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'Nurturing God's gifts with compassion and drive, so that all our children succeed, learn and thrive'

Dear Parents,

The first half of the spring term 2016 went very well and we were all very proud of your children. Lots of hard work and good behaviour has occurred during the first few months of 2016.

Thank you for all of your continued support with homework and preparing your children for school. We are always grateful for this. If you have any concerns or worries about your child then please talk to the Head in the first instance and then I am always available for parents on 01726 250260 or on enquiries@stpiranscross.co.uk

If you leave me a message I will aim to get back to you as soon as I can.

and our schools in terms of teaching, learning, our school buildings and their dreams for their educational future. You can see a powerpoint presentation of the key points discussed by visiting our website:

<http://www.stpiranscross.co.uk/information.html> and selecting 'School Council Vision & Values'



Lent

Lent is the period of six weeks 40 days (not including Sundays) leading up to Easter, the most important festival in the Christian calendar. Lent starts on Ash Wednesday in western Christian

Churches. and climaxes during Easter Week. The last week of Lent is called Holy Week.

What are you giving up for Lent? Can you do 40 things for charity?

School Council Conference

Our five school councils attended a MAT Conference on **Friday 5th February 2016** at Grampound Road. It was a great event and children started by telling each other about their schools. They then considered our MAT

values and how we could all demonstrate success with each of these. The children also spent time thinking about our vision for the MAT

Pancake Races

Our annual MAT pancake races took place on **Tuesday 8th February** and Ladock School had clearly been practising as they gained first place in key stage 1 and 2.

- Our champion in key stage 1 is Seb from Ladock School.
- Our champion in key stage 2 is Isaac from Ladock School.



MAT Value this half term – Compassion

This half term we will be focusing on the compassion value within our Collective Worship times.

A definition of compassion is:



'That disposition that fuels acts of kindness and mercy. Compassion, a form of love, is aroused within us when we are confronted with those who suffer or are vulnerable. Compassion often produces action to alleviate the suffering, but sometimes geographical distances or lack of means prevent people from acting upon their compassionate feelings. Compassion is not a uniquely Christian response to suffering even though Christians have unique reasons for nurturing their compassionate dispositions.'

Parent Forums this term

We have one further **PARENT FORUM** planned in each school this half term:

Forum dates:

- 7th March at 6.00pm – Ladock
- 8th March at 2.15pm – Bishop Bronescombe
- 9th March at 6.00pm – Veryan
- 10th March at 6.00pm – Grampound with Creed
- 11th March at 2.15pm – Grampound Road

We look forward to seeing you at one of these events. Where possible the Head and I will be in attendance.

Vision

The MAT Directors and I are currently working on our vision for the Trust in terms of the MAT itself and each of our schools. We have already asked our school councils what they think and our staff will also be contributing ideas in the near future. We also value the opinion of our parents and if you have a view on the following please email these to: enquiries@stpiranscross.co.uk Thank you.

- The size and organisation of the MAT?
- The education standards achieved by our schools and the curriculum offered?
- How our schools are led and governed?
- Our Christian ethos and distinctiveness?
- Our school buildings and grounds?
- Any other thoughts or comments?

Annual School Reports

Our teachers are currently writing your child's annual school report and this will sum up your child's attainment levels and progress from September 2015. The report will crucially also identify targets and areas for improvement to be achieved before the end of this school year.

We are always grateful when parents work with us to help children achieve the necessary improvements. Thank you in anticipation.

The annual school report will be sent home to you on **Monday 21st March 2016**. Schools will offer you the opportunity to meet teachers if you need to.

MAT Cathedral Singing Event

Our five schools have been working with musical scholars supplied by Truro Cathedral to prepare a special musical concert that will take place on the **2nd March 2016**. The parents of the children taking part will receive a detailed invitation.



The Trust is delighted to be involved in this musical collaboration with Truro Cathedral. All of our schools have a strong tradition of using music to celebrate our Christian distinctiveness and working with Cathedral scholars has developed this richness in our musical lives even further.

I am sure that we are going to enjoy a musical treat during the concert as each of our five schools performs, and then later when the children of the five schools sing together, filling the Cathedral with a wonderful sound.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of our schools and Truro Cathedral for their support in staging this concert.

Nursery Class at Grampound Road School

We will be offering nursery class places at Grampound Road School during the afternoons of the summer term 2016. **We have 10 places available and these are available to children who will be four years old between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 and will start in reception in September 2016.**

The EYFS provision is a strength in all of our five schools and Grampound Road will offer a similar high quality nursery experience to our other four schools.

If you are interested in one of these places then please download the 'nursery place letter' on the school's website or email the school secretary on grsecretary@stpiranscross.co.uk Thank you.

Dates for diaries:
1st March – St David's Day



2nd March – MAT Singing Event at Truro Cathedral,
details to follow.
3rd March – World Book Day
5th March – St Piran's Day – details from schools.
14th March – School Assessment Week
17th March – St Patrick's Day
18th March – Sport Relief Day – Details to follow from
your school.
21st March – Annual Reports out to our parents
21st March – Easter at our schools
24th March – Last day of the spring term 2016

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M.J Lees
Executive Principal