



#### A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week we have seen the launch of exciting class topics based on Cornwall's new Inspire Curriculum. The school is buzzing!

**SAMBA** - Yesterday, we could not have missed hearing the rhythmic beats of samba created by our Kingfishers and Starlings. The children amazed us with how quickly they adopted the complexity of playing a range of rhythms together as a group. It was clear to see from their reaction to the first session that samba will be a very exciting part of their week.

**CLUBS** - Next week clubs will start. A big thank you to all parents for returning the new style form and another big thank you to Mrs Read for collating all the information. We are thrilled to see so many children wanting to take part in the many clubs that are on offer after school. As a result of such high demand for these clubs, we have tried to extend the numbers where possible in some groups but this will not be possible in all as it will result in the club becoming difficult to manage and therefore the children will not enjoy the full benefit of what it can offer. We have given places on a first come first served basis. If your child has not managed to get onto the limited numbered list, we will ensure they are on a reserve list and will be given priority either after half term or next term. As mentioned in the clubs letter, there will be more clubs on offer during the course of the term and next term. We are at present in the process of confirming a time and day for a KS1 multi-skills club. We hope to send you details of this very soon.

**LIBRARY** - Our school library is now up and running and most classes have now received an hour of training from Mrs Jo Cameron on how to use the Junior librarian.net system. We have invited our Year 6 pupils to design a library card for the children to use. The winning design will appear on all the library cards issued to the children. Next week, we will inform you of whose design made it to print! We will also be inviting our Year 6 pupils to apply for the job of Junior Librarians which will be a big responsibility. The job description for this role will be shared with our Swifts next week. Don't forget that as from next week our school library will be open for book exchanges and shared reading time. The sessions will be run by Mrs Cameron every Wednesday between 3pm and 5pm. Please remember that any child attending must be accompanied by an adult. We would like to encourage as many of you as possible to enjoy the library with your children/grandchildren. We aim to launch the home access for junior librarian.net very soon where your children will be issued with their own login details to enable them to reserve books held in our library and read reviews and write book reviews of their own.

**MARTIAL ARTS** - We have received a request to have an after school martial arts club run by the Byrnes Martial Arts School. If you are interested in your child attending this club and would like to know more, we would like to welcome parents to see a demonstration that will be taking place in the school hall on Wednesday, 24th September at 2.30pm. Following the demonstration, letters will be sent home with any interested pupils for parents to read and decide if they wish to sign their children up for after school sessions.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!** - We have now finalised some of our forthcoming events dates which you may wish to add to your diary.

#### **INSET DATES:**

**Friday, 24th October 2014**

**Monday, 13th July 2015** - Sithian's Show date. We feel this would be a lovely day for all Perran-ar-worthal School families to enjoy and support a local event, if they wish to.

**Thursday, 23rd July 2015**

#### **EVENT DATES:**

Harvest Festival – **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October** at 2pm in the school hall

Christmas Tree Decorating Service - **Monday, 1st December** at 2pm in the school hall

KS1 Nativity for grandparents, KS2 and Pre school – **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December** at 2pm in the school hall

KS1 Nativity for parents – **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December** at 6.30pm in the school hall

KS2 Carol Service for grandparents, KS1 and Pre school – **Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December** at 1.45pm in the school hall

KS2 Carol Service for parents at St Piran's Church – **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 6.30pm at St Piran's Church

KS1 Christmas Party – **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 1.15pm in the school hall

KS2 Christmas Party – **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December** at 1.15pm in the school hall

Last Day of term - **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December** at 3pm for all pupils

You will notice dates for Christmas parties for the children, a tradition that we wish to begin this year as a way of saying thank you to the children for all their hard work and a way of enjoying the Christmas festivities together. More details of the arrangements for this will be sent to you closer to the date.

SAD NEWS - You may now have already heard the news that we will be saying a very sad farewell to Mrs Byers at the end of this term. Mrs Byers has been a wonderful part of Perran-ar-Worthal School for many years and it is not without much consideration that she has decided to retire at Christmas. We will be making her final day a special occasion which we will inform you of the details closer to the time.

SCHOOL CHOIR NEWS - I have had an overwhelming response from pupils wishing to join the school choir and I feel very excited about the term ahead. We have some exciting dates to work towards so please add them to your diary. On **Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> November** the children's choir have been invited to sing at the Perranwell Village Hall as part of the Truro Male Voice Choir Concert. The original date for this event was the 22<sup>nd</sup> but was changed to the 29<sup>th</sup> due to a clash with another event. Details of this concert will be sent out in due course. On **Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December** from 6.30pm to 6.55pm, our children's choir have been invited to perform in the Truro Cathedral during the late night shopping evening. We are very excited about being given the opportunity to sing in such a wonderful venue so don't forget to come along and enjoy our proud moment with us! Last year I took our choir to the County Music Festival for the first time. We have every intention of going again this year to continue to develop the children's confidence when performing and to hear other choirs perform. This event is only suitable for Year 2 pupils and above but our year 1 pupils will be able to take part the year after. The Music Festival takes place in March. Details of the categories for entry will be available in January.

Have a great weekend!

### **Requests for help from Mr Anderson (Puffins)**

*Plea number 1* Please could Puffins have any unwanted board games, lego, cars and jigsaw puzzles. Any donations for the children would be amazing.

*Plea number 2* Puffins need junk! In order to do junk modelling Puffins need junk such as cardboard boxes, bottle tops, pringle tubes and washed butter pots.

*Plea number 3* As we are learning about the three little pigs we would like to build a building site. Any donations of old workman gloves, hard hats, overalls would be greatly appreciated.

*Plea number 4* If your child has an item of play equipment (children's playhouse, tool deck, etc) that they no longer use – we would be very happy to find a home for it in our play area.

### **Music tuition commences next week –**

Monday 2.30 – 4.00 keyboard / clarinet with Miss Sampson

Thursday 12.45 – 3.15 guitar with Mrs Sibley

Brass, cello, double bass – still in discussion with music teachers – more info to follow.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – West Briton photographer** will be here to take 'first class' photographs of new children in 'Puffins'. Falmouth Packet were here on Wednesday – so keep an eye out for photo's within the next few weeks.