

'The Lord is the one who goes before you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you or forsake you.' Psalm 25

### What's in store next week?

The children have their Christmas parties next week which will be a great way to end the term. Following a discussion with the children and staff they have agreed that the children can bring in a Christmas party jumper or accessory to wear for their party! The children do not need to bring a complete change of clothing – just another jumper if they have one and wish to. The KS2 children will be rehearsing at St Stephen's Church on Tuesday morning for the evening Christingle Service. The children DO NOT need to be at the church before 6.15pm. The church will be shut until this time. The children must be in school uniform and children with long hair must have it tied back. There is no parking at St Stephens so we encourage you to walk and enjoy the festive spirit.

### Dates for this year

**18<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Party 1 – 3pm**

**19<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Party 1 – 3pm**

**Please let us know if you can help organise the hall for the party tea.**

**19<sup>th</sup> December** – Christingle Service at St Stephens for all KS2 children starting at 6.30pm. The children will need to be at the church for 6.15pm.

**20<sup>th</sup> December - END OF TERM**

**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2018 – BACK TO SCHOOL**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Year 3 and 4 start their swimming lessons.**

**5<sup>th</sup> January – School New Year Disco night.**

**FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY – PARENT CONSULTATION DAY TO DISCUSS YOUR CHILD'S ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS.**

**12-16<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM.**

**24<sup>th</sup> February – PTA Barn Dance**

**28<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 trip to Plymouth University to see Twelfth Night.**

**29<sup>th</sup> March – END OF SPRING TERM.**

**16<sup>th</sup> April – SUMMER TERM BEGINS.**

**25<sup>th</sup> May – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET**

**28<sup>TH</sup> MAY – 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE – HALF TERM**

**4<sup>TH</sup> June – BACK TO SCHOOL**

**9 – 13<sup>TH</sup> July – HEATREE RESIDENTIAL, YEAR 5**

**20<sup>TH</sup> July – BREAK UP FOR SUMMER**

We do hope you enjoyed the children's Christmas Productions this year. It was lovely to see every child taking part. Thank you for all your support. Here are some photographs from the dress rehearsals on Tuesday. A special thank you must go to all the staff who worked so hard to support the children.



## STARTING SCHOOL

### Reception in-take for 2018 – 19.

Please remember that the deadline for applications for entry to the Reception year 2018 – 19 is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2018**. **All applications must be completed online through Cornwall Council**. The website address is: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

If there is any additional information that you wish to submit to the Governing Body separately this can be done on the Admission Supplementary Information Form which is available to download on the school website.

### EMERGENCY CLOSURE PROCEDURE

This term we have escaped some of the extreme weather conditions other parts of the country have experienced. However, please do check the emergency closure procedures which can be found on the school's website. In the event of an unforeseen closure we will always endeavour to text parents as soon as the decision to close has been made and authorised. Please also listen to the local radio stations. A list of school closures will appear on Cornwall council's website.

This decision will always be based on safety for the children, parents and staff and ensuring we have sufficient staff to ensure the children are safe.

### Year 3 and 4 swimming lessons

Swimming starts the first Friday back, (**5<sup>th</sup> January**) so please remember to pack your swimming things. We would be grateful to receive any swimming slips before the end of term and any voluntary contributions which enable us to provide this activity. Thank you.

Next week there will be a change to the menu on **Wednesday**, the last day of term. **Fish and chips**, a weekly favourite, will now be served. 😊

### Date for your diary.

Year 6 will be holding a VE Party in the Education Centre for friends, family and neighbours on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 – 2.45pm.

Over Christmas, if you are having a 'toy sort' and you have any unwanted board games suitable for children aged 6 – 11 years we would love to give them a new home. In the spring term we will be turning the Summer House into a games room and need suitable games for the children to play with.



### New Year Discos - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January

The PTA will be holding the New Year Discos in the school hall on 5<sup>th</sup> January. There will be two discos, one for Reception children and Years 1 and 2 and the second for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. It is really important that children only attend the disco for their age group.

The **Reception and KS1** disco starts at **5.15pm and finishes at 6.00pm**. Children will need to be collected from the hall.

The **KS2** disco starts at **6.15pm and finishes promptly at 7.15pm**. If children are attending this disco they must enter school through Mr Hill's classroom but they must not arrive before **6.05pm**.

The staff will need to register **all** the children as they arrive in school.

**All children must be picked up by an adult and no child will be allowed to leave the building unaccompanied.** Only children who attend Bishop Cornish School can attend as it is not suitable for preschool children.

The entry fee is **£1.00** and there will be glow sticks and disco fingers for them to purchase. There will also be fruit for sale and free access to water.

If your child has never been to a disco, if you would like to stay, please do. There will be tea and coffee available outside the Year 2 classroom for parents who wish to stay but not join in the dancing!

If you are able to help preparing fruit before the disco please do let us know.