

**Autumn Term
Second Half**

Week 4

**23rd November
2018**

NEWS



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We were very glad to have Mrs Godfrey back this week, and Mrs Harrison will be coming into school next week. The staff at Blisland have all been working together brilliantly to keep everything as normal as possible while these key members of staff have been missing. Mrs Halls class is working towards an amazing Vikings exhibition, which you are all invited to attend, and the younger children have been learning about the human body. They have been learning to write non-chronological reports about this.

I have also been attending some very important training about Early Childhood Experiences, and how these can affect children's engagement with education. I will be sharing this with all the staff, so we can help your children to learn even more effectively.

Everybody is starting to think about Christmas, and planning the Christmas performance in the church. Please check the diary dates for the next few weeks, as there is lots happening!

Best wishes
Sarah Hawker

Computer Games and Internet Safety

Staff have noticed that many children are playing quite violent computer games at home. This is having an effect on their behavior and conversation topics in school. Please check the age advice regarding games your children play: for example, Fortnite is not recommended for children under the age of 12, due to its violent subject matter. For more information see this website: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fortnite-everything-you-need-know-about-online-game>

Attendance

Whole school: 94.4% so far this term.

As I'm sure you know, pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind.

After-School Club

After School club is available until 5.15pm on Mondays and Tuesdays, but only until 4.15pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

Stars of the Week:

Kensa Class: Jack Griffiths

Nessa Class: Byron Helgesen

Children in Need—Friday 16th November

As a school we raised £110.00 for Children In Need—well done to everyone involved either in the preparation or in purchasing buns and cakes!



Please note that we have had to change the play practices on the 11th and 13th December to the afternoon. Please can you collect your child or children from the Church at 3.15pm instead of dropping off at 9am.

Breakfast Club and After School Child Care Club

Breakfast Club and After School club are available every day. Please ensure that you book this [the week before you need it](#). All information regarding these clubs is on the school website.

If your child is attending breakfast club please ensure that they are in school by 8.15am if they wish to have a breakfast as we are unable to provide breakfast after this time.

Please be aware that any cancellations must be given at least 48 hours in advance or unfortunately we will have to charge for the full session due to arranging staffing and purchasing food for these clubs.

This is due to ensuring staff costs are covered. Thanks for your understanding. In addition to this, please could we ask that you collect your child at the agreed time.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Family holidays and days out

Please do not book family holidays in term time. The school now has a policy of enforcing this very strictly, in accordance with government rules. If this is done without consultation with the school, you could be fined for unauthorised absence.

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Congratulation to George W for being invested on the 13th November at St Mabyn Cub Scouts, he has received several badges so far since he joined in September, well done George!



Visible Learning

Children can request stickers if they have think they have shown these learning behaviours:

A good learner :

Perseveres – doesn't give up –



tries



hard

Is motivated and curious – asks



questions

Understands what they are learning

Knows what to do when



they



are stuck

Focuses and Notices

Collaborates with others



Saturday	1st December	Family Christmas trail in Liskeard. Nessa children are making a display on 12th November for Stuart House museum in Liskeard. This will be exhibited on 1st Dec.	11am
Thursday	6th December	Nursery and Reception trip to Bedruthan Grotto	12.30 and 1pm
Tuesday	11th December	Parents to collect at Blisland Church please for a Nativity practice	3.15pm
Wednesday	12th December	Caterlink Christmas Lunch	12pm
Thursday	13th December	Parents to collect children at Blisland Church at 9am for a practice	3.15pm
Friday	14th December	Christmas Nativity Play in the church followed by Carols around the tree, raffle and refreshments at 6pm	5pm
Tuesday	18th December	Nessa class carol singing at Trago Mills	2pm
Wednesday	19th December	Children's Christmas Party in the Village Hall. Parents to collect from the Village Hall at 3.15	1.15pm
Thursday	20th December	Last day of term	
Friday	18th January	The Gingerbread Man, Theatre Royal, Plymouth for Years 1 and 2	1.30pm
Thursday	7th February	KS2 trip to the Theatre Royal to see Matilda	pm
Monday	11th March to 13th March	KS2 Residential trip to Bristol	
Monday	29th April	Swimming until the 15th July	

DIARY DATES

Inset Days 2018-19

Monday 25th February 2019

Friday 7th June 2019

Thursday 25th July 2019

School Times

Please ensure that your children arrive at school for registration between 8.40am and 9am and are collected at 3.15pm unless they are registered at an after school club.

School doors open at 8.40am unless your child is booked into Breakfast Club.

All children in the Infant class must be brought into the classroom in the mornings, even if they are late. Children of this age must never be dropped at the gate on their own. Please walk up the steps and bring