

A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week our focus has been on **DEDICATION**:



KINGFISHERS SHOW OFF THEIR TALENTS! – In assembly this week, the Kingfishers shared with the school some of their favourite extracts from their energizer books. The writing skills received much praise from members of staff and a big round of applause from a very attentive audience. Some of the pictures used to inspire their writing were also shared. All staff have been impressed with how the introduction of the daily energizer writing sessions are enabling all pupils to practice and improve their writing skills. The children are clearly very proud of the contents of these special books with many of the children wanting to share their writing with other adults in the school. Keep up the good work everyone!

THE COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL IS ON THE HORIZON AGAIN! - Once again we start the preparations for our school entries into the County Music Festival. Earlier last week those children that were interested in entering as a solo vocalist, verse speaker or instrumentalist, were asked to take a letter home if they so wished. The closing date for entries has now passed. In addition to the solo entries, the school, on behalf of Mrs Whomersley, has also entered some of the recorder groups. Last year, they had a very successful experience and we have no doubt that Mrs Whomersley will, once again, get the groups well prepared for the forthcoming competition. The school will also be entering the children's choir as well as the adult community choir this year and having had many interested pupils ask if they can be part of the festival choir, we have decided to enter into the large choir section again this year which will include all pupils who wish to take part from Year 2 to Year 6. This will involve commitment to rehearsals at the end of a Friday afternoon. A letter will be sent out next week relating to the festival choir. We look forward to the next few weeks of preparing for this prestigious annual event.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS POLICY – In response to feedback from parents relating to improving the level of communication between school and parents, a draft 'Communication with Parents Policy' has been created in an attempt to further improve the two way communication between school and home. Before the policy is adopted by the Full Governing Body, we would very much appreciate any constructive feedback relating to this document. The draft policy has been posted onto the school website for you to access and read. It can be found under the tab entitled 'School Information' in the policies section. If you have any further suggestions that could be included please complete the slip attached to this week's newsletter and return to the office by Monday 8th February. We very much value your comments as it

ensures we are all working together to improve the school for the benefit of the children. A meeting will be held with the parent governors where your replies will be shared and the policy amended if it is felt appropriate. Many thanks for your support with this.

BY THE PARENTS FOR THE PARENTS – Further to improving communication with parents and in response to many questions raised by several new parents starting at our school at the beginning of the year and during the school year, the school would like to put together a working party made up of mainly new parents to our school, with the aim of drafting a comprehensive collection of information sheets relating to any aspect of school that many parents need clarified or ask questions about when joining. If you are keen to get involved, please let the office know and we will get in touch with you about when the meetings can take place. If you are not able to come along to a working party meeting during the day but would like to contribute a list of what you feel should be included, a letter will be sent out this term asking for any ideas you may have. The aim is for this ‘parent information pack’ to be created by the parents for the parents. We look forward to see how this will evolve over the next few weeks. Many thanks for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend!

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Change to lunch menu - Mrs Reeves will kindly be cooking pancakes for the children on Shrove Tuesday (February 9th) rather than the advertised pudding.

Starlings: Please may we ask parents to remember to send children in with coats next Thursday, as we hope to be walking down to the village playing field (depending on the weather) where we will be working on topic work on the environment. Thank you. *Mr Teasdale.*

Puffins: Will be visiting St Piran’s Church on Monday afternoon. Please remember to wear sensible shoes and bring a warm coat.

St. Piran’s Day Dance in Falmouth. This year, St Piran’s Day is on a Saturday (5th March). We have been invited to participate again, and would like to offer children in KS2 the opportunity to take part in the dancing. We need to know how many children are interested, and there will be a note in the main reception area for children to write their name on if they have your consent to join us. Parents will need to transport their own children to and from Falmouth, and there will be 3 practice sessions arranged before the event. Mrs Byers and Mrs Waters will be at Falmouth to supervise the children during the dancing. Thank you. *Mrs Waters.*

Celebration Assembly:

Well done to the following children who received a certificate in assembly today:

Silver (100 points): Isla Van Den Heuvel, Opal Perkins, Toby Piper, Jude Marven, Theo Michell, Rowan Leigh, Noah Dunnett, Ruby Richards, Alice Archer Cairns. Gold (150 points): Eddie Legge, Taro Symons, Violet Perkins. Medal (200 points): Morgan Willey and Genevieve Pinnick.

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS POLICY – COMMENTS/FURTHER SUGGESTIONS

Please use the box below for any comments/further suggestions you would like to have considered by the parent governors. Please return your form to the school office by Monday 8th February.

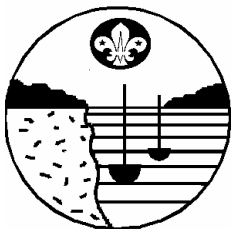
Many thanks for your support.

Name :

Comments:

Thank you

Added to newsletter on Monday morning (25th Jan) before emailing to parents



17th Truro (St. John's Devoran) Scouts

Scouts Parents Evening

Wednesday 27th January - Devoran Pre School at 7.30pm – Tea, Coffee and Cakes!!

Please join us so we can talk to you all about what the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts get up to on a weekly basis.

Please come and listen to what exciting opportunities there are going forward and hear what you can do to make things even better!