



A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

So much news this week!

**ROBINS VISIT GRANNY'S ATTIC** - On Monday, our Robins went to the Truro museum and had a wonderful time where they learnt a lot about history through the workshop 'Granny's Attic'. Mrs Lea was thrilled with the work the children produced during their workshop and once again our school was complimented on the outstanding behaviour of our children. Well done Robins! Over the next two weeks our Starlings and Kingfishers will also be taking a trip to the museum to enhance their history knowledge and understanding.

**ART CLUB IS A GREAT SUCCESS** - You may have noticed that Mrs Lea's and Mrs Trembath's art club have been busy creating wonderful artwork that is now being displayed in our wonderful new library. More fantastic artwork is on the horizon! Watch this space!

**QUIZ NIGHT** – Tonight is our first big fundraising event of this academic year. It will be a lively evening with so many tickets having sold. However, if you are still keen to go and have missed out on buying tickets in advance, there is still the option to pay on the door tonight armed with your own food and beverage as the pasty orders have already been finalised. We look forward to a fun evening continuing to raise funds for the benefit of the children. The school staff have a team ready and waiting to be challenged!!!

**PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS** – The signing up sheets for meetings with your child's teacher have been available in the reception area outside the office this week. Please ensure you have booked an appointment as these meetings are an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress and the targets they are working on. This is a particularly busy time for our staff whose dedication is very much appreciated. However, if you have not signed up and the remaining slots are at a time that you really cannot attend, please speak to your class teacher to try to find an alternative slot.

**NEW ICT FUNDING** – During the Summer term 2014, the school made an application for Belling Funding which is dedicated to supporting schools develop their teacher and pupil IT resources. Before half term, Mr Richard Belling visited our school and during his tour he noted the lack of interactive boards and the limited number of computers. As a result of our application and Mr Belling's visit, we have now received the exciting news that The Belling Trust have agreed to provide the school with a substantial amount of funding to enable the school to purchase 5 LED interactive screens (1 in each class) and a further 26 laptops with a mobile storage/charging unit. We hope to have the new equipment in place by the beginning of next term. We are very appreciative of the funding from the Belling Trust which aims to help as many Cornish schools as they can each year. This year only 3 schools were selected out of a large number that applied. We feel very lucky to be in a position to soon be able to provide cutting edge provision for our pupils.

**NEW TEACHERS** – You may now have heard the news that Miss Mackie will be leaving us at the end of this term to enable her and her family to relocate to Bristol where they will be closer to their relatives. We will be sad to see Miss Mackie leave and wish her all the very best for her and her family's future. As a result of having advertised for a KS2 post for our Year 3/4 class, we were in the very fortunate position to be able to appoint two new members of staff on the same day. We are thrilled to have Miss Sarah Shaile and Mrs Hannah Pallot join us in January. Miss Shaile will teach our Starlings and Mrs Pallot will teach our Swifts. Both teachers bring a wealth of KS2 teaching experience and a range of particular curriculum strengths. We have arranged for both new teachers to spend some time getting to know the children before the end of this term. I am confident that they will both be a great asset to our school. We look forward to Miss Shaile and her partner joining the staff quiz team this evening. Quite an initiation!

Have a great weekend!

**Robins** enjoyed a stimulating visit to the Royal Cornwall Museum this week. We met Grandma Jane and found out about some of the things she got up to when she was a girl. Back in class the children made a picture map of what they did. This led on to writing a 'recount' of the trip. The quality of writing was excellent. Here is one child's account of the trip.

On Monday Robins went on a long coach trip to Truro Museum. First we were a bit peckish so we had a snack. Soon the big red door opened because Robins were allowed in. Next we hung up our coats otherwise we would have got hot wearing them. After that we went upstairs to look and listen to Granny Jane, she had a big trunk full of stuff from when she was a little girl. Then we got split into a pink group or the blue group. After that we did a workshop. Some of us went downstairs to make a coronation mug; I put ER and 1953 on it. We made it with clay. The brown squishy clay was very dirty so we had to have a big apron on. We watched a little video of the Queen's Coronation on a little telly. Next one of the groups went upstairs to see all the things that Grannie Jane had a long time ago. I found a whisk, some marbles and a bowl. Suddenly it was 12 o'clock and we had to go back to the coach. I was thinking what a good time I had!

I sure from this you can appreciate all the learning that took place during the morning. It's always good to take our learning outside the classroom. Many thanks to Mrs. Long and Tarloh's Grannie for giving up their time to be with us, and also to your fundraising with FOPS to subsidise the cost of the trip.

The rest of the school enjoyed Robins class assembly on Tuesday. The children were so proud to share everything they had done. *Mrs Lea.*

**Quiz night tonight:** Please remember you must bring your ticket to claim your pasty! Thank you.

**Christmas Lunch:** Hot Christmas lunch will be served on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Lost Property** – a Joules top and school sweatshirt were found on the village playing field during half-term (sorry can't read the name in the sweatshirt). Please collect it from the school office if it's yours. Thanks

**Puffins foundation stage children:** The vision screener will be here during the afternoon of Thursday 13th November.

**Transferring to Secondary School in September:** Please see note attached from Truro High School regarding a meeting on Tuesday 2 December, 4.00pm-6.00pm re the 10 scholarship places that they have on offer.

**Pre-School Jumble Sale:** Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 10.00 – 12 noon, at Carnon Downs Village Hall. All welcome – please phone Tracey Woodrow on 01872 862602 for more info or if you have any jumble, bric-a-brac etc to donate.

#### **Celebration Assembly:**

*Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct:* Samuel Lawrence, Louis Richards, George Stevens, Rosie Lawrence, Evie Dark, Giselle Tyler Scott, Dylan Barker and Josh White all received their Bronze certificates for achieving 50 points. Well done to you all.

*Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov:* Beauen Reynolds, Noah Dunnett, Courtney Saayman, Charlotte Best, Megan Ashton, Joseph McGowan, Georgia Murphy, Charlie Long, Ellowen Marven, Samuel Hatcher, William Mackrill, Lauren Partridge, Ewan Richards, Elowen Harland, Sam Laval, Amelie Gross, Jack Matthews, Millie Cunliffe, Jack Bailey all received their Bronze certificate for achieving 50 points. Maya Church received a Silver certificate for reaching 100 points. Well done to you all.

### **\*\*\* FOPS Update \*\*\***

Just a quick word to let you know that 'Blue Bags (Bags2School) will be coming home with the children early next week. For those of you who may not know Bags2School is a company that specialises in good quality second hand clothing that can be re used. Acceptable items are: Good quality adult and children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, ties and soft toys.

Please **NO** bedding, curtains, towels, household linen or bric a brac.

#### **The more they weigh the more they pay!**

The return date for the bags will be Monday 17th November ready for collection on Tuesday 18th November.

Anyway that's it for now except to say "See lots of you later at the QUIZ NIGHT!"