



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

Dear Parents,

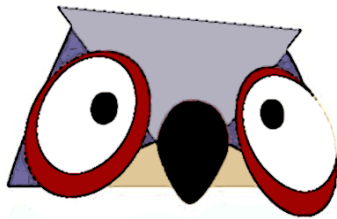
The summer term 2016 has started very well and even the weather has been fairly dry and sunny. I hope that the Whitsun half term has some lovely weather for you and your family to enjoy.

We have now been able to set our budgets for 2016/17 and each of our schools should have, or will inform you shortly of classes and the teachers teaching them. We are currently in the process of recruiting the teachers we need for September 2016.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support for our schools in many ways.

MAT Value next half term – Wisdom

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



This half term we have been focusing on the **Christian value of trust**. I know that lots of you have been working on a trust homework project and thanks for this. At Veryan School the children made

boats that they can trust and sailed on the village stream across the road from the school. **GREAT FUN!**



Parent Forums next half term

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

Forum dates:

- **Monday 13th June at 2.15 pm – Ladock**

- **Tuesday 14th June at 2.15 pm – Bishop Bronescombe**
- **Wednesday 15th June at 2.15 pm Veryan**
- **Thursday 16th June at 2.15 pm – Grampound with Creed**
- **Friday 17th June at 2.15 pm – Grampound Road.**

Now our Heads are very competitive and Veryan School had the best attendance last time with 12 parents, who can beat that this time?!

We look forward to seeing you at one of these events. Where possible the Head and I will be in attendance. There will be another Parent Forum later in the summer term, details will follow in the next MAT newsletter

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 their hard work 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 23rd May all of our year groups will be taking their half termly tests in reading, writing and maths, this helps us to check their understanding and progress across the year.

Camp Kernow – Year 4



Year 4 had a great time at Camp Kernow and we were delighted by the behaviour and attitude of the children who attended this camp.

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

Well done to Bishop Bronescombe Year 3 and 4 Athletic Team!

On Tuesday 19th April, having progressed through the area qualifying rounds, 20 of Bishop Bronescombe's Year 3/4 children took part in the Sports Hall Athletics final at Truro School. The children participated in a wide range of track events including various relay and hurdle races. Alongside these track events, college sports leaders organised field events including: speed bounce, standing long jump, 5 strides, vertical jump, chest push and javelin. The children were awarded points for each event which went towards the overall team score.

There were some fantastic individual performances throughout the morning and all of our children were motivated by team spirit. The BB team certainly deserved to succeed and we were delighted to receive the silver medal!

We were second in the county, a wonderful achievement. Well done to these children, St Piran's Cross is very proud of you all.



Roseland School Art Festival

The Roseland Festival Art Project called the "Living Roots" art exhibition, took place at Philleigh Church between Thursday 28th April and Wednesday 4th May. It was amazing to see it in such a spiritual church with all art work displayed together.

The exhibition featured a large-scale collaboration between The Roseland and nine partner primaries entitled "Standing Tall and Shouting in the Wind" which has evolved through a series of printmaking and sculpture workshops, led by visiting artist James Eddy and the Expressive Arts staff Jo Cottam, Daisy Jones and Wendy Polley. The project has involved over 270 young artists and the work has been inspired by students' personal 'sense of place' based on an exploration of living connections to their environment. Between October 2015 and January 2016 Roseland staff delivered nine

successful printmaking workshops to our partner primary schools, ably assisted by Year 10 GCSE Art students. KS2 primary pupils have produced some fantastic artwork using both monoprint and dry point techniques, and Roseland students have embraced the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and guide younger pupils through the printmaking process.



Prayer Week – 9th May 2016 in our schools

We spent the week focusing on prayer and the aim of this was to:

Raise awareness of the importance and centrality of prayer in Christian life.

We thought about these questions:

- Why do we pray?
- What do we pray about?
- How can we pray?



Lots of wonderful and thoughtful things happened during this week in our schools.

At **Ladock School**, Mrs Milling built this prayer station as you enter the school. Isn't it beautiful!

The children at Bishop Bronescombe have made special use of their prayer stations.



At Grampound Road the prayer stations were linked to Pentecost.



MAT and School Self-Evaluation 2016

As part of our on-going review, development and evaluation toward the continuous improvement in our schools we would appreciate it if all parents could complete our short survey. It will take between 5-10 minutes and will help us to improve all of our schools.

If you receive this newsletter electronically please click on this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MZLHTFP>

If you have received a paper copy you will need to type the address into your web browser.

The closing date for the survey is Friday 27th May. If you are unable to access the internet please call into the school office for a paper copy.

MAT Committee vacancies

The MAT's Audit and Risk Committee is seeking to appoint two additional members. The role of the Committee is to review the risks to internal financial control at the Trust, to agree a programme of work that will address these risks, to inform the governance statement that accompanies the Trust's annual accounts, and to provide assurance to the external auditors. The Committee meets three times a year (one meeting per term). If you have business or accountancy experience and would be interested in joining this committee, please contact Kathryn Trudgeon on 01726 250260 or email ktudgeon@stpiranscross.co.uk Thank you!

Current Trust Vacancies

The Trust has the following vacancies:

- **Classroom Teaching Assistant/1:1 Teaching Assistant-** Bishop Bronescombe School- commencing Sept 16. Closing date: 22nd May
- **Trust Site Supervisor-** commencing Sept 16. Closing date: 6th June

For more information on these vacancies please visit our website www.stpiranscross.co.uk

Online Safety

The online world is integral to how children stay in touch with their friends, and access to the internet is now



available like never before. We have noticed that more and more children in our schools now have social media accounts, games consoles that can be used for online gaming and even their own YouTube channels. Nevertheless, there are inherent risks associated with new technologies and it is essential for young people and their parents/carers to understand how to reduce these hazards.

E-Safety lessons are taught in school as part of the National Curriculum. However, recently we have had an increase in requests for advice from parents as to how they can help their children stay safe online and continue to enjoy the benefits of digital technology. We hope that the following information taken from www.internetmatters.org is of some use to you and your children.

If you need any further advice on helping your child to safely enjoy the wonders of the digital world, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Internet safety checklist for pre-teens

Put yourself in control - Activate parental controls on your home broadband, all devices including mobile phones and games consoles. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google (and other search engines), YouTube and on entertainment sites like iTunes and iPlayer.

Have free and frank discussions - Encourage your child to talk to you about how they use the

internet and show you what they do. Discuss with them the kinds of things they might come across. A good time to talk is when they get a new device or mention a new website.

Manage their devices - Keep the computer or main device in a communal area such as the living room or kitchen and set up a user account for your child. If you think they aren't old enough to have a mobile phone or tablet, stay firm and explain the reasons why.

Stay safe on the move - Be aware that if your child is accessing the internet using public WiFi they may not have safety features active. Some providers are part of family friendly WiFi schemes with filters to block inappropriate content. Look out for friendly WiFi symbols like Mumsnet, Family Friendly WiFi and RDI Friendly WiFi symbols when you're out and about.

Have an agreement - Agree and set boundaries with them or have a family contract for their internet use, including when and where they can use portable devices and for how long, before they get used to doing their own thing.

Check age ratings - The age ratings that come with games, apps, films and social networks are a good guide to whether they're suitable for your child. For example, the age limit is 13 for several social networking sites including Facebook and Instagram.

Start discussions about social networking early - Talk to children about the benefits and risks of social networking before they join any sites. Let them know that anything they upload, email or message could stay around forever online.

Keep private information private - If your child does have a social networking profile or a YouTube account, teach them to block or ignore people and how to set strict privacy settings. Request that you or someone you both trust becomes their 'friend' or 'follower' to check that conversations and posts are appropriate.

Camp Kernow

Thank you to the Year 4's who attended camp this week and were a credit to their schools and families. They had a great time and thank you to the staff who attended this camp as well.

Tree climbing at Camp Kernow



Story Teller at Camp Kernow – The Woodman



Summer term 2016 Dates for your Calendars:

May 23rd – Assessment Week
May 30th – Half term holiday.
June 6th – School re-opens and Year 6 go to Barton Hall Camp.
10th June – The Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations
13th June – Year 1 National Phonic Screening Test Week.
June 20th to 22nd – Year 5 Camp to Porthpean.
June 23rd – EU referendum.
June 28th – Year 6 Welcome Day at the Roseland School.
July 4th and 5th – Penrice Welcome Days for Year 6
July 11th – Assessment Week
July 13th – MAT Olympics at Par Stadium. Morning – KS 2 and afternoon reception and KS1
July 15th – Year 6 Prom and Graduation at Grampound Road School.

Yours sincerely

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