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# NEWSLETTER

21<sup>st</sup> November 2014

## DATES

### December

2<sup>nd</sup> Football / Netball  
at home.

3<sup>rd</sup> St Austell Music  
Festival

Par Cross Country

Full Governors

meeting 5pm

4<sup>th</sup> Miller Shield

Football match home

5<sup>th</sup> Christmas up

your uniform

Admissions meeting

9am

10<sup>th</sup> Reception and

Nursery Christmas

Cafés 9.15am

10/11<sup>th</sup> KS1

performance 2pm

11<sup>th</sup> KS2 cinema trip

pm

12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Fayre

2.30pm

16<sup>th</sup> KS2

performance Holy

Trinity 6.30pm

17<sup>th</sup> School

Christmas lunch

19<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

### January

5<sup>th</sup> Back to school

15<sup>th</sup> Parents Forum

3.30 or 6.00pm.

### February

16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Half term

### March

27<sup>th</sup> last day of term.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Thank you for all your support last Friday. We raised £210.97 for this very good cause. The picture below shows many of the children in 'Super Hero' costumes with the fish lanterns ready for the torchlight carnival.



Thank you everyone who supported our school entry in the Torch Light Carnival.

## STAR PUPILS

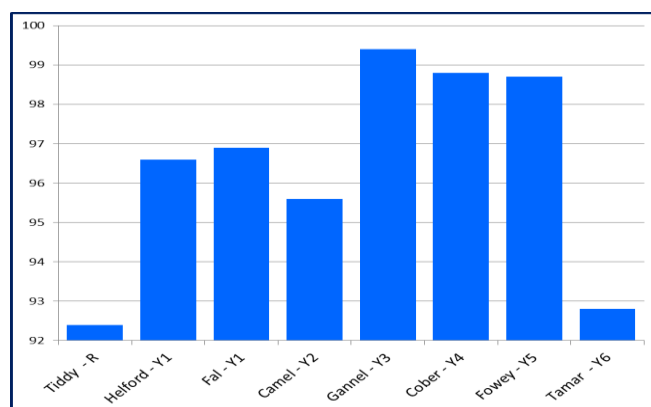
Congratulations this week go to Corey, Teagen-Mae, Alex, Charles, Ashton, Logan and Emily who are our star pupils. There were some lovely comments from staff awarding these this morning including – bravery, excellent questioning and focused determination to learn.

## YEARS 1 AND 2 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

This year the Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance of Christmas with the Aliens will take place at 2pm on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> December. There will be more details concerning the ticketing arrangements next week.

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to River Gannel, Year 3, who achieved 99.4% attendance last week.





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## **'BE BRIGHT BE SEEN'**

Thank you to everyone who remembered to wear something 'bright and visible' in addition to normal uniform to school today. We hope you will take this opportunity to discuss with your child the importance of being seen and very careful whilst walking to and from school.

## **SHOEBOX APPEAL**

Thank you to everyone who donated items or completed boxes. We delivered 47 boxes earlier this week. This is a significant increase in the number of boxes we gathered last year.

## **OUTRIGHT DAY**

This week our Rights Respecting Team led the school in thinking about the rights the children in our school and in this country enjoy and which Articles were particularly important to us. The Rights Respecting Teams from each Key Stage have written letters to the Minister about the importance of all children everywhere being afforded the same rights. I have attached their letters for you to see.

## **CHRISTMAS UP YOUR UNIFORM**

Plans are well in hand for the Christmas Fayre that takes place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December starting at 2.30pm. If you are able to help in any way please see a member of FOPS or contact a member of staff. Next Friday the RRSA team and FOPS have agreed to hold a 'Christmas up your uniform' day as part of the preparations for the Christmas Fayre. Children are encouraged to add some tinsel, glitter or other festive touches to their uniform in exchange for a donation of a raffle or tombola prize. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **RECEPTION AND NURSERY CHRISTMAS CAFES**

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December parents and carers of children in Reception and Nursery are invited to join the children for their Christmas Cafes. These will take place at 9.15am.

## **YEARS 3 – 6 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE**

This year the Christmas performance will take place in Holy Trinity Church on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm.

## **FAMILY READING TIME**

Regular reading practice is an important part of helping children learn to read. Our school opens the doors at 8.45am to provide an opportunity for parents / carers to spend time reading together each day. There has been a drop in the numbers of parents taking this opportunity to read with the children over the last couple of weeks which is a shame. I encourage you to try to stay and read or take part in other reading based activities for a short while each morning with the children.

## **PONDHU ADULT CHOIR**

Please note the change of day – Mrs Bailey would really welcome some additional members so the choir will now take place on Tuesdays from 4.15pm. Please come along.

**NETBALL REPORT:** On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November the netball team travelled to Newquay to represent the St. Austell area in the next round of the School Games qualifier. The team performed really well and only lost once! As a result of our performance we finished second overall and have now qualified for the School Games that will take place next summer here in St Austell. Well done to the entire team, it was a real team effort!

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November the team played Lostwithiel in our first league match. We won this 3-0. Again, well done to the entire team. Mrs Horner.

*Mrs D Tregellas*