

A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week our focus has been on ANTI-BULLYING as part of Anti-bullying week:



CHRISTMAS CONCERT PERFORMANCE AT THE VILLAGE HALL – As you may already be aware, the village holds an annual Christmas Concert in the village hall which features the Stithians Brass Band and a local choir. This year our children's choir and our adult community choir have been invited to perform and we are very excited to be involved in this very popular event. A letter has gone home today with those children from Year 2 up to Year 6 who have expressed an interest in performing as part of the school choir at this event. Please could I ask that the reply slip is completed and returned to the school office by Monday to enable me to inform the organisers of numbers taking part. The event will take place on **Sunday, December 11th and will begin at 7pm at the Perran-ar-Worthal Village Hall**. The children's choir will be performing during the first half of the concert which will enable parents of younger children to leave during the interval if they so wish as the end time could be a little late for some.

THE XMAS FAYRE IS COMING AND HELP IS NEEDED! – There is definitely the beginning of festive cheer in the air as preparations begin for our very popular Xmas Fayre. We have always been very well supported at these events and the FOPS team are a small but enthusiastic and dynamic group who work incredibly hard to make these events so successful. However, the amount of work involved for such a small number of parents is immense and I would like to ask for parents who may be able to spare some time to please offer any help you can to ease the pressure. FOPS welcome all parents, grandparents etc and we are keen to see any new parents also come to join in with organising and helping at our fund raising events. Additional helpers enable all parents involved in helping to spend time enjoying the fayre as well as helping to run it. Please can I encourage you to sign up on the Xmas Fayre helper rota that will be displayed on the doors by the main office very soon. The more help we have the more fun everyone will enjoy! We look forward to having you join in to make this even more successful than last year....which will take some beating!

XMAS HAMPER NON-UNIFORM DAY! – Please can we remind you that there will be a non-uniform day on **Thursday, 24th November** where we will be asking the children to bring in an item for the Xmas Raffle Hampers. Each class has been given a theme to work to (please see details under 'FOPS Update' for more info). For the privilege of coming into school in non-uniform we ask the children bring in an item that would be suitable for the themed hamper for their class. Be creative with your ideas and help make our Christmas hampers extra special. Thank you for your support with this.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION HOMEWORK – As part of this term's homework we are asking the children to be creative and make a tree decoration for our very special school Christmas tree. Our tree decorating service will take place on **Thursday, December 1st at 2pm** to which all parents and grandparents are invited. Please could we remind you to ensure your child has made their decoration and brought it to school no later than **Wednesday, 30th November** with their name and class clearly written on it. We always like to return these beautifully crafted decorations to the children before the end of term to enable them to hang them on their own Christmas trees at home.

If this is your first Christmas with us, we look forward to sharing with you the first of our festive celebrations. Come along and enjoy a Christmas sing-a-long with the staff and children.

LAST HOMEWORK WEEK – As the term quickly jingles along towards that Christmas spirited time of year, understandably, the children will become tired and less keen to complete the level of homework that is set on a regular basis. Therefore, with song lyrics and play words to learn, the last week for traditional homework activities will be set during the **week beginning 21st November**. I'm sure I heard a sigh of relief from a few of you there!

SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS AND THE GROWN-UPS! – On **Friday, 9th December**, the school will be open in the evening for the annual and very popular Xmas fund raising film night. The films will be decided soon and a list of choices will be sent home in a letter for the children to choose from. Whilst the children will be entertained, many parents may wish to enjoy some adult only time. This may be a great time to come into the school hall and enjoy a Xmas Wreath making session. For a small fee you will be provided with everything you need to make a beautiful Xmas wreath. The evening will include a glass of some 'grown-up' fizzy and a mince pie with the possibility of a bit of Bubl  in the background....depending on who gets to the stereo system first! Bring your Christmas hats and sense of fun and get stuck into making that special door decoration for your home. The staff are already booking their places so you will need to be quick if you want room to work your creative magic with a bit of Bubl  and bubbly to put you in the festive mood.

LIST OF CHRISTMAS DATES AS A QUICK REMINDER:

Thursday, 24th November – CHRISTMAS HAMPER NON-UNIFORM DAY

Friday, 25th November – ROBINS AND PUFFINS SINGING AT PERRANWELL PRESCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Thursday, 1st December – CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING SERVICE at 2pm

Friday, 2nd December – CHRISTMAS FAYRE at 6pm

Tuesday, 6th December - KS1 NATIVITY at 1.30pm

Wednesday, 7th December – CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Wednesday, 7th December – KS1 NATIVITY at 6.30pm

Friday, 9th December – CHRISTMAS FAYRE at 6pm

Sunday, 11th December – PERRANWELL VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT at 7pm

Tuesday, 13th December – KS2 CHRISTMAS SHOW at 1.30pm

Tuesday, 13th December – KS2 CHRISTMAS SHOW at 6.30pm

Wednesday, 14th December – KS2 CHRISTMAS SHOW at 6.30pm

Thursday, 15th December – CLASS CHRISTMAS PARTIES (with special visitor) at 1.30pm

Friday, 16th December – SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY OR WEAR A CHRISTMAS THEMED ITEM

Please remember that we will all be finishing at 3pm on Friday, 16th December.

Christmas turkey roast lunch: Will be served on Wednesday 7th December. In a change to previous years, we will not be sending home a letter asking you to pre-book lunch. There will be a vegetarian choice as usual – and of course you are still welcome to send your child in with a packed lunch if you prefer.

KS1 Children singing at Pre-School Christmas Fayre: We are very keen to support our local pre-school, and therefore all children in KS1 will leave school at 1.30 p.m. next Friday afternoon (November 25th) to delight the younger children, parents, staff and visitors with their beautiful Christmas songs. All parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to go along to the village hall to join in with the festivities. Parents attending the Christmas Fayre are welcome to collect their child from the village hall at 2.30 p.m. School staff (Mrs Lea, Mrs Pallot and Miss Shaile) will have a list to sign each child out – and any child not collected will be brought back to school to finish at 3.00 p.m. as usual. All KS1 children must wear normal school uniform on this day (not Fabulous Friday outfits) as they will be representing the school.

Missing: New navy blue cardigan with name in it – please will you check if your daughter has accidentally taken home the wrong one? Thank you.

TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS:

BRONZE CERTIFICATE WINNERS – Evie Dark, Elloven Marven, Maia Rowe and Oliver Cunliffe.

SILVER CERTIFICATE WINNERS – Daniel Matthews, Barney Dunnett, Matilda Grose, Max Marsden, Noah Rawlings, Isla Dark, Jonty Bailey, Samuel Anderson, Jack Barker, Rowan Leigh, Mia Preedy, Sophie Holt, Zane Dingle, Eddie Legge and Megan Ashton.

GOLD CERTIFICATE WINNERS – Daniel Vincent, Miles Cameron and Amelia Vincent.
Well done to you all!

FOPS UPDATE

Thank you to everyone that came along to the barn dance, it was a great success and from your positive feedback, will be an event we will repeat again in the future.

Non-uniform Day, Thursday, 24th November: Here are the details for the themed donations we would be grateful to receive to form the hampers for the Christmas Fayre, each class as follows:

Swifts – “Christmas Table Hamper”
Kingfishers - “Male Luxury Pamper Hamper”
Starlings - “Christmas Food Hamper”
Robins - “Ladies Pamper Hamper”
Puffins - “Chocolate Hamper”

Any donation not used in the hampers will be sold as prizes on the tombola stall, which was very popular last year.

Christmas Fayre, Friday 2nd December, 6-8pm - Tickets are now available to purchase from the school office or from the Royal Oak. Tickets are the same price as last year, £3 per adult, to include a mince pie and a glass of mulled wine. There is no charge for the children and free squash will be available for them.

If you are about to make your Christmas cake and would be able to make an extra one, we will sell them on the night; any size will be gratefully received!

If you are able to help out on any of the stalls/selling refreshments etc. at the Fayre, I will put a rota in reception nearer the time. Thank you.

Film Night, Friday, 9th December, plus make your own wreath decoration for parents – further details on film choices and ticket price for wreath making to follow shortly.

If you have any questions, please speak to Rona King, Susie Matthews or myself.

Have a lovely weekend, Sarah McConnell, FOPS Secretary