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# St Piran's Post

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'Nurturing God's gifts with compassion and drive, so that all our children succeed, learn and thrive'



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Dear Parents,

This has been an extremely busy half term. We have been busily preparing the children in Year 2 and 6 for their SAT tests and we have been very proud of their hard work and attitudes to this. Some of the Year 6 tests were very hard and the determination and resilience of our children was impressive!

We have also spent time setting our budgets and ensuring that our schools have staff to work with the children in September 2017. We have made some excellent appointments and we hope that all of our new teachers will visit their new schools before the end of this term.

I am very grateful to the staff who have given freely of their time to accompany our Year 3 and 4 children to our residential camps at Camp Kernow and Porthpean in St Austell.

## New Heads of School for Grampound Road and Veryan

I am pleased to tell you that we have made two excellent appointments as new Heads of Grampound Road and Veryan.

**Claire Gabriele** has been appointed as Head of School at Grampound Road. Claire is currently the Assistant Headteacher at Bosvigo Primary in Truro. Richard Best our Chair of the Board said of Claire: "**She brings with her a wealth of experience, significant educational insights and a clear ability to identify the challenges we face in order**

**to keep improving the school. I am confident that with her blend of passion, intelligence and maturity, she will be a capable and**

**popular leader for the pupils and staff of Grampound Road, and a positive addition to the wider MAT community."**



Also on May 5<sup>th</sup> we appointed Anna- Rozen Willcock as the new Head of School at Veryan. Anna is currently the Lead Teacher at St Mewan Primary School in St Austell. Peter Wootton our Deputy Chair of the MAT Board said after her appointment: "**Miss Willcock has been a highly successful KS2 teacher at**

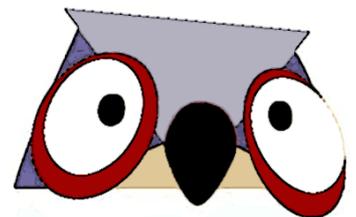
**St Mewan School for the last seven years where she has established a reputation for securing excellent learning outcomes for her pupils and for innovative and exciting teaching."**

**"Miss Willcock has great energy and many exciting ideas that will both broaden and deepen the curriculum that Veryan School is able to offer its pupils."**

I am sure you would all join me in welcoming them into our Trust.

## MAT Value next half term – **Wisdom**

This half term we will be focusing on the wisdom value within our Collective Worship times.



## MAT Consultation

Thank you to the parents who have attended the consultation meetings about the future of **St Piran's Cross MAT** following my retirement in August 2017.

Other parents have also emailed comments to our consultation email. Our Board has given

careful consideration to these comments and has asked me to thank you for these.

## Parent Forums next half term

We have one further PARENT FORUM planned in each school this term:

### Forum dates:

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 2.15 pm – Grampound Road
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15 pm – Bishop Bronescombe
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15 pm – Veryan
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15 pm – Grampound with Creed
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15 pm – Ladock

## National tests for 7 and 11 year olds – SATs.

By the time you read this most of the SATs will have been taken. I would like to thank our Year 6 children and teachers for all of the hard work they did to prepare for these national tests. They were hard this year and all of our children did their best and persevered.

Year 2 children have a few things to finish off before the half term holiday and well done to all of our Year 2s as well!

During the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> June our Year 1 children will be taking their Year 1 Phonic Screening Test. Teachers administer these tests on a one to one basis like when hearing the children read.

## Camps

Our Year 3 and 4 camps have been successfully completed and I would like to thank the children for their hard work and behaviour at these camps but also our staff who stop their own lives to accompany the children on these residential experiences. Without this commitment we could not undertake visits of this kind.



**Year 4 had a great time at Porthpean.**



Our Year 6 children will be departing for PGL Barton Hall in Torquay on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, we are sure they will have an amazing time!

## Prayer Week – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in our schools

‘Thy Kingdom come’.

During the school week of the 15<sup>th</sup> May we joined in with the Diocese of Truro’s prayer week.

We focused on:

- **Thy Kingdom Come**, Open Doors and the persecution of Christians around the world.
- Thinking about the British Values: equality, opportunity and the rule of law. The general election is on the 8<sup>th</sup> June!
- Our farming community.
- Transitions and moving on, managing change.
- The Royal Family, our Queen is 91 years old.



**Our hope is** – for all Christians to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ – for all of us to have confidence to share the Gospel – for all to respond to the call of Jesus Christ to follow Him as disciples, to live out the Gospel and to seek God’s Kingdom from day to day



Lots of wonderful and thoughtful things happened during this week in our schools. Here are a few of these things: The EYFS at Grampound with Creed are making a special prayer space outside. At BB children have been writing prayers.



## Half term Holiday

Our half term break is for two weeks this year and the second week includes our five INSET Days. This is a pilot and we will be seeking your views on this approach and looking at the impact on our unauthorised attendance figures for the last 12 months. We will evaluate this in July.

**I need to remind you all that holidays in term time can only be granted in truly exceptional circumstances.**

We have agreed to keep this approach in place for 2018 and I know that parents have already booked two-week holidays for this period next year. (28<sup>th</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018)

## Summer term 2017 Dates for your Calendars:



- 29<sup>th</sup> May – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
- 5<sup>th</sup> June – Holiday week in lieu of INSET Days.
- 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonic Screening test week.
- 19<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Residential Week at Barton Hall in Torquay.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> June – MAT Choir will perform at the Bishop of Truro's Garden Party.
- 26<sup>th</sup> June – Roseland School Transition Day for Year 6.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Transition Days in St Austell.
- 5<sup>th</sup> July – Gifted and talented math's workshop at BB for some of our very able mathematicians.
- 12<sup>th</sup> July – Key Stage two Athletics Team event at BB.
- 14<sup>th</sup> July at 3 pm – Grampound with Creed Summer Fayre, all welcome!
- 21<sup>st</sup> July at 6 pm – Year 6 Leavers' Ball at BB.
- 26<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30 pm – End of the summer term.

## Half Term Opportunity

# THE CREATIVE EXPRESS

An inspirational new approach to creative self-expression combining 3-D art and word play

THE CREATIVE EXPRESS workshops are fun and lively and draw reference from the Royal Cornwall Museum's wonderful collection. Nicola's background is in sculpture, so she likes to introduce techniques and materials not usually available in the everyday home or school environment. With word games and clever stepping stones, Charlotte enables the children to write creatively before they even know it. The

combination is a unique learning opportunity where everyone gets to push their creative boundaries and come up with something they didn't know they could do. At the end of the workshop they get to take home their own treasure from the Museum.

**Tuesday 6th June "Setting Sail" at the Royal Cornwall Museum**, 10am - 12.30 pm Suitable for ages 8-14 years Price £12 inclusive of all materials

*In this workshop, inspired by the collection at the Royal Cornwall Museum, we're going to be thinking about the moment of departure - setting out on a great journey into the unknown, full of excitement, anticipation and trepidation. We'll make stunning sailing boats out of mixed media and express the thrill of that moment in a poem or a letter home, to be inscribed on the sail.*

**Bookings essential The RCM 01872 272205  
For more information 01872 501680**

Responses to our recent workshop at the Museum, "**Art of the Patronus**"

*"This was GREAT. My ten year old daughter loved it, engaging and fun – We'd definitely book again" PA*

*"The combined artistic forces of Nicola Buxton and Charlotte Hobson are a match made in heaven for fun, hands-on and educational workshops for children. Naturally inspiring and engaging, they recently weaved their magic spell over my two boys with their 'Art of the Patronus' workshop and the children produced not only stunning poems but wonderfully carved plasterwork of their spirit animals. The boys were so proud of their achievements - to be totally engaged and focused the entire time and come out smiling is definitely cause to sign up for more!" TW*

*"I was so proud of the poem I wrote and creating my animal artwork really helped me conjure up my words." H – 8yr*

### About Nicola

Nicola Buxton is a member of the Royal Society of British Sculptors. She has also delivered a variety of sculpture workshops in primary and secondary schools through KEAP and Creative Partnerships as well as in Newlyn Art Gallery, Tate St Ives and the Eden Project.

### About Charlotte

Charlotte Hobson's novel, *The Vanishing Futurist* (Faber & Faber) was published in 2016 and has recently been long listed for the Walter Scott Prize for historical novels.

I hope that the weather continues to be pleasant and that you can get some time with the family to enjoy our wonderful beaches and countryside.

Yours sincerely

*Mark J. Lees*

*Mr. M.J Lees*  
*Executive Principal*

### **Current Trust Vacancies**

Teaching Assistant at Grampound Road School  
Teaching Assistant at Veryan School  
-Both posts to commence September 2017

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