, where we love the rainforest. We're a charity based in Penryn, and we work around the world with local communities to protect over 200 million trees.

But we need to do more. Around 100 football pitches of rainforest will be chopped down in the time it takes to read this.

To make a difference, we need your help. We love rainforest so much, that this Valentine's Day, we want to shout from the treetops about how important it is to save them..

This January, please let us know why you love the rainforest. Pick up a pen and write a love poem dedicated to rainforest wildlife. Paint a picture of the trees that you love. Or jot down a letter to the world, convincing them why we all need to take action today.

If you have time to write a love letter to the rainforest, we will share them on Valentine's Day, and let the world know just why we all love trees so much. Helping us to protect as much rainforest, wildlife and help more people than ever before.

Whichever way you do it, thank you for helping Cool Earth make a difference and shout our message from the treetops.

Best wishes  
Justine

Cool Earth Content Coordinator

## Messy Church is thinking about changing one bad habit

**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.

We will be having crafts and activities to make us appreciate the benefits of keeping things tidy and putting things away in the right place!

The next gathering will be on **SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> January between 9.30 and 11.00 at All Saints Church, Killigrew Street, Falmouth**. We will start at 9.30 with a healthy and delicious **breakfast** and then there will be games and activities, followed by an interactive 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 .

**HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!**