

Darkness covers the earth and its people, but the radiance of God's Light burns away its shadows, illuminates the smallest corner, and heralds in the start of a new dawn.

We wish everyone a very happy new year. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school this week. They had lots to share about their Christmas holidays.

Next week the children in:

**Reception will be** learning about the year of the pig in Chinese New Year.

**Year 1 will be** planning their own amazing alien adventure.

**Year 2 will be** learning about life in a Victorian home.

**Year 3 will be** creating amazing Cornish landmark maps. They'll need to use their powers of observation and remember key landmarks that they have seen!

**Year 4 will be** designing and creating electrical circuits to light the classroom and sound the buzzer!!

**Year 5 will be** scientists investigating the best materials for a thermal insulator.

**Year 6 will be** retail-pricing strategists, finding ways to maximise profits and keeping their business afloat ahead of Brexit!

#### Key dates for the remainder of the year

**15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany Prayer Spaces in school**

**16<sup>th</sup> January – Music Concert to inspire new or budding musicians. 6.30pm and 7.30pm in the school hall.**

**15<sup>th</sup> February – School closed for Parent Consultation Day**

**18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Half term**

**7<sup>th</sup> March – KS2 trip to see Birmingham Royal Ballet perform Beauty and the Beast at the Theatre Royal.**

**11<sup>th</sup> March – TEMPEST CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS**

**15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March – Scholastic Book Fayre. If you think you may be able to help please see Mrs Dunbar.**

**21<sup>st</sup> March – Year 5 trip to Junior Life Skills Centre.**

**\*WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL – KS2 PASSION PLAY AT ST NICHOLAS AND ST FAITH CHURCH starting at 6.30pm**

**5<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> April inclusive – EASTER HOLIDAY**

**23<sup>rd</sup> April – Back to school**

**25<sup>th</sup> April – Year 6 trip to Plymouth University to see The Tempest**

**7<sup>th</sup> May – RNLI Beach talk to KS2**

**21<sup>st</sup> May – M and M Theatre production for KS2 – The Hobbit**

**6<sup>th</sup> June – ROYAL CORNWALL SHOW FOR KS2**

**24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 trip to Heatree**

**3<sup>rd</sup> July – Provisional class move-up day (subject to Year 6 transition day).**

**10<sup>th</sup> July – Meet your child's new teacher presentation from 3.20pm.**

**24<sup>th</sup> July – End of summer term**

We were devastated to break the news to the children that, sadly, Jacob, one of our adorable alpacas, became seriously ill over the holiday and had to be put to sleep. He was such a special part of the school and we will miss seeing him grazing on the field with Isaac. We do have such wonderful memories of him though. A huge, huge thank you to all the parents who looked after the animals over the holiday – we really couldn't do it without you.



What have Year 6 been up to? More overleaf.



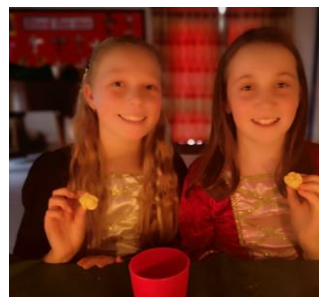
Each week we would like to introduce you to members of our Governing Body. Some Governors you may already know and others may be less familiar. They play a very important leadership role in school and more information can be found on our website, so please do have a look.

### **Mrs Teresa Lindeyer – Chair of Governors**

Currently I have two children at Bishop Cornish and I have a strong commitment to wanting to help enrich the current lives and future paths for all the children moving through the school. I am an active member of our Church and my faith is central to decisions and actions on a daily basis. I have a background in working in community and mentoring roles, as well as in media and communications. Experience in both these roles has taught me how to challenge and question, but more importantly, empathise and listen. I believe that developing an enquiring mind, appreciation and love of the world around us, a creative approach to life and a love of Jesus gives every child a solid foundation on which to build and make strong and positive choices in life. Bishop Cornish helps every child to nurture these qualities and this is something I will always strive to maintain in my work as a school governor.

Year 6 celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany, Tudor style, yesterday. They were joined by King Henry VIII and his wife Anne Boleyn for a sumptuous, candlelit banquet, heralding in the boar's head.

### **Making memories at Bishop Cornish!!!**



### **Messy Church**

The next Messy Church is on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January** and the theme is **New Beginnings**. Messy Church is held at St Stephen's and runs from **3.00pm – 5.00pm**. Everyone is welcome so please do go along. Dates for the coming months are:

**16<sup>th</sup> February**

**16<sup>th</sup> March**

**20<sup>th</sup> April**

**18<sup>th</sup> May**

**15<sup>th</sup> June**

**20<sup>th</sup> July**



There is also an **All Age Service** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month starting at 10.00pm. The next is on **3<sup>rd</sup> February** and the theme will be **Candlemas**. Please come along and join in.

### **PLYMOUTH JUNIOR BADMINTON ELLIS TOURNAMENT**

If your child is interested in Badminton, there is a Junior Tournament on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February at the Plymouth Life Centre, starting at 9am. They can compete in Under 11 singles and/or doubles, both boys and girls. If your child is interested in competing, please see Mr Brown for an entry form.

On the **16<sup>th</sup> January** Cornwall Music will be providing a showcase '**music concert**', demonstrating the musical instrument tuition available to your child. There will be two demonstrations one commencing at 6.30pm and again at 7.30pm to allow as many parents and children to come along and hear what's on offer.