



ST PIRAN'S  
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MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

## Newsletter

### Exciting News.....

We are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Baby Berry and Baby Parry!

Mrs Berry had her little boy early, on September 21st, weighing 8lb 1oz and Mrs Parry, although a little later than expected, gave birth to a 8lb 13 ½ oz baby boy on the Saturday 26th September.

Both sets of parents and baby boys are doing well and we are sending huge 'Congratulations' to them all.



### BBFRIENDS DISCO

Friday 23rd October

KS1/EYs 3.30pm—4.15pm

KS2 4.30pm—5.30pm

£1 ENTRY £1 SNACK PACK

PAYABLE ON THE DOOR ON THE DAY



Any girls interested in Football lessons are invited to Poltair School on a Monday 4pm—5pm in their sports hall. All welcome!

### St Luke's Church

Sunday, 4th October – Harvest Festival and Compassion Sunday. The service begins at 11.00am in the hall. We are collecting tinned food for Food Bank and will be finding out about Compassion Sunday and what it means. The service is family friendly and all are welcome.



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### Harvest Communion:

9.15am Mon 5th Oct—visitors are welcome to join us;

**Y5 London Meeting** : 3.30pm Tues 6th Oct



Our TA of the Year nominee, Mrs Debi Allen, receiving her certificate and flowers. Well done!

Dear All,

We have heard on the grapevine some parents are worried that some staff are not qualified. I thought it was probably a good idea to address that right away - and am happy to reassure you that they all are!

All our teachers have as a minimum either a teaching degree or a post-graduate certificate in education and have what's termed 'qualified teacher status'. Some of them have studied beyond these qualifications to add to their skills. In addition, all our teaching assistants hold academic qualifications and some of them have also trained to become higher level teaching assistants, HLTAs as they are known.

In the case of a short-term absence of a teacher – if they are off with a minor illness for example, like a stomach bug – we would use a HLTA as cover supervisors. The HLTA will follow the planning done by the teacher and lead the classroom learning. When the teacher returns they will assess the learning and pupil outcomes during their absence and liaise with the HLTA for feedback.

If the absence is for more than a day or two, we will use a supply teacher (again, fully qualified and with qualified teacher status). They assume the full role of the class teacher and will plan, mark and assess pupils' learning

Using HLTAs to cover for short-term absences is beneficial to us. This is what they have been trained to do and they love having the opportunity to use these skills; they know the children, the school and all our procedures; there is less disruption for your children and everything is more familiar. Obviously there is a financial saving too, but this is not the priority when making this decision.

If anybody has concerns about the standards of teaching and learning, please do come and see me as I will be happy to talk them through with you. Please be assured, I would always want to address any issues – and would far rather you talked things through than worried about anything at home.

*Mrs Dalton*

### Reception Admission Forms for Reception 2016/17

If your child is due to start Reception next September 2016, you will need to complete an application form. These can be obtained from our school office or apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions). The deadline for your application is 15th January 2016

### Transfer to Secondary School

If your child is a Year 6 pupil, you will need to apply for a Secondary Placement by the 31st October 2015. You can collect an application form from our school office or apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions).

***Our Christian values: Compassion, forgiveness, trust, respect, courage and perseverance***