

Dear Parents,

We have been focussing on reading in school and will continue to do so into the second half of the Autumn Term. In order to help your child/children we are asking that you regularly read with your child and update their reading record, don't forget to keep reading with them through the holidays. Later on in the newsletter are some 'Top Tips' to help you and we've also updated the website.

When we come **back to school on Tuesday 30th October** we will be looking forward to Christmas and preparing our Christmas Play(s) which will be 'The Nativity' and 'Ebenezer'

Have a lovely break and I cant wait to see those reading records!

Veronica White

### Futsal Competition—'The Most Heroic 3rd Place Ever Seen'

Joseph, Tobias, Aiden and Lawrence all attended the Futsal Competition at Looe on Tuesday evening. Despite having only 4 players and playing against teams of 5 and 6 players they came an amazing 3rd place just behind Polperro and Pelynt. Their achievement was described as the 'most heroic 3rd place ever seen'. Well done all of you, what a credit to the school! Also, thank you to the parents who gave lifts and supported the children during the event.



### Biffa Truck

Last year two (now ex) pupils entered and won an art competition to design a picture for the side of the Biffa recycling lorries.

Last week we had a visit from one of the new Biffa Trucks and all the children had the opportunity to look around the truck.

Well done to Kayden and Freddie, what an amazing achievement!

### Swimming After Half Term

Years 5 & 6 will be swimming after half term—all children will need their swim kit on Mondays please.

### Harvest Festival

Thank you to all of you who attended our Harvest Festival celebration we raised a fabulous **£57.42** for Ellies Haven.

### Menu Changes

When we come back to school on Tuesday the 30th October, Mrs Crago will be serving beef meatballs, vegetarian bolognese, jacket potato or rolls. Also, some permanent changes Week 1 Friday will be either white fish fingers or salmon fishcake and Week 3 Wednesday will be roast chicken or Quorn sausages

**Community Events—We have been asked by community organisations to advertise the events below—these events are not necessarily endorsed by the school:** The Friends of St Cuby's Church—Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday 28th October, 10am—4pm in St Cuby's Church.

**Reading at home is an essential part of every child's learning.**



Here are some Top Tips for Reading at Home: · Keep sessions short · Keep sessions relaxed – find a comfortable place where you and your child can settle down · Give lots of praise, progress may not always be fast – children do not always find the skill of reading and understanding easy to grasp · Talk about the book before you begin to read – look at the front cover, and the pictures (if any) and ask your child to think about or even guess what the book may be about.

Ask questions to check your child's understanding e.g. What might happen next? Why did something happen? Talk about the book afterwards – did your child enjoy it? Why? What was the best bit? **Check out the school website for more information and guidance.**

### **PTFA News**

The PTFA work extremely hard throughout the year raising funds to support school activities. The core committee consists of the Chair (Donna Singfield), Secretary (Cheryl Chudleigh) and Treasurer (Michelle Sadler) as well as a legion of hardworking mums and dads. If you would like to get involved the next PTFA meeting will be held on 1st November at 3.15pm in the school—all are welcome.

The PTFA Christmas Fair will be on the 18th December, if you would like to book a stall to sell items (or know someone who would), please contact Donna on 07805119376 , stalls are very reasonably priced at £5 each.

**Parking**—Unfortunately, we are still having issues with parents not using the one way system outside the school. We would be very grateful if you would please be able to park considerately, go one way around the green and not block the through road—thank you.

### **Breakfast Club**

We would be very grateful if parents could please book/change sessions at least 24 hours in advance so we can ensure we have staffing in place. Also, if you could bring your child to Breakfast Club via the side gate rather than front door please. Thank you.

### **Missing a Jumper/Cardigan/Tshirt?**

We now have a box in the office of mislaid and unnamed school wear—if you are missing anything you are welcome to come and have a rummage for anything that belongs to you. The only condition being you cannot leave the office until your child's name is written in the offending article of clothing!

### **Universal Free School Meals**

Did you know children in Reception and Years 1&2 can receive a school meal for free every day? You don't have to apply for anything. Children can choose their meal during morning registration and here at Duloe there is a choice of 2 main meals one of which is a vegetarian option as well as a choice of sandwich rolls or a trusty jacket potato with cheese and beans. Our catering firm 'Caterlink' can also cater for a host of other dietary needs (dairy/gluten free) so if you would like to find out more please ask at the office or visit [www.caterlinkltd.co.uk](http://www.caterlinkltd.co.uk), for more information about free school meals visit the Cornwall Council web page [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals)