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NEWSLETTER

14th November 2014

DATES

November

15th St Austell
Carnival
18th FOPS meeting
2pm.
21st 'Be Bright Be
Seen' Day

December

3rd Full Governors
meeting 5pm
5th Admissions
meeting 9am
10th Reception Class
Christmas Café
9.15am
11th KS1
performance in the
afternoon.
12th Christmas Fayre
17th School
Christmas lunch
19th Last day of term

January

5th Back to school
15th Parents Forum
3.30 or 6.00pm.

February

16th – 20th Half term

March

27th last day of term.

April

13th Back to school

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

It was good to welcome so many parents and carers into school this week to discuss each child's progress with their teacher. We hope you found the summary report a useful guide to the progress and achievement of your children at this point of the year.

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

It was good to welcome Mr and Mrs Collins into school on Tuesday to judge the competition for their official Christmas Card. Congratulations to Miriam in Y3. Her snowman looked so happy and relaxed and Mrs Collins loved his enormous nose!

STAR PUPILS

Congratulations this week go to Zoe, Moses, Ferenc, Agnesa, Rhianna B, Lilly, Iwan and Jordan. Thank you for all your hard work and for being our star pupils this week.

SWIMMING

I would like to confirm that Year 1 (Helford) will be swimming from 1st December for 10 weeks followed by Y1 (Fal) who will start on 9th March. We have arranged for Reception to swim for ten weeks this academic year starting on 15th April. Reception will be swimming on Wednesday mornings. Mrs Bunt will circulate more information nearer the time.

ECO TEAM NEWS

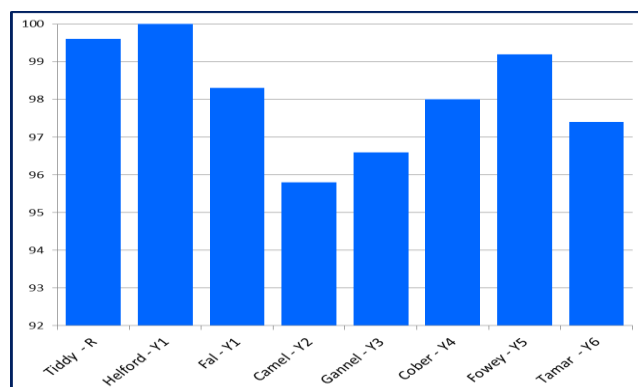
Please find attached the latest newsletter from the Eco Team. They have certainly been busy and everyone in Key Stage 2 enjoyed the workshops run by Camp Kernow last week.

LIONS SWIMATHON

Well done to Jessie, Chloe, Milarna, Chelsea, George and Charlie who were the Pondhu team in the Lions Swimathon held last weekend. The team have been coached by Adam Vine and they successfully completed 41 laps. Thank you to all the children for representing our school so well.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to River Helford, Year 1, who achieved 100% attendance last week. Mrs Parekh and the class have been celebrating this afternoon.





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ADULT CHOIR

The first session was held this week and a great time was enjoyed by all who attended. Mrs Bailey would be very keen to welcome some additional faces next Monday. The session runs from 4.30. There is a room for the children to be looked after if you want to come along.

ST AUSTELL CARNIVAL

Good luck to everyone taking part in the Carnival tomorrow. Please meet at John Keay House at 5.30 pm. Please remember that you will need to walk with your child. We have lots of beautiful jelly fish and other amazing fish shaped lanterns. Please come along and support our school entry by taking part.

CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

On Wednesday 12th of November 2014, a group of children went to Par to compete against other schools in a cross country race. The first races were the years 3, 4 and 5 boy's race. Year 3 student Ashton came 121st, next Year 4 student Harry came 118, and finally Year 5 student George came 40th. After that it was the Years 3, 4 and 5 girl's race. The year 4 student Bryony came 75th and 4 Year student Georgia came 44th. Next Year 5 student Abigail came 38th, another Year 5 student Chelsea came 24th and finally Year 5 student Madison came 21st. After this was the Year 6 boy's race. Boris came 40th, Elliot came 31st, Callum came 23rd and Ben came 13th.

By Callum and Ben.

Well done to everyone who took part and thank you both for your very detailed report!

STORY SACKS

It has been a pleasure to see the infant children using our new story sacks. We really want the children to play with and enjoy the games and activities as well as the books and we understand that occasionally losses and breakages will occur. If this happens while a story sack is at your home please report it to a member of staff and we will try to replace the missing or broken part. This will ensure that the sack is complete for the next family to borrow it. Thank you in advance for helping to keep these story sacks in excellent condition for everyone to enjoy.

COMMUNITY ARTS DAY REPORT

On Thursday 6th November we had an Arts Day to celebrate Pondhu School achieving the Arts Mark Gold Award.

Everyone made lanterns for the Torchlight Carnival. We also designed our own Christmas Cards for a competition judged by the Mayor of St Austell. He will use the winning one for his Christmas card this year. We really enjoyed having our photo taken for the paper with the Mayor.

To help decorate the empty shops in the town centre each class made a variety of decorations including snowflakes, garlands, stockings and wrapping paper. Look out for our shop windows nearer Christmas. It was a brilliant Arts Day and we wish we could have Arts Days more often.

By Alfie and Keylee. (Y5)

'BE BRIGHT BE SEEN'

On Friday 21st November we ask that the children wear normal school uniform with one additional 'hi-vis' item. We are using day this to reinforce the safety message of being clearly visible during the darker winter months.

Mrs D Tregellas