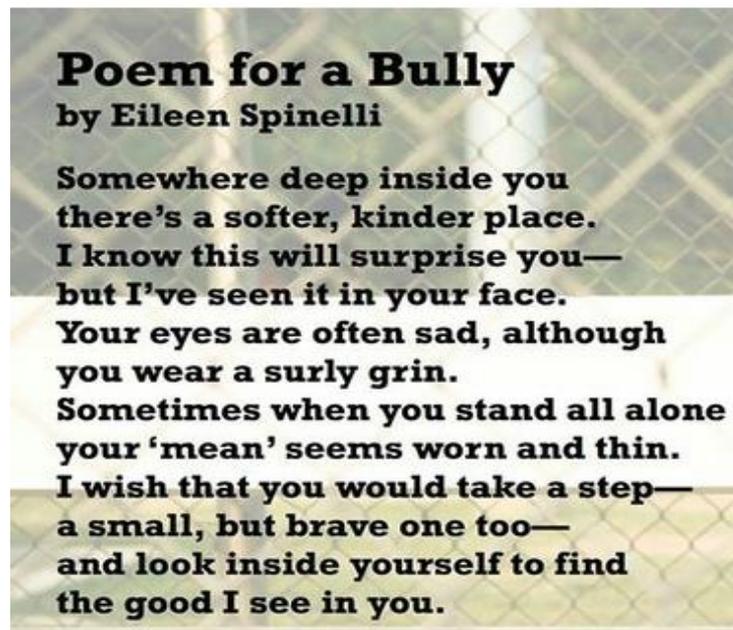


A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week we have focused on anti-bullying week and Mrs Lakin's PSHE lessons have involved the children in a range of very powerful anti-bullying activities where the children have shown a genuine care and acceptance of each other.



NOW, WHO MENTIONED CHRISTMAS? - Well, the term is certainly racing towards Christmas! The staff have given in and have now all agreed that the word Christmas can be mentioned (very quietly) in the classroom as the school starts to sing festive songs in preparation for the Christmas shows that will be taking place in a few weeks' time. Our first Christmas celebration is our Tree Decorating Service on Tuesday, 1st December. It's never too early to start making those beautiful decorations that will adorn our tree until the end of the term. We look forward to seeing the wide range of creative works of tree art this year. We would like the children to bring in their clearly named decoration on Monday, 30th November, if possible, to ensure every child has something to hang on the tree. So get cutting, sticking and glittering and join in the creative festive fun!

CONFIDENT, INSPIRING AND TALENTED – So many words could describe our poetry recital competitors over the last two weeks. Pupils from EYFS all the way up to Year 6 performed their chosen poems to an impressed group of adjudicators. Without exception, every child who took part clearly enjoyed their experience and there is no doubt that this could be the start of an annual event for Perran-ar-Worthal School. No less than 44 children took part in this, our first year of competitive poetry reciting. Every child received a certificate of merit and the winners were awarded with beautiful poetry books. A big thank you to Mrs Jo Cameron who, with the help of the Year 6 librarians, organised and ran the whole event very successfully. We would also like to thank the adjudicators for giving so generously of their time in helping to make this event extra special and worthwhile. Well done to all who took part with a particular well done to our KS1 winners and KS2 winners.

SWIMMING SUCCESS – Last Friday our Year 5 and 6 swimming squad took part in the inter-schools swimming gala. The event was, as always, brilliantly organised by Ange Walker, Head of PE at Penryn College. A very exciting morning was had by all where every pupil taking part clearly enjoyed the thrill of the competition. We are delighted to announce that both Year 5 and Year 6 boys’ teams will be going through to the next round having achieved several medals in their races. A big well done also goes to our Year 5 and 6 girls’ team, for their high level of focus and determination. You all did yourselves and your school proud! Thank you to those parents who were able to come along and support and provide fuel for the hungry swimmers in the form of large quantities of yummy biscuits. A particularly thank you to Mrs McKnight for supporting the team and helping with transport. Mrs Spencer and Mrs Heffer were ready to jump in the pool if the need arose but sadly this opportunity was not forth coming! And they were so looking forward to doing a length or two!

MORE SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT – The success of Perran-ar-Worthal pupils has been on a high over the last few weeks with the netball and football teams winning games due to their continued dedication and commitment to improving their skills. The hard work is certainly paying off! Well done to all the pupils who have played this term and continued to represent their school so admirably. We are very proud of you all. A big thank you to Mr Anderson, Mrs McKnight and Mrs Woodrow for their coaching, support and enthusiasm for sports within the school. Please read the match reports below written by our team captains.

TALENT FOR DESIGN – We are delighted that Alice Archer-Cairns came in the top 5 finalists for the rugby shirt competition design. Many thanks for all your votes which reached a very respectable 3 digit number. We are thrilled to be able to purchase a set of shirts in Alice’s design for our pupils to wear at future sporting events. Mr Anderson is very excited about the new team kit. We look forward to sharing this with you when they arrive.

FILM AND PUDDING...WHAT A COMBINATION! – A evening of festive film fun for the children and Christmas Pudding making for the grown-ups! Please see the attached sheets for information on what will certainly be a fun filled evening for all. Please ensure that you complete and return the slips and money to the office to ensure you get a ‘pudding’ place!

Have a restful weekend!

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KS1 Children will be singing at the Pre-School Christmas Fayre next Friday (27th Nov). All parents are very welcome to come along and enjoy the celebrations. Children are to be collected from Pre-School (village hall) at 3.00 p.m. please. Any children not collected will be walked back to school. Thank you.

Christingle Service at St Piran’s Church – 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 6th December: We have been invited to take part in the service again this year, and will send home more info next week.

Year 1 hearing screening: For children that were absent or need re-testing will be on Monday 23rd Nov.

Parking problem: It has been noted that a BMW car has been parked on the zig-zag lines immediately outside the school gates obstructing the view of parents and pupils crossing the road to the path and making it difficult for drivers leaving the school carpark to see traffic approaching. Please could we

respectfully ask that parking of vehicles at the beginning and end of the school day does not put children and adults arriving and leaving the school in any danger. Many thanks for your support with this.

LUNCH UPDATE:

Christmas Lunch will be on Wednesday 16th December. The menu and a slip to order a lunch will be sent home as soon as we receive more information.

Fish and Chips will replace the advertised meal on Thursday 17th December.

Party Lunch: There will be **no hot lunch** served on Friday 18th December. As in previous years, we will enjoy a party / buffet style lunch. This will mean that:

- 1) Children in KS2 (Starlings, Kingfishers and Swifts) will need to bring in a packed-lunch. If you would prefer Eden Foodservices to provide a packed lunch at a cost of £2.25, please ask your child to call into the office to complete a form **before** Tuesday 8th December.
- 2) Children in KS1 (Puffins and Robins). As these children receive free school meals under the UFSM scheme, we will order an assortment of sandwiches, salad, fruit, biscuits and cake for the children to enjoy together. Last year several parents ordered lunch and then sent their child in with his / her own lunch from home. If you would prefer to send your child in with his or her own packed lunch please would you advise Mrs Read in the office before Tuesday 8th December (so that we don't order too many lunches from Eden Foodservices again this year). Many thanks for your help with this.

Panto: You may recall we sent home a flyer earlier this year to find the level of interest, and although several parents were keen to continue with the tradition, there were just as many that felt that they would prefer to take children themselves, or send them with Brownie/Beaver/Cub packs, so we have decided not to take the children to the panto at the Hall for Cornwall this year. Instead, this academic year we are considering other options for a whole school outing at a time when there is less going on. With this in mind, we are at present looking into the cost of taking the school to Eden in the Spring term with the possibility of getting those skates on or at least sliding on some ice. We hope to confirm this as a definite trip rather than a possibility by the beginning of next term. Watch this space!

Little reminders:

1. **P.E. Kit:** Please ensure that your child has his or her P.E. kit at school at all times. Thank you.
2. **Cross country:** Please would parents send in their £5? Thank you.
3. **Lunch Money:** Should be sent in on a **Monday please** – not daily throughout the week.
4. **Coats:** We are now in the rainy season! Children should have a coat in school every day as we try to take them outside at play times whenever possible. *Mrs Waters.*

FOPS Update – 20th November

New Date! November 30th – Non-Uniform Day - We would be grateful if each child could bring in a donation that will form part of the “themed hampers” being sold as raffle prizes at the Christmas Fayre. To make sorting items as straightforward as possible, could each class collect donations for the following categories:

Swifts - Chocolate/general confectionary Hamper

Kingfishers - Ladies Luxury Pamper Hamper

Starlings - Male Grooming Luxury Pamper Hamper

Robins - Luxury “Breakfast Treats” Hamper

Puffins - Christmas Food & Drink Hamper

Friday, 4th December - Christmas Fayre 6-8pm, School Hall – admission tickets are now on sale and are available from the FOPS team at the school gates, the school office or at the Royal Oak. Tickets are £3 per adult, including a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie; children’s entry is free of charge.

Raffle tickets are being sent home with the children on Friday. Can you please return sold ticket stubs with the money sealed in the envelope provided and give to the school office by **Wednesday, 2nd December**. Please return unsold tickets in unsealed envelope, also to school office. Any unsold tickets will be sold on the night.

Just a reminder, if anyone would like to donate a Christmas cake, these will be sold as “whole” cakes on the night, not as part of the refreshments.

There will be lots of Christmas shopping opportunities, with a variety of stalls selling craft items, cards, Christmas food gifts, stained glass ware, ceramics, games for the children, tombola and much more. Come along and meet Santa in his grotto!

Look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible and a big thank you for your continued support, hamper donations and raffle ticket sales!

Blue Bags Collection – Bags have been given to the children to bring home. The deadline for returning them is Monday, 7th December as the collection is 9am the next morning. Please leave in school reception. For further information please go to www.bag2school.com.

Friday, 11th December, Film Night & Christmas Pudding making evening - Mrs Heffer is sending a letter home on Friday with the details of timings, film choices, cost etc.

In the letter is information about the Christmas pudding making evening that has been organised to run at the same time as the films, for parents wishing to stay. The cost is £10 per person; this includes all ingredients, a pudding basin and refreshments. Just bring your apron, a mixing bowl and a wooden spoon for some festive fun!

Next FOPS meeting – 24th November, 7pm at School