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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 2017 went very well and we were all very proud of your children. Lots of hard work and good behaviour has occurred during these first few months of 2017.

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.

Mr Stew Gynn – Assistant Head at Bishop Bronescombe



I am pleased to inform you that Mr Stew Gynn has been appointed as the permanent headteacher of **Mevagissey Primary Academy** and is leaving Bishop Bronescombe School.

Mr Gynn has been the Assistant Head at BB for many years and we'll really miss him! He led our Year 6 residential to Barton Hall last year and is a great support and worker across our five schools.

He is currently on secondment to Mevagissey as headteacher. I am sure that you will all want to join us in congratulating him in his promotion!

INSET DAYS in 2017/18

As you are already aware we are having our five INSET days all together in June 2017 during the week of **5th June 2017.** Following the INSET week we will evaluate how parents and staff have found the arrangements. The idea is allow parents to find a two week period for leave that is only partly in the school holidays.

I am pleased to let you know in advance that our Board of Directors has agreed to keep this arrangement for the school year 2017/18 as well, Decisions on the following school years will depend on the feedback received following this first trust wide INSET week.

The extra week will be the 4th June 2018. The period from 28th May 2018 to 8th June 2018 will form a two week holiday period.



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 3rd February 2017** at Grampound with Creed. It was a great event and children started by telling each other about their





schools and the learning that they are currently doing. It was pleasing to see a great deal of consistency across our

five schools. The children also helped us to consider ways of developing a curriculum that will develop character.

MAT Value this half term –



Compassion

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

London Residential

We have now finalised the arrangement for our Year 5 residential visit to London on **March 29th to 31st 2017.** The visit looks exciting and we are taking 48 pupils and five members of our staff.



Two meetings are planned for Year 5 parents on the following dates, you may attend either meeting:

- **7th March 2017 at 4 pm** – Grampound Road Primary or
- **8th March 2017 at 4 pm** – Bishop Bronescombe, St Austell

These are important meetings where we will:

- Outline our itinerary for the visit.
- Give every parent a booklet with all of the details in, including a kit list.
- Medical and consent forms will be explained, without these forms we will be unable to take your children to London.
- Introduce the staff who are accompanying the visit**. I will be leading this visit supported by Miss Cameron from Grampound Road, Mrs Michell, from Ladock and Veryan, Mr Daysh and Mrs Mcloughlin, from Bishop Bronescombe.**

Immersive Curriculum Open Afternoons and Parent Forums

This is a chance for parents to come and join their children during the week of **20th March 2017**. This is an opportunity to see the learning that your children do during the afternoons at school and in particular our new immersive curriculum approach.

The dates are:

- Monday 20th March at 1.30 pm – **Bishop Bronescombe**
- Tuesday 21st March at 1.30 pm – **Grampound Road and Grampound with Creed**
- Wednesday 22nd March at 1.30 pm – **Ladock**
- Thursday 23rd March at 1.30 pm – **Veryan**

The programme will be as follows:

- 1.30 pm – arrive and brief health and safety reminder.
- 1.40 to 2.30 pm – Visit to classrooms
- 2.30 pm – Coffee, tea and talk about the immersive curriculum. We also hold our second parent forum during this time.

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 2016. 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 **27th March 2017.** Schools will offer you the opportunity to meet teachers if you need to.

Key Stage 2 Hall for Cornwall Project

The key stage 2 children in our five school are currently working on their production to be held in the Hall for Cornwall on **the 25th April 2017**. We are proud to see the advert for this on the posters at the front of the HfC and on their website. Our children are learning instrumental pieces for this, will be taught some songs and there will be dance.
We will send you more details about the day nearer the time.
However, I understand that the tickets are going very quickly!

Red Nose Day – Friday 24th March 2017

Your school will provide details of their plans for this day!



Dates for diaries:.

1st March – Ash Wednesday
1st March – World Math's Day
2nd March – World Book Day
13th March – British Science Week
Week of the 20th March – Open Afternoons for Parents –Our Immersive Curriculum
24th March – Red Nose Day
27th March – Annual Reports out to our parents
29th to 31st March – Year 5 Residential Visit to London.
31st March – Last day of the spring term 2017
18th April – First day of the summer term 2017
25th April – Key Stage 2 to the Hall for Cornwall 1.30 pm to 9 pm. Performance at 7 pm.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M.J Lees
Executive Principal