

A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week our focus has been on 'DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES BETWEEN DIFFERENT FAITHS'

THE 2017 PERRAN-AR-WORTHAL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA !



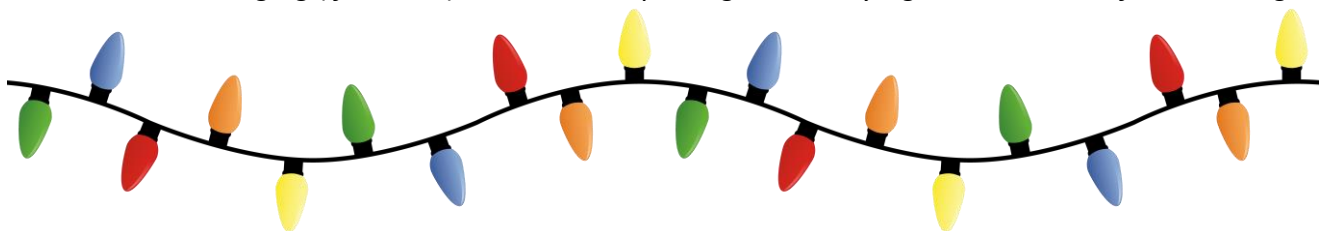
THURSDAY, 7TH DECEMBER

Lantern Parade and KS1 play to begin at 6pm in the school playground followed by the Christmas Fayre which will start at approx 6.45pm which will be held inside the school.

A big thank you to the parents who came along to our exciting meeting about this forthcoming event. So much was discussed and great ideas shared. There is no doubt that this will be a very different and unique event. The staff talked to the parents about the plan for the KS1 play and KS2 lantern parade. With so much to get ready we would love to have your help in preparing for this event. If you are interested in helping with any of the items listed below, there will be a list on the office window next week for any parents, grandparents etc to sign up or you can contact Miss Braddon in the office to let her know what you would like to help with.

SO, can you help with...

- Preparing the bamboo handles for the lantern parade – strong hands needed for this job Dads, but you may get a cuppa and a biscuit while you work!
- Working with a group of four children to create a lantern for our parade – this will be an all day event (Thursday, 30th November) but you can choose to do just a morning or afternoon if you prefer. Old clothes and shoes will be essential as you will get very sticky – LOTS of glue involved!
- Decorating 20 black T-shirts for our KS1 pupils to wear for their role as STARS – be creative and have fun with a bit of sparkle decorating 20 shirts to look the same.
- Sewing green tinsel onto 20 white T-shirts for our KS1 narrators to wear – if you're handy with a needle and thread and would like to sit and chat with a group of parents while you create, then come along and join in the fun.
- Running a stall - if you can spare half an hour to take turns in running one of our Christmas stalls, Santa's grotto, Christmas BBQ, coffee shop etc then please sign up.
- Setting Up and Packing Down – this is something that we need as many hands on deck as we possibly can, this will include positioning tables for stall holder, decorating the playground with lights, Christmas Tree, staging (if needed) etc. and then putting it all away again at the end of the evening.



We also need...

- **CHRISTMAS COSTUMES** – We would like to build up our stock of costumes for Shepherds, Kings, Angels and Mary – if you would like to donate any costumes your child may not want any longer or allow us to borrow your child's costume which can be returned **if clearly named** (please give any donations of costumes to Miss Braddon)
- **OUTDOOR LIGHTS** - We also need lots of outdoor lights to hang around our playground to add to the magic of this very special evening performance. If anyone has a large 'safe' spot light to illuminate our performance areas outdoors, then please let us know!

DO YOU WANT TO SELL YOUR OWN CRAFT OR PRODUCE? - If you have a craft or passtime you enjoy and would like to sell your goods at our Christmas Fayre, then please let the office know if you would like to have your own stall. Or if you know of someone who would like to have their own stall at our Christmas Fayre then please tell them to get in touch with the office. We will ensure that a table is made available for you. All stall holders will need to arrive from 4.30pm onwards to set up and park cars by 5.30pm. Stall holders only need to pay £10 for a stall space.



THE QUIZ NIGHT IS FAST APPROACHING – Friday, November 10th at 7pm. Entry is £7.50 on the door which will include entry to the quiz and a very tasty supper of baked potato and chilli. We look forward to seeing you there! Don't forget to bring your own refreshments and perhaps a few nibbles or two. If you could give the office an indication of numbers in your team then it will help us with the catering. Thank you.



5 STARS FOR OUR AMAZING KITCHEN STAFF – This week the school kitchen had its hygiene inspection and Sharon and Helen came up trumps receiving an outstanding grade, the highest star rating, for their very clean kitchen. Well done ladies! We are very proud of your well deserved achievement!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE – If you would like to help make Christmas a little easier for a child who has very little, then please pack a shoe box for this worthy cause. Visit the website www.samaritans-purse.org.uk to see what to pack. If you wish to take part in this annual charity giving appeal then boxes can be brought in to school before November 16th when they will be collected. Thank you. Claire Wootton.



MAT CONSULTATION MEETING – Just a reminder about the meeting that will be held on **Monday, 6th November at 6pm in the school hall.** We would welcome your views on this possible move to join a Multi Academy Trust with Flushing School, Mylor School, Mawnan School and Penryn College. Marie Hunter and Dave Cunningham will both be present at the meeting to answer any questions you may have.

THE PARENT INFORMATION PAGES ARE NOW LIVE! – Following the Maths and English information evenings held earlier this term, parents have been keen to have access to any further information that could help support their children at home. Mrs Pallot and Mrs Teasdale have now launched the Maths and English pages on our school website which will enable parents to find a full range of information on writing standards and expectations and addition, subtraction, multiplication and division from EYFS to Year 6. These pages will continue to grow with content being added to from time to time. We hope you will find these pages of interest and would be keen to have your feedback. You can find these pages under the Teaching and Learning

section on the home page. Please let us know what you think. We are keen to find out if there is anything more we can add that may be of use to parents. Thank you.

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS NEXT WEEK – Just a reminder to ensure you use this opportunity to meet your child's class teacher to discuss their progress to date. If you have not had a chance to sign up for a specific time slot then please contact the office to ask Miss Braddon to book you in. At these meetings you will also be provided with a brief overview of your child's progress and areas for further development. In addition to this, you will receive a letter outlining your child's attendance since the beginning of this academic year. Please could we ask that you read this carefully as we wish parents to fully understand the implications of a child's attendance dropping below 95%. We look forward to seeing you next week.

POPPY APPEAL - From Monday 6th November, Children from School Council will be coming to classrooms every morning that week to sell poppies in return for a donation. As well as the traditional paper poppies, The Royal British Legion have also provided us with some additional items: rubber wristbands; elastic wristbands with metal poppies; and 'snap' rulers. We are suggesting a minimum of £1 donation for these additional items.

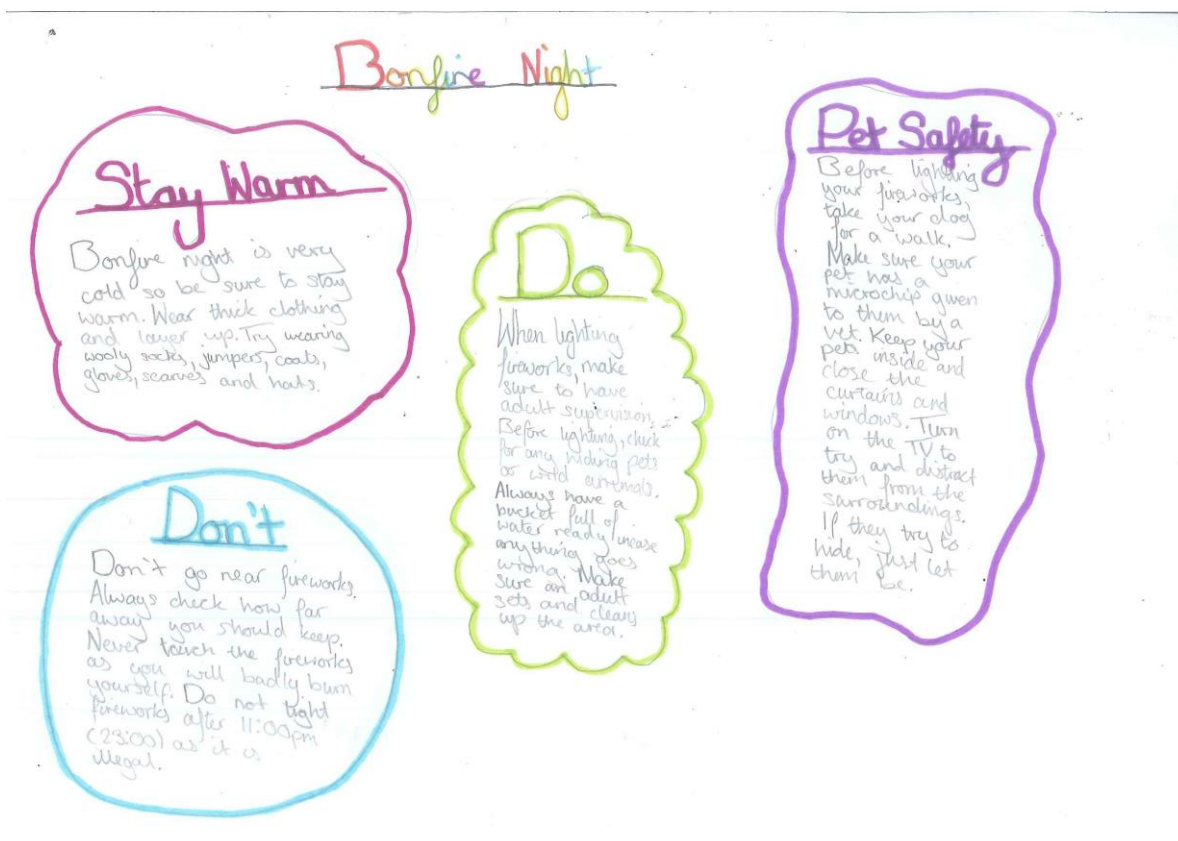
RAK CLUB NOMINATIONS – Mrs Symons (Taro and Skyla's Mum) would like to nominate Mrs Teff (Alex and Eleanor's Mum) because she has been busy trimming back the hedge of the footpath next to school which was overgrown! Thank you Mrs Teff!

CERTIFICATE WINNERS –

BRONZE CERTIFICATE WINNERS: Barney Dunnett, Morgan Willey, Chloe Saayman, Mo Sterry, Sophie Holt and Susanna Spence. Well done!

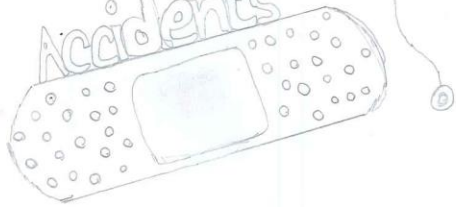
FIREWORK SAFETY

Swifts have been thinking bonfire night which is this weekend. They have produced information posters to remind you of how to stay safe. Below are four posters which Mrs Heffer has selected.



Bonfire Night

Accidents

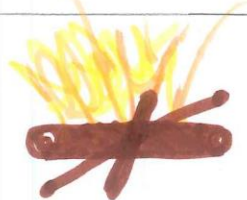
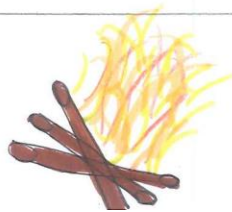
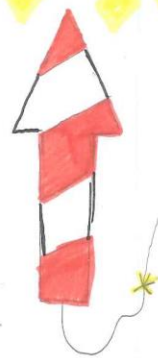
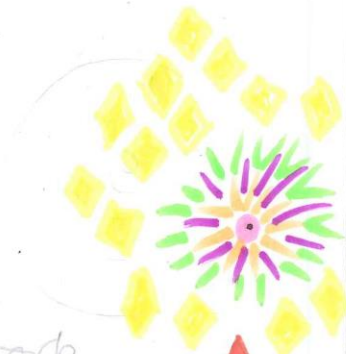


How to prevent injuries!

- Lay out the fire work on its bottom or stand-adults need to make sure that there are no flammable materials or plants near by!

- The adult will then warn people in the area that they are about to light the firework. Once the fire work is lit the adult will then make sure no one else is in the area of the fire work and walk away.

- When you have finished with the fire works or sparklers make sure to put them in a bucket of cold water. When the night is over it is then safe to put the wet fire works in the bin!



By Isla and Sophie

Sparkler Fun

How to keep safe when using sparklers.

When using a sparkler make sure that you are in an open space and it's not too windy. Remember to wear gloves so you don't burn yourself and let an adult light the sparkler while you hold the base. Make sure you light one sparkler at a time to stop injuries. When you're holding the sparkler make sure it's horizontal and it's as far away from your face and body. Never touch the end of the sparkler even if it's gone out. Once you have finished and it is no longer burning put it in a

bucket of
cold water.

Fun Fact: Writing your name
leaves a cool affect.

By Sophie

DO and

DON'T

• Go near a lit firework

• Don't go near a firework that's gone off

• Don't keep the bonfire in the way of trees and buildings



• Don't give sparklers to people younger than five



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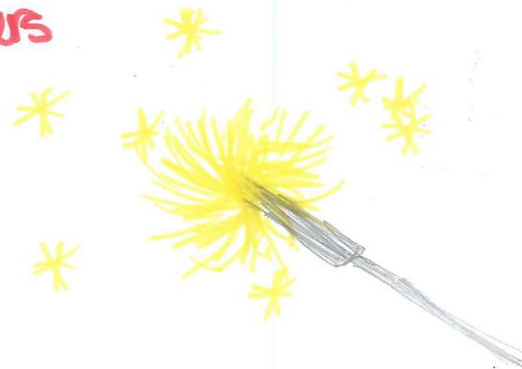
DO NOTS

DO!

• Stand far away from both fire and fireworks

• Light only one sparkler at a time

• Only use sparklers under adult supervision



FOPS UPDATE

Following a successful planning meeting yesterday, we wanted to let you know more information about forthcoming events.

Quiz Night, Friday 10th November, 7pm onwards, £7.50 per person, tickets sold on the night.

Thank you to everyone that has so far returned team details and food orders to the school office. It would be really helpful if you haven't done so, to please let Miss Braddon know your team details and food order by next Wednesday at the latest so that we can confirm definite food orders to the chef supplying the chilli. However, if you do decide to come along on the night, you are very welcome and will be fed!! BYO refreshments and nibbles, winning team prizes and a raffle will be available.

Christmas Fayre, Thursday, 7th December. The fayre will officially open at approximately 6.45pm once the school nativity and lantern procession has finished (start time 6pm). There will be lots happening around the school including, meet santa in his grotto, lots of stalls where you can do some essential Christmas shopping, tombola, games, refreshments will be available to purchase, BBQ selling locally sourced quality hotdogs and burgers – always very popular, cake stall and lots more.

There will be an entry cost of £3 per adult, this will include a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, there is no charge for the children to come along and there will be free squash and biscuits provided for them.

We would be really grateful if as many of you as possible could volunteer to help out on the night, as this is one of the busiest fund raising events that we organise each year. Please look out for a volunteer rota displayed in school reception, we will need help with refreshments, BBQ, covering the entrance doors selling tickets, tombola, setting up, clearing away, serving mulled wine/mince pies.

If you are still interested in having your own stall at the fayre, please let me know or email Miss Braddon (dbraddon@perran-ar-worthal.cornwall.sch.uk) - there is a small charge of £10 per table.

If you are about to make your Christmas cake, please can you make an extra one, any size, plain or decorated, these will be sold at the fayre.

We are planning to run a quality second hand toys and book stall, so if you are having a pre-Christmas de-clutter, we would be grateful if you could bring items in during the week of the fayre.

Also, just in case we have bad weather on the day, we would like to borrow a few gazebo's or event shelters that can be put up in the playground – fingers crossed we won't need them? Please let Miss Braddon know if you are able to help. Thank you.

The next FOPS planning meeting will be on Thursday, 30th November at 7pm. Thank you for your continued support and look forward to seeing you at the quiz next Friday.

Have a lovely weekend, Sarah McConnell, FOPS Secretary.