



# 2nd November

## School News Update

*Our School Mission Statement: Together with God's help we: Grow in Faith, Learn for Life and Achieve our best.*

Welcome back – we hope you had a lovely half term and now we are into a very busy half term as we move towards Christmas. We have some exciting things happening this term and the children will be extremely busy – do have a look at the diary dates attached for more information.

### **Year 6 Bikeability**

Next week is our Bikeability course for our Year 6 children. Please ensure that all bicycles and helmets arrive on Monday morning ready for the first session. They stay securely locked in school for the duration of the course and will need collecting on either Thursday or Friday. Bike check notes came home earlier this week – please ensure that the notes are followed.

### **Remembrance Day**

Across the school the children will be undertaking a variety of activities to commemorate 100 years since the First World War ended. For example some children will reflect on the impact of war, learn about people from our local area who fought in the war from a local historian and we will learn about the work of the British legion. If you have any family history linked to either the First or Second World War that you are happy to talk to your child/children about, please do as they will have an opportunity to reflect on this. If you have pictures or artefacts that link your family or local area to either war and you would be happy to share them with us, please do let me know at the start of next week by emailing the school office.

### **Poppies**

Poppies and other items will be on sale from Monday. The School Council will be bringing the boxes around each class every day next week. Please send any money in a named wallet or envelope and it would be greatly appreciated if siblings could have separate money as this will avoid children disturbing other classes during the day.

**Pencils – 50p**

**Pencil Sharpener – 50p**

**Eraser – 50p**

**Ruler – 50p**

**Flexi Rulers- £1**

**Reflective Tag - 50p** (these are great to put on school bags and coats!)

We only have a limited stock of each item – once they are gone, they are gone.



## Flu Vaccinations: Foundation – Year 5

The NHS team will be in school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November to administer the flu vaccination if you signed your child up. Information will follow next week if your child missed this opportunity.

## Open Sessions for Prospective Parents



Please can you spread the word to anyone you know who is looking for a school place for their child to start in September. We are holding Open Sessions for parents to come and view the school on the following dates:

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November ~ 9:30 – 10:30am
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November ~ 1:15 – 2:15pm

## Open Door – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November from 2:00pm ~ 3:00pm

This is an opportunity for your child to share some of their learning with you are for you to spend some time in our classrooms whilst learning is taking place. If you would like to pop in to visit your child at work and to look at the displays and work around school, please visit us between 2pm and 3pm on Wednesday. We politely request that younger siblings do not attend this session as this can be distracting for our children.

## Year 5 Football festival – 15<sup>th</sup> November

Following the very successful Year 6 festival it is now the turn of the Year 5 children to go to take part at St Ives Football Club, where they will spend the morning practising skills and learning drills and in the afternoon they will compete against 7 other local schools in a tournament. If your child has been selected then please sign and return the form when we send it home next week.

## Children in Need – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

We are inviting children to come to school in fancy dress/non-uniform for the donation of £1.00.



## World Nursery Rhyme Week: Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> November

Van Gogh class are going to be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme week.

This is a free initiative to celebrate and promote the benefits of singing rhymes. Nursery rhymes play an important role in early childhood by helping children master key skills such as language and communication and social, physical and emotional skills. For more information please follow this link: [www.musicbugs.co.uk/world-nursery-rhyme-week](http://www.musicbugs.co.uk/world-nursery-rhyme-week)

Each day the class will be learning a nursery rhyme and we would be delighted if you could join us on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 9:00am for a presentation of what we have learnt.

**CHEESE!**



### School Photos

School photos were taken this week. The proof photos and order information will follow shortly. Please ensure that all orders are placed promptly.

### Christmas Cards

Each child has designed a Christmas card and a copy of their design, along with an order form was sent home before half term. If you wish to place an order then this must arrive in the school office no later than Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November so that we can ensure swift delivery to you well in advance of Christmas. This is a great fundraiser for our school so all orders are gratefully received.



### Dinner Money

Dinner money for the second half of the Autumn term is £86.95. If you have debt on account, please pay this as soon as possible. As a small school we do not have the cash flow to carry these debts so prompt payment and payment in advance is vital.

### Celebrations



I am delighted to let you know that the school has recently been awarded the Silver Sing Up award. This is awarded to schools who can demonstrate that they value singing and songs as an integral part of their school. It also shows that we 'Sing to Unite' (for example when we come together in our Collective

Worship), we 'Sing to be Well' (singing works the respiratory system, so is good for the heart and lungs. It triggers feel-good chemicals in the brain, lifting our spirits) and we 'Sing to Achieve' (singing and music help pupils to become confident learners, able to apply critical thinking. Musicians make great problem-solvers with creative minds.) A HUGE well done to all!

We have also been informed that following an unannounced food hygiene inspection of our school kitchen, we have again been awarded a rating of 5 out of 5 – the highest possible grading. Well done to Jo!



**Attendance % for  
W/E 02/11/18**

**Van Gogh ~ 100%**

Monet ~ 96 %

Kandinsky ~ 98%

**Picasso ~ 100%**



## Diary Dates

Please see below the diary dates for the Autumn/Spring term 2018/2019

*Any new dates added in the future will be in italics*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
W/C 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Bikeability – Year 6
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Monet class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Vaccinations for Foundation and Years 1-5
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Day – Whole School
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying Week
13 <sup>th</sup> November	9:30 – 10:30am Open Session for Prospective Foundation intake 2019
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Open door to all – 2pm – 3pm. Everyone welcome
15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Football festival – St Ives all day
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day
<b>21<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b><i>Nursery Rhyme Week – Van Gogh Parent invited 9am</i></b>
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Picasso class sharing assembly – 2:50pm. Everyone welcome
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	STARS Black Friday Toy Sale – more details to follow
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	1:15 – 2:15pm Open Session for Prospective Foundation intake 2019
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Van Gogh class sharing assembly followed by invitation to see Learning journeys in class– 2:30pm. Everyone welcome
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Christmas Decorating Morning
4 <sup>th</sup> December	STARS Wreath Making workshops – 1:30pm and 7pm
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b><i>STARS Christmas Fair 2pm in Village Hall</i></b>
8 <sup>th</sup> December	STARS Carol Singing – Morrison's St Ives. Everyone welcome
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance – 9:30am and 2:15pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation/KS1 Nativity Performance – 9:30am
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Christmas Lunch
<b>12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b><i>Christingle – please note date change</i></b>
14 <sup>th</sup> December	STARS breakfast with Santa
14 <sup>th</sup> December	STARS Christmas Shop
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b><i>Aladdin Pantomime in school</i></b>
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Service – 2.30pm in the church
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Dec to 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2018</b>	<b><i>Christmas Holiday</i></b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Training days – School Closed
7 <sup>th</sup> January	School Starts