

Next week the children in:

Reception will be getting into the Christmas spirit by making decorations.

Year 1 will be getting messy exploring materials.

Year 2 will be writing a Christmas adventure story.

Year 3 will be exploring the culinary delights of the Stone Age!

Year 4 will be exploring the real meaning of Christmas.

Year 5 will be focusing on Native American culture.

Year 6 will be perfecting their performance in the play, as well as finishing their own playscripts based on the lives of Henry VIII and his 6 wives! Off with his head!

PLEASE NOTE THAT NEXT WEEK IS THE LAST WEEK FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

DATES FOR THE YEAR

Saturday 7th December – Saltash Lantern Parade

Wednesday and Thursday 11th & 12th December
Christmas Productions

Friday 13th December – Reception Theatre trip

Tuesday 17th December – KS2 Christingle Service at St Stephen's Church 6.30pm

Wednesday 18th December – School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19th December – Christmas Parties

Friday 20th December – break up for Christmas

Monday 6th January – School re-opens

Friday 10th January – Children's Disco

Friday 31st January – Quiz Evening (Adults)

Tuesday 11th February – SAFER INTERNET DAY

FRIDAY 14th FEBRUARY – PARENT CONSULTATION DAY

HALF TERM – 17th February – 21st February

Friday 20th March – Wednesday 25th March

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAYRE

EASTER HOLIDAY – 30th March – 14th April

INSET – School closed 22nd May

HALF TERM – 25th – 29th May

22nd – 26th June – Year 5 residential at Heatree

BREAK UP FOR SUMMER – 21st July

Monday 2nd December will be Mrs. Hill's final day before she starts her maternity leave. We are all excited and await news of the safe arrival of the new baby over Christmas – or possibly before! I am sure you will join all the staff in wishing the Hill family all the best at this wonderful time. This means that Mr Hill will be on Paternity Leave in the new year - this will be covered by Mr. Brown.



The Reception children have produced some wonderful art work inspired by the colours of Winter.



This half term Year 2 have been learning about the Great Fire of London. They have used books to research facts and written diaries based on what they have learnt. Alongside all of this work they have all contributed towards this amazing display in their classroom.

Christmas Production rehearsals have now started in earnest and the children are learning songs, lines and stage directions. It sounds really exciting! Thank you for your ticket requests – we are sure you appreciate the challenges of ensuring equity in ticket distributions. If you find you are unable to attend your allotted performance time please can you return your tickets to school rather than offer them to other parents. Thank you.

Do you have any Christmas jumpers (any size) we could have or borrow for the KS2 play? They won't be worn but be part of a scene where they will be hanging up. Thank you.



As a result of all their hard work studying the Stone Age in Year 3 they have created an amazing display of cave art and images of Stonehenge. Well done Year 3.

Year 6 had great fun making their lanterns in preparation for the Lantern Parade on Saturday 7th December. Next week they will be decorating them with appropriate festive images.



SPORTS REPORT

Since last week some of the children have had an opportunity to compete in the local hockey tournament. The team played superbly and came first – congratulations all of you.

On Wednesday the football team competed in the next league match against St Stephens. They played a superb game, winning the match 6 - 3.

We are very proud of the children who represent our school in the many sporting activities we take part in. A big thank you to Mr. Brown for all his coaching and encouragement. Well done everyone.

Every term we are visited by an external School Improvement Partner (SIP), Mr Jeff Davis. Jeff is a highly experienced colleague, a former headteacher and a Chair of Governors for a number of schools. His advice and support is invaluable as we are always looking for ways to improve as a school and he is highly regarded for his work in school improvement. When he visits he focuses on different areas of school life but with an ongoing emphasis on pupil progress. This term, during his visit, he looked at lots of children's books across all subjects. Here are some of his comments from visits this year;

'In all the classes visited, the Behaviour for Learning observed was outstanding, with children fully and actively engaged in a variety of ways. I was impressed with the way teachers created a stimulating environment to inspire children's imagination.'

'As is usual at Bishop Cornish the children are able to engage in activities to develop their skills but in an imaginative and creative fashion which is very exciting to see.'

'Children are encouraged to develop independence of learning and great use is made of the school's unique outside environment.'



Thank you so much for your generous donations to the **Poppy Appeal** – we raised **£53.87** for the Royal British Legion.

Please join us at St Stephens this Sunday, 1st December, for our Advent Family Service. The service starts at 9.30am.