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# St Piran's Post

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

**STOP PRESS** – All INSET Days in the academic year 2016/17 have been placed together into the week of the 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017. This will create a two week holiday at the end of May 2017.

Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of your continued support for your children and all of our schools. The summer term has been an extremely busy term with our assessments, tests, sports days and three MAT wide camps. More on all of these things later in this newsletter.

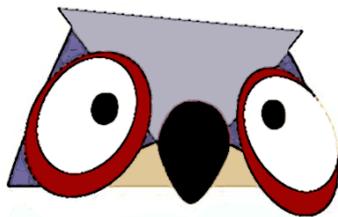
The last few weeks are always a reflective time as we prepare to say farewell to our Year 6 pupils who will be leaving for secondary school and several of our long serving members of staff.

I hope that you take the opportunity to come into your school during the last few weeks where invitations are extended. I hope to see lots of you at the **MAT Olympics on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Par Stadium.**

I would like to extend a personal thanks to all the children and staff of all five schools who have supported me during my first year as Executive Principal. I have thoroughly enjoyed everyday. (well nearly every day)!

## **MAT Value next half term – Wisdom**

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



**MAT Olympics  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
July 2016 at Par  
Stadium**

You are all cordially invited to come along and support your children during the MAT Olympics. Key Stage 2 children will participate during the morning (9.30 am arrival) and EYFS/KS1 children during the afternoon (1pm arrival).

Both during the morning and afternoon there will be an opening ceremony, our schools will parade around the arena and some of our talented dancers will present an Olympic dance to you. One athlete from each school will say our MAT Olympic pledge.

### **The St Piran's Cross Olympic Pledge**

*'In the name of all the competitors from my school, I promise that we shall take part in these MAT Olympic Games, respecting and following the rules of each event. Taking part in the true spirit of sportsmanship and our MAT values, whether we win or lose, cheering for everyone in every team!'*

The children will compete in four colour teams and earn points for their colour. There will be medals for individual 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places. There will be a variety of track events set in a real stadium. This is a wonderful experience for our children and I would like to thank Mrs Cara Cleaves, who is our PE and Sport MAT Champion and a teacher at Bishop Bronescombe, for all of the organisation she has put into this.

Refreshments will be available and Bishop Bronescombe and Grampond Road PTAs are working together to provide this.

I look forward to seeing you all at this event.

### **Leadership Update at Bishop Bronescombe Primary**



Katie Dalton our Head of School at Bishop Bronescombe will be leaving the school and our MAT at the end of August 2016. Katie has worked at BB for 10 years and been the Head of School for the last 3 years. Katie is leaving to pursue other professional opportunities. She has worked tirelessly to improve the school with

the support of her hard working team. She leaves BB in a strong place to face the rigours of any school inspection. **I am sure that you will want to join me in thanking her for her service, passion and commitment and wishing every success in the future.**

## MAT Camps



We have now completed three very successful MAT camps for Year 4, 5 and 6. Some 178 children have attended

one of these camps and I would like to thank the children for their commitment, hard work and wonderful behaviour, they have been a credit to their schools and families. I would also like to say a huge thank you to our staff who put their own lives on hold to take our children to camp.

## Barton Hall

Year 6 spent a fantastic week at Barton Hall in Torquay. The centre and activities were excellent and there were many highlights for the children.

All of the children enjoyed making new friends from other schools.

### A few photos from Barton Hall Camp



## Porthpean Camp

Year 5 spent two nights and three days at Porthpean Camp near St Austell.

They spent a day on the beach and did a whole variety of wonderful activities and some photos



are below.

## Assessment and testing this year

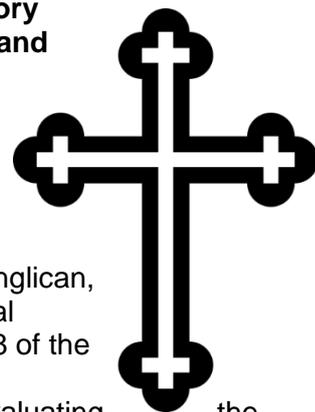
I am sure that you are aware that the assessment and testing regime in primary schools for 2016 has come in for a lot of comments recently? The new national curriculum is much more challenging than the previous curriculum and like all schools we have been working hard this year to make up this new ground.

It is very hard for the children to achieve a higher level within the new curriculum. To be an above average writer in Year 6, we were recently told that any piece of writing needs to be like picking up a book, with no errors or mistakes and high levels in spelling, grammar and punctuation.

We will continue to work hard during the next year with your support to reach the expectations of this new curriculum.

## Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools

All Church of England dioceses and the Methodist Church use the National Society's framework for the **Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)** under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005. The framework sets out the expectations for the conduct of the Statutory Inspection of Anglican, Methodist and ecumenical Schools under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005 and provides a process for evaluating the extent to which church schools are *"distinctively and recognisably Christian institutions"*.



### Inspection focus

SIAMS inspection focuses on the effect that the Christian ethos of the church school has on the children and young people who attend it. Church schools will employ a variety of strategies and styles, which reflect their particular local context or church tradition in order to be distinctive and effective.

**The principal objective of SIAMS inspection is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a church school.**

Three of our schools will receive a one day SIAMs inspection during the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> July and we will wish them good luck with this process.

- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – **Grampound Road**
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July – **Bishop Bronescombe**
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – **Veryan**

**I would like to thank our staff in advance for their hard work and preparation for these inspections.**

## **Year 6 Prom**

We have invited our Year 6 leavers to a special 'prom' night on **Friday July 15<sup>th</sup> at Grampound Road**. There will be transport provided for the children coming from other schools.

Last year this event was hugely enjoyable and successful. Thank you to the staff and parents who make it so lovely for our pupils in Year 6.

### **Summer term key dates:**

June 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 transition day at the Roseland School, Tregony

July 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> – Penrice Welcome Days for Year 6

July 11<sup>th</sup> – Assessment Week

July 13<sup>th</sup> – MAT Olympics at Par Stadium.

Morning – KS 2 and afternoon reception and KS1

July 15<sup>th</sup> – Grampound with Creed – School Fete at 3.30 pm

July 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Prom and Graduation at Grampound Road School

July 18<sup>th</sup> – 9 am - Year 6 Leavers Communion at Bishop Bronescombe

July 18<sup>th</sup> – 2 pm – Leavers Service at Grampound Road

July 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm – BB has Talent! Bishop Bronescombe

**July 22<sup>nd</sup> – END OF THE SUMMER TERM**

**The Autumn term 2016 starts on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016.** The staff will be involved in INSET Days on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016.

Can I remind parents that we have grouped all of our INSET Days into one week during the next academic year. **This is the week of the 5<sup>th</sup> June and follows the May Spring bank Holiday half term.**

Our staff are allowing us to use school holidays and evenings for training so that they can have this week for holiday as well. This is why they

have been recalled to work on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2016.

Yours sincerely



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## **Good News**



CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ST AUSTELL

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To the parents and children of  
Bishop Bronescombe School Choir

**St Austell Feast Week United Service 19 June 2016**

Dear All

I am writing to express deep thanks from Churches Together in St Austell for coming to sing at our united Feast Week service at St Austell Football Club on 19 June.

It was a very wet day but you still came and sang so well for us in the rain, making a wonderful contribution to the service. Your singing and your good behaviour impressed many members of the public.

Please accept our thanks to you, and to Anna Freight as well for her hard work on the day and in the wet.

Yours sincerely,

John Keast OBE

## **Well done to the Bishop Bronescombe Choir!**

We have just received this lovely letter of thanks.