

Tintagel Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers

This term our Value is 'Perseverance' and our enquiry Question is 'What Matters the Most, The Journey or the Destination?'

Christmas Fete

It's starting to look a lot like Christmas...

Tintagel school community enjoyed a wonderful festive event on Friday as our PTFA hosted our Christmas Fete. The school hall was filled to the brim with an array of Christmas gifts, from unique handmade items made by our talented local crafters to alternative gift ideas. We were delighted that the stalls spilled out into the classrooms, with experts on hand to offer children the opportunity to make their own gifts. Needless to say, we had our own resident elf, who was kept busy escorting children through to Santa's grotto.



When the excitement got too much, there were festive refreshments for all. Incredibly, we raised almost £800 on the evening and with the remaining raffle prizes and items to be sold, it is likely we will reach the £1000 mark. A fantastic effort made by all and our thanks go out to our school community for their team spirit, their effort and their generosity.



Raffle tickets are still on sale in the office and we will also be selling the remaining sweets from the Pick N Mix stall on Friday at the end of the day in the playground.

Christmas Performances

Preparations are underway for our Christmas Performances for each school. There will be two performances – one in the afternoon commencing at 2.00pm and one in the evening commencing at 6.00pm on Thursday 13th December. **This will be a traditional candlelit carol service and nativity, so although younger siblings are welcome at the afternoon performance, we would like to reserve the evening performance for adults only in order to create a little piece of Christmas magic. Thank you for respecting this decision.**

The Christingle Service at St Materiana's Church will take place on Sunday 9th December at 4:30pm. Our pupils will have prepared the Christingles and it would be lovely if you were able to take them to the service so that they can see why they are made as part of Christmas traditions.

Staff Update

Our heartfelt congratulations to Mrs Kirkman.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mrs Kirkman as she has informed the school that she is pregnant and will be taking maternity leave from April 2019. Although we are really delighted at this exciting news, we do understand that she will be a very hard act to follow – especially in the run up to the Year 6 SATs. I would just like to reassure all parents in Class 4 that recruitment processes are already underway to secure a high quality Yr 5/6 teacher during her absence, and we will be making sure that the children continue to get the best possible provision - both in the last few weeks of preparation, and throughout their tests. The class will be very well looked after.

There is no plan to recruit a replacement Head of School during Mrs Kirkman's absence. The intention is for Mrs Cox and Mr Pritchard (Head of School at Delabole) to continue to lead the two schools in order to sustain provision. Mrs Cox will amend her work schedule across the schools in order to ensure she is regularly available to staff, pupils and parents. If you have any concerns over these changes, please do come and talk to us.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all who supported this very deserving charity – £112 was raised at Tintagel.

Cornwall Christmas Box Appeal

These boxes have been a resounding success with only a few gaps left for the remaining items. Once again, you have demonstrated your generosity of spirit. We are just short a couple of tins of meat and a couple of bottles/cartons of soft drink. If you are able to bring this in by Wednesday 5th December that would be fantastic.



Some Requests for Support

PE Provision

We have now been able to secure the services of a very experienced Sports Coach who will now support the delivery of the PE curriculum over both Tintagel and Delabole schools in the absence of Mrs Ubly. This will begin from January but in the meantime, please could we ask that parents who are replacing trainers and any PE kit, perhaps donate preloved kit to the school so that we can make sure there are always spares available and children can participate no matter what the weather.

Best wishes

Sue Cox

Key Dates this Term

Thursday 13 th December 2pm and 6pm	Christmas Performance
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas lunch & jumper day
Thursday 20 th December	Last day of term 2
Monday 7 th January	First day of term 3
Thursday 14 th February	Last day of term 3
Monday 25 th February	First day of term 4
Friday 5 th April	Last day of term 4
Tuesday 23 rd April	First day of term 5
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 21 st May – Friday 24 th May	Y6 London residential
Friday 24 th May	Last day of term 5
Monday 3 rd June 2018	First day of term 6
Friday 7 th June 2018	Community Cohesion Day – School Closed
Thursday 24 th July 2018	Last day of term 6