

A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER



NEW TEACHER APPOINTED FOR ROBINS – We are pleased to announce that we have successfully appointed a new teacher for our Robins, to start from September 2017. As you are aware, our amazing Mrs Lea will be retiring at the end of this academic year and finding a replacement was always going to be very difficult for us as a school. However, we have been very fortunate to find a very experienced and inspirational teacher who dazzled us at interview this week and who was a big hit with the children. Mrs Wendy Teasdale (see picture) who is at present, a teacher at Archbishop Benson School in Truro, will be joining our team. She will be popping in to spend more time with the children as the year progresses and will no doubt, become a familiar face at several of our forthcoming events between now and the end of term.



COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL ENTRIES – The children in the **choir** have been given lyrics to learn over the half term in preparation for the competition. If you can encourage your child to make sure they know their words before they return to school that would be most helpful. We have now received the times and dates for the competition entries. The choir will be performing on **Tuesday, 14th March at 9.30am**. They will be competing against 5 other schools as part of this competition. You may also be aware that we have decided to enter the whole of **Year 3** into the choral speaking this year and Mr Collett has been working very hard with the children to get them ready for the set piece they will perform. The choral speaking will take place on **Monday, 13th March at 2.35pm**. The Year 3 group will be competing against two other schools in this event. Pupils taking part in solo competitions or small groups will receive their dates and times for their performance on individual letters. Please could I ask that those competing in the individual poetry recital bring copies of their chosen poem to school after half term to enable us to work with them. A letter outlining any final arrangements for the competition entries will be sent out closer to the date. Thank you.

YEAR SIX ARE FULL STEAM AHEAD WITH THEIR PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT – As part of the work on Pupil Voice, our Swifts have been focusing, this term, on developing safer havens for birds, hedgehogs and fish by working on ideas on how to further develop the pond area. Their ideas include making shelters for small animals. With this in mind, some of our Swifts would like to put in a plea for some equipment that could be donated to help make their plans a reality. Please see below:

Please could anyone donate thin sheets of plywood, nails and string to help us with our project on making homes for birds and hedgehogs. Thank you from George, Ocean, Saul and Mawgan in Swifts.

PARKING ON THE ZIGZAGS – Having met with PCSO Fuller, we have now had it confirmed that **only one car displaying a disability blue badge** sign in their car window can park on the lower two zigzags where the white line runs adjacent to the pavement. We politely ask that this is respected by parents and the parking on any other part of the zig zag lines

outside the school gates can be a hazard for our children. To try to help ease the need for parking cars in the morning, we are also looking into possibility of creating a drop-off zone outside the school gates which will be manned by a member of staff each morning between 8.45am and 9am. However, we will inform you when this will begin as PSCO Fuller has kindly agreed to oversee the first day. We will inform you of when this will start. Thank you for your continued support with this.

JUNIOR HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICERS – Today you will notice that an application form has been attached for any pupils wishing to apply for the role of Junior Health and Safety Officer. We hope to see a number of applications to enable us to appoint 2 pupils from each class to carry out this very important role.

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS – Just a reminder that after half term there will be a list of times and dates for parents to sign against in order to see their child's class teacher to discuss progress. The parental consultations will take place during the week beginning February 27th.

HAVE A GREAT HALF TERM AND WE WILL SEE YOU ALL BACK WITH US ON MONDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY.

Gardening Club - A big thank you to all those who supported our GrowZone plant sale on Wednesday. We have sold all our planted daffodil bulbs and raised just over £22! We are planning to spend the money on seeds and plants for the Growzone. Thank you, Lisa Waters.

Outdoor Learning - We would be very grateful for any donations of waterproof trousers and Wellington boots that your children have grown out of. We are trying to build up a supply so that children can borrow on Fab Fridays if necessary. Many thanks, Lisa Waters.

Request from Chuckles - Please may we ask children not to tag along with the 'walking bus' on the way to and from school? Parent's help in mentioning this to children would be much appreciated. Thank you.

2 Changes to lunch menu:

On Monday 20th Feb the meat option will be sausages and potato wedges.

On Tuesday 7th March - Pasty lunch from Eden Foodservices to celebrate St Piran's Day.

FOPS quiz night Friday 24th February – Tickets are now available from the school office (more info below).

Celebration Assembly:

TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS FROM THIS WEEK –

Bronze: Oliver Persaud, William Mackrill.

Silver: Oliver Cunliffe, Theo Michell, Oliver Ward, Joshua White, Opal Perkins, Flo Archer-Cairns, Ruby Woon.

Gold: Mo Sterry, Amelie Grose, Anna Matthews, Rowan Macindoe, Florence Dodge, Jonah Hampton.

Medal: Morgan Willey, Isla Cameron, Barney Dunnett, Daniel Matthews, Holly Court, Flora Clark, Cara McCandless.

Badge: Hazel Richards, Miles Cameron, Kiera Peters, Thomas Penna

FOPS UPDATE

Quiz Night, 24th February, 7.30pm, School Hall: Just a reminder that tickets are available to purchase from the school office. £7 per adult, this includes a portion of meat or vegetarian chilli and a baked potato. BYO liquid refreshments and nibbles.

Bring your tickets with you on the night to collect your food. We are catering for 100, so please buy your tickets as soon as you can to ensure you don't miss out.

Get those thinking caps on, come along and enjoy a fun evening whilst also raising important funds for the school.

Have a lovely weekend! Sarah McConnell, FOPS Secretary