



ST PIRAN'S  
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MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

"Learning that lasts a lifetime"



## Year 6 Camp to Barton Hall

Our first whole MAT Year 6 Camp took place during the week of the 6<sup>th</sup> June with the children spending the week at PGL Barton Hall in Torquay. The children were involved in an action-packed week which included: **dry skiing, canoeing, raft building, quad bike riding, archery, climbing, swimming, games and much more.**

Mr Lees has asked me to tell you that all of the Year 6 children who attended the camp were a credit to their schools and our MAT, drawing compliments from our staff and PGL staff on their behaviour, attitudes and lovely manners.



One of the aims of this camp was to provide opportunities for the children to meet and become friends with the children from the other MAT schools, this was certainly achieved and many budding friendships have been made.

Time flies, and as you will now be aware, I am leaving after almost 10 years! As I write this, I can hear the strains of 'So long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Adieu, adieu, adieu to yieu and yieu ....' playing in my head.

Rather than being sad, I want to dwell on all the fantastic reasons I have stayed—which is the great children, the amazing staff and all things BB!

I am proud to have been part of it all and in more recent times, to have been it's leader. It has been wonderful and awful, hilarious and sad, fun and hard work. Thankfully, whatever has been happening, I have loved working here *almost* all of the time and there's not many jobs you can say that about.

I shall be sad to leave BB, but know it will continue to thrive and grow with all that is in place and its strong leadership.

Many thanks for all your support!

Mrs Dalton

P.S. You are still stuck with me until the end of term, but I will be too teary by then to be coherent!

Children have been invited to the opening of St Austell Feast Week on the 19th June, being held at St Austell Football Club at 11am. Rain or shine, we hope to see you there.

### Christian value competition!

We are thinking about 'Courage' this half term. The collective worship team have created the following competition for you: Create a shield showing a character from the bible that had to show courage. Entries will be displayed in the entrance way with the 'courage' display. The BEST entry (chosen by the collective worship team) will receive a prize!

### BB celebrating the Queens 90th birthday.



### Attendance by Class

Congratulations to Pelicans Class with 99.0% attendance.

**If your child is absent from school, please call into**

**reception on 01726 64322**

Rainbows 1	94.0
Rainbows 2	88.3
Little Doves	95.2
Little Fish	95.0
Little Lambs	97.7
Peacocks	95.3
Phoenix	96.0
Pelicans	99.0
Angels	87.9
Faith	95.0
Hope	95.5



**The NSPCC's *Speak Out. Stay Safe.* programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.** I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their ***Speak out. Stay safe*** programme on **Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June**. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly and workshop to the children in our school.

**"NSPCC has helped me to build the confidence to tell people about my worries and problems."  
Child's feedback**

**What is the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme?** Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse ('privates are private' for the KS1 assembly), without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

**"This service provides important information in a child-friendly way – it should be made mandatory in all schools. A brilliant service!" *Teacher, Wistaston Primary, Crewe***

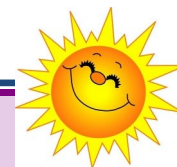
If you would like any more information about the NSPCC ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website [nspcc.org.uk/schools](https://nspcc.org.uk/schools) or please come into speak to me and I can provide more information.

**Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children** The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at [nspcc.org.uk/pants](https://nspcc.org.uk/pants)

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website [nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/](https://nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/)

Debbie Carmichael, Assistant Head.



## Summer Term Diary Dates

Monday 20th—23rd June		Year 6 pupil progress evenings
Thursday 23rd June	All day	European Referendum—BBeebies will be closed
Monday 27th June		Sports Day
Monday 27th —29th June		Years R—5 pupil progress evenings
Monday 27th—29th June		BBeebies pupil progress evenings
Tuesday 28th June		Yr 6 HfC performance—The Elements Show
Friday 1st July		Year 6 Fiver Challenge Fair
Monday 4th & 5th July	Penrice	Yr 6 Open day and evening (Monday)
Monday 11th & 12th July	Poltair	Yr 6 Open day and evening (Monday)
Wednesday 13th July	Par Track	MAT Olympics
Friday 15th July	TBA	Yr 6 Prom at Grampound Road
Monday 18th July	9.15am	Yr 6 Communion—All welcome
Monday 18th July	2pm	Yr 6 Leavers Show
Tuesday 19th July	2pm	Reception Graduation
Wednesday 20th July	2pm	Year 2 Graduation

**Parent Forum** - Thank you to the parents who attended the half termly Parent Forum this week. Below is a summary of our discussions:

**Engaging parents in the life and work of the school**—a long discussion took place about how the school and trust might get more parents involved in the life and work of the school. The idea of workshops for parents on helping their child with school work was discussed. Mr Lees said that from September 2016, Mrs Tamsin Parry will be the school's Parent Support Adviser (PSA) and she will be thinking of creative ways to include parents in the life and work of the school. She will also be available to support parents if needed.

**The teaching of maths**—parents would welcome some support in the teaching of maths and in particular new calculation methods as these have changed considerably since many parents were at school. Mr Gynn said he would discuss this with the school's math's coordinators.

**Spelling Karate**—Parents asked if this approach to spelling was still being used as in some classes it appeared not to be. Mr Gynn said he would look into whether this approach was still being used and discuss the consistent use of this in all classes.

**Classes and teachers teaching them from September 2016**—Parents enquired into when the classes for September 2016 would be announced. Mr Lees said that the school was still recruiting teaching assistants for the classes and when this was complete, classes would be organised and parents informed later in the term.

**Pathway by the side of the school**—parents wondered who was responsible for keeping this pathway free of weeds, nettles and low hanging branches. Mr Gynn said that we were not sure but he would ask Ralph the school caretaker to have a look and to cut back any overgrown areas.

**Swimming lessons**—a parent wondered whether swimming could start earlier in the children's school life. Mr Gynn explained that school had now focused swimming on Year 3 and above and when the children go swimming they are in the water for one hour. Other parents at the meeting agreed that this was good value and the children made good progress with swimming when it started in Year 3.

**School Uniform**—parents asked if there could be a sale of old school uniform. After a discussion, it was agreed that parents would be asked to donate old school uniform that was still fit for purpose. This would be offered to all parents on Friday 1st July at 3.15pm alongside the PFTA ice cream sale. Parents would be asked to make a small donation for items taken and this would be used by the PFTA to purchase some more sports kits for the school's swimming team.

**After school clubs**—some parents are still concerned at the after school clubs booking arrangements and whether this was fair and equitable. Mrs Carmichael has added that everyone who requested a place on a club got one (some for only 1st or 2nd half of the term if over-subscribed). Nobody was refused a club place this term.