



St Piran's Post

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Christmas is coming!



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



On behalf of the St Piran's Cross CE Multi-Academy Trust of schools we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas season.

Dear Parents,

We are very proud of all of the children in our schools. They have all worked very hard this term. I know that you have all had a chance to meet your children's teachers and hear about what they are doing well and in which areas they need to work harder.

Thank you for your support with this. The work you do at home with reading, spelling, homework etc is invaluable for the progress your child is making.



Christmas Card Design Competition

We are looking for a Christmas Card that the St Piran's Cross MAT can send to its friends and neighbours and other

schools.

If your child would like to design one for us and enter our Christmas card competition, please submit a Christmas design no bigger than A4. There will be some great prizes!

Please bring to your school office for the attention of Mr Lees by **Monday 7th**

December 2015. Thank you and good luck!



Parent Forums

Thank you to the parents that came to our Parent Forums this half term. Some very worthwhile feedback was received. There will be two further Parent Forums next term and the first of these will be at 6pm in all schools so that working parents can also attend.

Residential Visits for Year 4, 5 and 6

Thank you to the parents who attended our camp information meetings this term to find out what each trip has to offer the children in our schools.

The residentials are:

- **Year 4** – one night and two days at Camp Kernow in Truro
- **Year 5** – two nights and three days at Porthpean Residential Camp, St Austell
- **Year 6** – four nights and five days at Barton Hall, Devon – Outdoor Pursuits and adventure.



Parents in Year 4,5 and 6 need to return a permission slip and deposit if they wish their child to take part in any of these trips. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of our schools who will attend these visits as they are extremely demanding and hard work as you are on duty for 24 hours of every day.

Without the staff goodwill and commitment we would never be able to undertake residential visits. So thank you staff!

INSET DAY – 4th December 2015

Our schools will be **closed** on Friday 4th December 2015. Teachers will be undertaking training in two areas:

- Key Stage 2 Read, Write, Inc for spelling, grammar and punctuation
- EYFS teams will be receiving training on outstanding early years learning.

Our training will take place at Bishop Bronescombe CE Primary Academy.

Congratulations to the Roseland Sports Coordinator who works with four of our schools!

Andy Ayre our Roseland Primary Sports Development Officer recently won a 'Healthy Schools' award at the Hearty Lives awards. The award was to recognise all the work last year regarding dodgeball that was delivered in schools and at the academies whilst promoting a healthy and active lifestyle. He is the first to say that this award needs to be shared with the schools he works in. As well as the help from our Roseland Leaders, Rory Jarvis at Ladock CE Primary and Jack Bowyer at Veryan CE Primary it wouldn't have been the success it was.

Well done to Andy from St Piran's Cross MAT!

Children in Need Day St Piran's Cross MAT

Thank you for all of your generous donations for Children in Need Day on Friday 13th November. The Trust has raised a significant amount for this charity and your own school will let you know how much your school made.

Grampound Road CE Primary



Staff entered into the Super Hero theme!

World Kindness Day as well!



Bishop Bronescombe CE Primary

Super Heroes everywhere!



At BB, we dressed up as Superheroes for the day and raised the huge amount of **£258.45** for Children in Need.

Three of our children went the extra mile to promote **Anti-Bullying** by being part of CBBC's 'Bye, bye bullying' video. It was seen by CBBC viewers all over the UK on Wednesday 18th November but you can still see it on the CBBC website.

Also at BB

Our KS1 and Nursery children went on some fantastic trips recently. All of the KS1 children were wowed at the 'Wonderful World of Oliver Jeffers' exhibition at Heartlands, where they were immersed in the fabulous settings from the book 'Lost and Found'.

This truly inspired some fantastic writing! Meanwhile, our BBeebies children visited Heligan. They ambled along the woodland walk and were wowed by the incredible sculptures of The Giant's Head and The Sleeping Mud Maid.



Veryan CE Primary

Face painting and cake selling for Children In Need.



Grampound with Creed CE Primary

Talk for Writing while wearing our Superhero costumes!



Ladock CE Primary

At Ladock a ramble raised £300 for Children in Need



Our MAT Song

The children at Bishop Bronescombe have been the first of our schools to learn our new MAT song – Guardian. A choir from BB has travelled to all of our schools to teach the children the song. We will sing this together for the first time at our MAT Christingle Service.

The BB Choir at Ladock and Grampound Road



The MAT Christingle Service in aid of the Children's Society

Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils will travel to the Holy Trinity Church on Monday 7th December to join in with our annual Christingle Service. Each school will perform something during the service and we have invited some special guests. Our order of service is below for your interest. We are really sorry but this year we do not have the room to invite our parents. We will try and find a venue for 2016 that enables parents to attend as well.

Order of Service:

1. Welcome and opening prayer- Rev. J. Williams.
2. **Hymn** – Hark the Herald Angels Sing.



3. **'The World'**- Grampound Road CE Primary Academy
4. Bible reading – Year 6 Grampound Road – Genesis 1.
5. **'The Red Ribbon'** – Ladock CE Primary Academy.
6. Thank you prayer – Year 6 Ladock.
7. **Hymn** – The Christingle Carol
8. **'The Four Seasons'** – Grampound with Creed CE Primary Academy.
9. Parable of the Sower – Year 6 Grampound with Creed.
10. The true meaning of the Christingle and work of the Children's Society – Mr. M. Lees and special guest!
11. **Hymn** – O Little Town of Bethlehem
12. **'The Fruits of the Earth'** – Verman CE Primary Academy
13. Prayer – Year 6 Verman
14. **'Light of the World'** – Part 1' – Bishop Bronescombe CE Primary Academy – Year 4.
15. Bible reading – Rev. David Michael, St Piran's Cross Director.
16. **'Light of the World'** – Part 2' – Bishop Bronescombe CE Primary Academy – Year 5 and 6.
17. Distribution and lighting of the Christingles while singing - Away in a Manger and Shine Jesus Shine.
18. Extinguish Christingles
19. Prayers and a moment of reflection
20. **Our MAT anthem** – 'Guardian'
21. Closing remarks and blessing – Rev. J. Williams

There will be a retiring collection in aid of the Children's Society.



Assessment at St Piran's Cross MAT– life after levels

In September 2014 a new National Curriculum was introduced, bringing in some significant differences and completely changing the way children are assessed. Therefore, this year things will be different

Levels have gone. Your child will no longer be assessed as a level (for example 2a or 5c) as they do not exist. The curriculum for English and for Mathematics is now organised into year group steps and there is a clear expectation that children will **'meet'** the requirements of each year

by the end of that academic year. We call this **'age related expectations' (ARE)**

The new curriculum is also harder than the last one. For example, many of the knowledge, skills and understanding in Maths that would typically have been taught in Year 4 under the old curriculum are now expected to be taught and achieved in Year 3 or some even in Year 2.

There is no national method of assessing a child's achievement of the objectives for each year nor their progress within the new curriculum. Each school is able to determine their own assessment system. We are using Year group steps and subdividing this into a, b and c, b being that age related step.

At St Piran's Cross we are busy introducing the new curriculum and implementing a new assessment approach and this will have an effect on the information we give you.

During the spring term, via your child's annual report, we will send an update to parents indicating what Year your child is working within.

Dates for diaries:

1st December – **Advent Collective Worship**

4th December – **MAT INSET Day**, staff working on Read Write Inc, spelling and grammar for Key Stage 2 children.

7th December – **MAT Christingle Service** for Year 4,5 and 6 in aid of the Children's Society.

18th December – end of term

4th January - School re-opens for the Spring term 2016

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M.J Lees
Executive Principal