



ST PIRAN'S
CROSS
MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

It is with sadness that I have to inform you that Mrs Phillips, class teacher in Little Fish, has successfully gained a position outside of St Piran's Cross MAT and will be leaving at the end of this term. Mrs Phillips has been with the school for almost 2 years and is well-loved by staff and children alike. Not only has she been a great class teacher in both KS1 and KS2 but she has also ably led our School Council and supported a number of children on their way to successful Spoken Word Festival appearances.

Whilst we are sad to see Mrs Phillips go, we know she is excited by new challenges and we wish her the very best in her new job.

This half-term's Christian Value is compassion and our collective worship this week focussed on how we can help others in need. We hope that you will support us in our efforts to raise money for Sports Relief next week.

Finally, our Parent Forum this week provided an excellent opportunity for parents to share their views. If you were unable to attend, can I please remind you that you can always send us a message via the 'Contact us' tab on our website, by calling into the office or speaking to your child's class teacher.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Carmichael
Assistant Head



On Tuesday our year 3 children went to the Royal Cornwall Showground to take part in a Farm and Country show. It was brilliant. There was so much to see and do, including lots of farm animals to pet. We even saw some chicks being born and got to hold one. Other activities we had a go at were crimping pasties, tasting ice-cream, making butter and planting a cabbage seedling. We even milked a pretend cow! The children were all very tired at the end of the day but had really enjoyed themselves.

★ Christian value competition! - The Christian value on which we have been ★
★ focussing this half term is 'Compassion'. The collective worship team ★
★ have been thinking about the fact that to show compassion you need to ★
★ put yourself in someone else's shoes and they have set you the following ★
★ challenge: ★
★ "Write an act of compassion in a cut-out of a footprint." ★
★ All of the entries will be displayed in the entrance way with the ★
★ compassion display. The BEST entry (chosen by the collective worship ★
★ team) will receive a goodie bag! ★
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Attendance by Class

Congratulations to and Pelicans Class with 98.2% attendance.

Rainbows 1	95.9
Rainbows 2	94.6
Little Doves	96.7
Little Fish	97.4
Little Lambs	95.8
Peacocks	95.6
Phoenix	95.3
Pelicans	98.2
Angels	96.0
Faith	96.3
Hope	94.7

Last Day of Term..... Thursday 24th March. We are kindly asking you to generously donate a £1 on the last day of term for a non uniform day. The proceeds of this day will go towards one of our pupils, Evelyn, who is very poorly and needs to attend Bristol Hospital. We would like to help out her family at this difficult time. Little Doves will also be holding a bake sale, 20p a bun.

If you would like to help out with supplying something for Little Doves bake sale we would be very grateful.



Parent Forum Feedback

Thank you to the nine parents who attended our Parent Forum with Mr Lees and Mrs Carmichael on Tuesday afternoon. We had a wide ranging and worthwhile discussion, below is a summary of these:

1. INSET Days in 2017

Mr Lees confirmed that there will be an official announcement from St Piran's Cross CE trust in the very near future. Parent feedback from all of the school had been overwhelmingly positive and staff were in support.

2. School meals

Some concerns were expressed about school meals and in particular the St Piran's Day special. The parents would have liked more of an alternative to the meat pasty and all agreed that it would have been better served on a plate. Mrs Carmichael agreed to feed this back to Chartwells our school caterers and ask Tracy Cooke from Chartwells to attend our first Parent Forum of the summer term 2016.

3. Good manners at lunchtimes

Some parents of Key Stage 1 pupils were concerned that at lunchtime the children were not using knives and forks to eat their food. Mr Lees and Mrs Carmichael were surprised at this but promised to remind staff to be vigilant and expect the children to do this. Mrs Carmichael explained that they would shortly have an additional lunchtime supervisor to help in the school hall and we are still trying to recruit one more. Interested parents should make contact!

4. Handwriting expectations

Most parents could see some considerable improvement in their children's handwriting this year and this is due to the school's emphasis on this and encouraging children to take pride in the presentation of their learning. One or two parents were concerned that their children were not joining letters consistently and Mrs Carmichael said that she would pass their concerns back to the class teacher.

5. Grammar, spelling and punctuations expectations

Mr Lees explained that the new national curriculum had high expectations of the children in terms of their grammar, spelling and punctuation. The school has been working hard to teach these and it was agreed following a discussion that parents would value a workshop to explain these expectations. Mrs Carmichael will organise this at some point in the summer term 2016.

6. Amount of homework

Some parents are still concerned that there is some inconsistency between homework expectations between classes. Mrs Carmichael will check this again.

Sports News.....



Tag Rugby—Over the past couple of weeks, our Y5/6 children have taken part in two tag rugby tournaments. 8 children from our school took part and the standard of play was very good with lots of tries being scored. Well done to the team and thanks to the parents who came along to support. Thanks also to Mr Hornby who has helped to coach our tag rugby team.

Multi-Skills Festival—On Tuesday, 6 KS1 children visited Penrice Academy to take part in a multi-skills festival. Miss Eastwood was very proud of the children who took part because they behaved excellently. One of their favourite events was throwing and catching a balloon with a tennis racket.



Netball Match—Congratulations to our netball team who played against Tywardreath on Tuesday 8th March. The team played with great enthusiasm throughout and won the game 6-0. A special mention has to go to Tegan Roberts, Kayleigh Powell and Tiana Cleaves who were asked to play at the last minute due to injuries in the team. Well done to all who played! I am a very proud coach.

Mrs Cleaves

On Friday 18th March 2016, our school and hundreds of other schools will be taking part in Sports Relief. As one of the UK's biggest fundraising events, Sport Relief brings the entire nation together to get active, raise cash and change lives.

Children are allowed to come to school on that day in their sports kit.

If children do come to school in their sports kit, please bring a £1 donation for Sports Relief.

