



Courage, Joy, Kindness, Perseverance, Responsibility
Newsletter -8th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Fair

Thank you for coming to our Christmas Fair - it was great to see so many of our families there and we really appreciated your support. Thank you to the PTA for all your help running the event too.

A special thank you to all the businesses who donated prizes for our raffle including:

Bateman Butchers; Carr Butchers; St Agnes Bakery; Churchtown Fruit and Veg; Gossips Spa and Salon; Newquay Zoo; Flourish and Finch; The Sorting Office; Eden Project; St Agnes Hotel; The Miners and Mechanics Institute and Akaroa

Christmas Performances

Thank you for attending our Christmas Performances and for your contributions towards the NSPCC and St Petroc's Charity for the Homeless. A huge well done to all the children and staff for making this week so special and for sharing our school value of 'Joy' with our community.

Christmas CDs

Thank you for your Christmas CD orders. These will be arriving with you next week. A huge well done to Maya in Year 4 and Dylan in Penguins for designing the KS2 and KS1 CD covers.

Poppy Appeal

Well done to everyone who contributed to the poppy appeal this year. The school raised £309.87 and the village raised a total of £4566.17.

Christmas Parties

Reception's Christmas Party is next Wednesday 13th; Year 2 have their party on Thursday 14th and Year 1 on Friday 15th December. KS2 will have their parties the following week; Year 3 and 4 on Monday 18th and Year 5 and 6 on Tuesday 19th. Children do not have to wear their school uniform on their party day and can come in wearing (practical) party clothes.

Movember With Mr Howes

You may have noticed that Mr Howes is now clean shaven after growing a spectacular moustache in the (voted for) style of Hulk Hogan. There is still time to donate to the Movember cause via the office if you would like to. Thank you and well done Mr Howes.

Christmas Lunch And Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 13th December. All the children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers on this day. Christmas Jumper Day will be on Friday 15th December, please donate £1 if your child would like to wear their jumper on this day. On the two days where children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers, they should still be in school uniform for footwear and trousers / skirts.

Attendance

Please make sure you support your child to be in school every day. I can not authorise any absence from school unless for significant, exceptional and unavoidable reasons.

Key Stage 2 Before School Arrangements

Now the weather is so much colder, at 8.45am Key Stage 2 children should go directly to their classroom rather than wait in the playground for the whistle. Thank you.

Parking And Driving

Please don't park in the staff car park under any circumstances. We need to prevent movement of cars in this area during school hours (including after school club hours) so that our children are as safe as possible. We also need drivers to please drive as slowly as possible as you approach and leave the school.

Coats

Please make sure your child comes to school in warm clothing including a coat.

Bikes and Scooters

We ask that our children do not ride their bikes or scooters on school grounds - thank you.

Library Working Party

If you are able to be a part of the library / learning hub working party and support the school in planning this new learning space, please contact Emma Lawton via the office.

Hair

Please make sure that your child has their hair tied back on their PE days. We have had some instances of headlice in the school recently so we recommend that children wear hair (that is longer than shoulder length) tied back every day.

A Word From The PTA

St Agnes PTA has had a fantastic term - over £3400 has been raised. £300 at the family beach day in September, £740 at the Halloween disco, £650 from the sale of tea towels, £500 from the sale of Christmas cards, £290 at the popcorn clubs and £920 at the Christmas Fair! Many thanks to everyone who was involved in all this fundraising especially Marlene Clarke and Amanda Leonard for the family fun day, Mark Warren for the disco, Jenny Quigg and Karen Potts for the Christmas cards and Rory Stableforth and all the school staff for the Christmas Fair.

Some of this money will be spent on coaches for class trips (St Agnes PTA fund 2 coaches per class per year for trips), but the money raised at the Christmas Fair and family fun day is pledged towards the new school library and playground.

£500 has been spent on a Christmas present for each class which the children will receive in an assembly before the end of term. We have used the money that has been raised via easyfundraising to buy for these presents. If you shop online and would be interested in helping raise more money in this way please see the easyfundraising website or email lizparkins@hotmail.co.uk.

The next PTA meeting will be at Akaroa in Peterville on Monday 8th January at 8pm. Everyone is welcome. If you would like to be added to the PTA helper email list to receive copies of the meeting agenda and minutes please email lizparkins@hotmail.co.uk. We also post updates and reminders on the St Agnes PTA Facebook page. Popcorn clubs are planned for Wednesday 24th and Friday 26th January. The Easter disco is provisionally planned for Friday 23rd March and the May Fair provisionally for Saturday 19th May.

We hope you have a good Christmas break and wish you a Happy New Year.
Liz Parkins (chair), Tamsin Ranson (secretary) and Pippa Sandham (treasurer).

Have a lovely restful weekend!

Last Day of Term: Wednesday 20th December

Return to School: Friday 5th January