



Weekly Newsletter

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This week's focus: Camborne Lantern Parade



Thank you to all that supported Camborne Lantern Parade last night - I do believe we had most of our school there! Our Jellyfish and Phoenix was ably supported by over 75 individual lanterns that the children had made with their parents. A big thank you to Miss Souch who put in a lot of time organising our lanterns and to Cornwall Shed Company who transported our lanterns into town and back. We even made it onto BBC Spotlight; you can watch the clip here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b09jg83f/spotlight-late-news-19122017> (Be quick, the link expires tonight)



Dates for your diary:

Thu 4th Jan – First day of term

Mon 8th Jan – Year 5/6 Swimming starts

Mon 8th Jan – Youth Speaks practice at 3.30pm

Monday 8th Jan – Clubs start

Tuesday 9th Jan – Keyboard lessons start

Tuesday 23rd Jan – Art day in Carn Brea and Godolphin class

Wednesday 24th Jan – Tregonning at Plymouth University for Science day

Friday 26th January – Youth Speaks

Monday 12th Feb –

Friday 16th Spring half term

Awards:

Top Table: Jasper, Erin, Sophie J, Eddie

Carn Brea: Summer, Annabelle, Grace

Godolphin:
Year 1: Eadie, Freya, Erin
Year 2: Jowan, Jayden, Daniel

Trencrom: Oliver, Terry, Trystan B

Tregonning: Emily J, Heidi, Evan

Maths Award: Charlotte, Olivia, Keira, Megan

Headteacher Award: Mia, Leon, Elijah, Morley, Heidi



Penponds Village Christmas Tree light switch on

On Friday night Penponds village gathered in the square to switch on the Christmas lights. It was a lovely evening with carols, hot soup and Christmas cheer. If you're able, check out the tree in the village square.

Christingle Assembly



On Tuesday afternoon the Rev Olive Stephens joined us for our annual Christingle assembly. The Christingles were given to the school by the church and prepared in advance – thank you to the church group who organised this.

Message from Mr Richards

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been overwhelmed this month by the effort the children have put in their varied Christmas activities. Whether it be performing in Lights, Camel, Action, singing at the carol concert or simply continuing to work hard in their lessons at the end of a busy term. We have completed nearly 20 different activities in the run up to the holidays and the children have performed admirably; well supported by their families with costumes, party food, lifts to practices and help with homework. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who have worked tirelessly to bring out the best in their pupils and I know they are all looking forward to a well-deserved rest tomorrow! One of the highlights for me this term was the success of the choir and we have already begun to plan how to further promote singing within our school. I was delighted with the tremendous turn out at last night's lantern parade and the lovely comments from well-wishers on the route. These events, combined with the enthusiasm of the children and dedication of the staff, fill me with pride. Finally, I'd like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This holiday is always a special time and I hope you are able to relax and celebrate with your families. See you all in 2018!

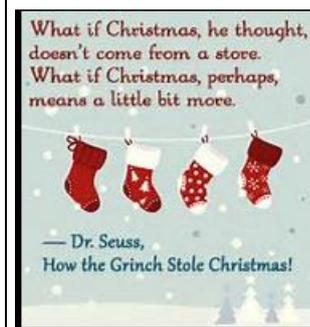
Yours sincerely
Adam Richards
Headteacher

Attendance:

Carn Brea: 87.06%
Godolphin:
Y1 – 95.79%
YR2 – 91.25%
Trencrom: 99.26%
Tregonning: 98.52%

Trophy: Trencrom

Quote of the week:



Father Christmas visit

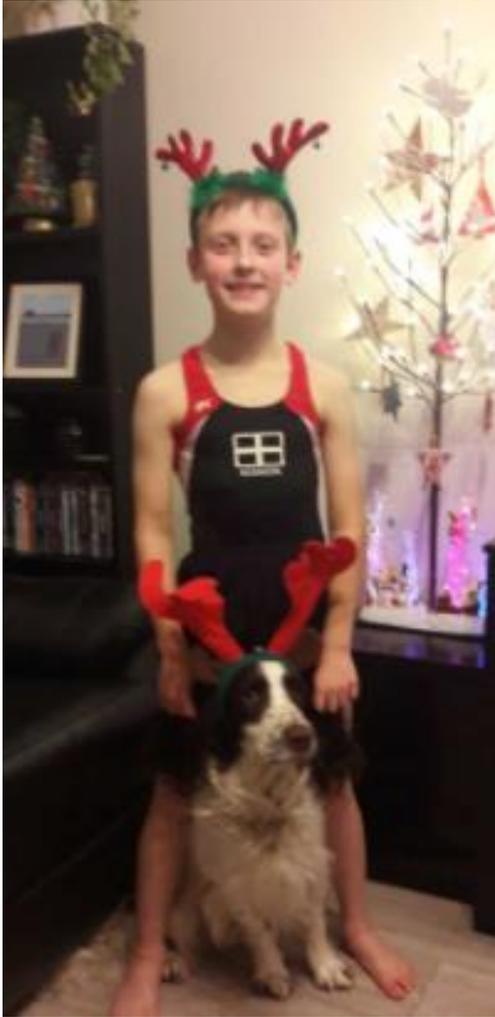
Father Christmas popped into school on Tuesday afternoon following his first visit. He was very busy but managed to speak to all the children and give out some kites he found in his sleigh. Straight after he left school he went to get ready for the lantern parade!



End of Term Parties

On Tuesday the classes celebrated the end of the autumn term with a class party. There was a lot of singing, dancing, party games and food. Thank you to all the parents who supported the parties with food.

Kernow Gymnastics and Acro Academy



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You may have seen on the news over the weekend that the sports hall at Carvynick country club near Summercourt, Newquay burnt to the ground in a major fire. Eddy Manley, in Tregonning class, regularly attends the club where over £100,000 worth of equipment was destroyed. Instead of sending Christmas cards to his friends he has asked to include this message in this week's newsletter:

Hi guys, thanks so much for showing your support. Our gym and all of its equipment is gone, burnt down to the ground. But it'll take more than this to stop us, we plan to get up and running again as soon as possible, if your able to help in any way, please visit this page. Every little helps, and our dedicated coaching team and 500 talented children will thank you for it. If today has taught us anything, it's that the red army really is a family.

<http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/kernow-gymnastics-acro-academy>

Cooking in Tregonning class



On Monday morning Tregonning class finished their Victorian unit with lots of Victorian cooking with the help of Tamsin Floyd.

