

## A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week our focus has continued to focus on RESPECT:



**ARTIST IN THE MAKING!** – On Friday, Mrs Lea and Mrs Trembath took the Year 6 pupils to the Falmouth Art Gallery as part of their Fabulous Friday art sessions for this half term. The children were given the opportunity to spend quality time looking at and talking about the wonderful range of artwork created using a range of printing and etching techniques. The workshop leader demonstrated how the various prints were created and the children then used the artwork on display to inspire their own sketches of ideas that will be used to create their own prints over the next few weeks. The behaviour of the pupils was exemplary....a group of children who were a pleasure to spend time with. Well done and thank you Year 6!

**PUT ON YOUR DANCING SHOES!** – The FOPS Fund Raising Barn Dance promises to be a fun family evening on **Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm** with a live ceilidh band, BBQ and bring your own liquid refreshments. However, tickets are selling fast so don't miss out on a great night! Tickets can be purchased from the school office for £5 for an adult and £1 for children. We look forward to sharing the dance floor with you all. Please could we remind you that all children must be accompanied by an adult to this event and they will be the responsibility of that adult throughout the evening. Don't forget to bring your favourite liquid refreshment to wash down those tasty burgers and hot dogs cooked by our dynamic BBQ Kings!

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY CHECK-UP!** – On Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November the Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) will be visiting the school as part of our termly 'check-up' to discuss pupils whose attendance has dropped below 95%. Where pupils have dropped below 90% this triggers closer scrutiny by the EWO. The school would like to ensure parents are aware of the implications of low attendance where ongoing concerns will often result in the EWO becoming more involved with the family to ensure any child with a low attendance is supported to improve their percentage. Research shows that low attendance has a negative impact on a child's progress. During your parental consultations this week, the class teachers will share your child's attendance with you. The school also closely monitors persistent lateness. Please be aware that this can also impact on your child's learning. Schools record all reasons for absence and lateness on an electronic system where patterns of absence and lateness are tracked. This information follows each child onto their next school as part of the statutory information that all schools must keep on record. If you would like to speak with the EWO please contact the school office where an appointment can be arranged. Thank you for your support with this.

**PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS** – As you are already aware, parental consultations for this term will be taking place over the next few days. This is an opportunity to find out how your child is progressing and where their strengths and areas that need further development. These meetings will also give you an opportunity to have any questions about your child’s learning answered. If you have not signed up yet, we urge you to ensure you make an appointment to see your child’s teacher. The school sees these meetings as an important part of keeping parents fully informed of their child’s progress. We look forward to talking to you about your children. Thank you.

**SEWING, SHELTER BUILDING IN THE RAIN, AFRICAN DRUMMING, TASTY OAT CAKES AND MUCH MORE!** – Fabulous Fridays just keep on getting better with so many exciting enrichment activities to enable children to develop so many more skills. I would just like to say a big thank you to the staff for their energy and enthusiasm for our Fabulous Fridays and to also say a big thank you to our wonderful Fabulous Helpers who are clearly very much in the Fabulous Friday zone when they arrive each week wearing the official T-Shirt of Fabulousness! If you haven’t had a chance to get involved yet and would like to come and join in the fun, please let the office know and we will find some space to fit you into our timetable.

**RAK CLUB NOMINATIONS** – This week we have received several nominations: Max Marsden and Noah Farrell have put forward a mutual nominations for helping each other cut up their potatoes during lunchtime. Well done boys! Bradley Distin has nominated his little sister for giving him her poppy when he lost his at home. Well done to Poppy for sharing her poppy!

**TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS THIS WEEK ARE:**

Bronze: Boaz Opie-Bos, Lily Smallman, Austin Mitchell, Morvoren Sterry, Katy King, Edie King, Amelie Grose, Jack Matthews, Charlotte Best and Nandor Nemeti.

Silver: Isabelle Hampton, Genevieve Pinnick, Hazel Richards, Eleanor Teff, Thomas Penna, Oliver Entwistle, Daniel Vincent, Morgan Willey and Stanley Cameron.

Well done to you all!

## **FOPS UPDATE**

Thank you to everyone that attended last nights FOPS meeting. Just some reminders for you all.....

Tickets are still available and on sale in the school office for next weeks **Ceilidh Barn Dance on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November**, School Hall, 6.30-9pm. Live band “Whippletree Ceilidh”, BBQ selling burgers £2 and hotdogs £1.50, BYO refreshments and your dancing shoes, but you are more than welcome to sit and watch! Please purchase your tickets soon so that we can order supplies for the BBQ, thank you.

**Christmas Fayre, 2<sup>nd</sup> December** – Planning is underway for what we hope will be another successful event. If anyone would like to run their own stall, please let myself, Rona King or Susie Matthews know as soon as you can. There will be a £10 donation payable per stall on the day.

If you have any fun ideas for activities or stalls the children could be involved in organising and running, please let us know. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend! Sarah McConnell, FOPS Secretary