



St Piran's Post

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Happy New Year!

'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 Multi-Academy Trust of schools we would like to wish you all a very **Happy New Year and every success for 2017!**

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school after the Christmas holidays and we hope you had a lovely break. **Happy New Year to you all.**

The autumn term was a very positive term for our five schools- very busy, hard working with many exciting events for our children.

The Spring term is traditionally quieter than the autumn term and is one where we can really focus on the children's learning and progress. Let us hope that the weather stays fine for us on school days. We have already told you about our emergency procedures for school closure in the event of poor weather last term.

Christmas Events 2016

I had the privilege of attending all of our schools Christmas productions, plays and concerts. They were all wonderful and the children were a credit to their families and schools. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff of our schools for working so very hard to produce these.

Our MAT **Christingle Service** at Truro Cathedral was a huge success raising almost £200 for the Children's Society. Thank you for all of your donations!



Parent Pay

Thank you for your continued support with Parent Pay at the end of last term. We are aiming for 100% use of this system in 2017 for ordering of school meals, booking and paying for all wraparound care and paying for trips etc. We aim to be a cashless organisation this year except for the odd charity fund raising/wear what you like day.

If you are having any problems with Parent Pay, then please make contact with your school office and they will help you sort it out. Thank you.

Residential Visits for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

We have now booked our camps for the summer 2017 as below.



The residentials are:

- **Year 3** – one night and two days at Camp Kernow in Truro
- **Year 4** – two nights and three days at Porthpean Residential Camp, St Austell
- **Year 5** – two nights and three days in London in March 2017.
- **Year 6** – four nights and five days at Barton Hall, Devon – Outdoor Pursuits and adventure



MAT Value this half term - **Forgiveness**

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



Sickness

We hope that you and your children are in good health after the Christmas break. There has been a very nasty sickness bug/virus around which we want to keep our children and staff protected from. If your child has sickness, flu like symptoms or tummy problems, please keep them off school for up to **48 hours** after they show no symptoms. Thank you.

We are also working with your children on good healthy hygiene and the flu advice is that we **"catch it, bag and bin it"** and then wash our hands when we have a cold or virus.

School Uniform

Our children mostly look very smart in their uniform. Thank you. This term we are going to be insisting on very high standards in uniform, sensible school shoes, and no jewellery, including necklaces or chains (except for stud earrings). **I have noticed an increasing number of children in our schools who are not wearing black shoes. Your support over this matter is very much appreciated.**

Please ensure all clothing and PE kit, especially coats are clearly named. Can we please remind you that PE kits should be in school all week and will be sent home when they need a wash.

Parent Forums this term

There will only be **one** opportunity for parents to come into schools this term informally to talk about each school and MAT issues.

Later in the term we will also be inviting you to an open afternoon.

Forum dates:

- 16th January at 6 pm – Bishop Bronescombe
- 17th January at 6 pm – Ladock
- 18th January at 6 pm – Grampound Road
- 23rd January at 6 pm – Vryan
- 25th January at 6 pm – Grampound with Creed .

Open Afternoon – The Immersive Curriculum

Advance Notice

During the week of the **20th March 2016** we will be inviting you to come into school for another Open Afternoon. We have introduced the **'immersive curriculum'** and we hope your

children have been or will be telling you all about their exciting topic based learning.

During the afternoons we will brief you on this approach and there will be time to join your children in the classroom.

The dates for these are:

- 20th March at 1.30 pm – Bishop Bronescombe
- 21st March at 1.30 pm – Grampound Road
- 21st March at 1.30 pm – Grampound with Creed
- 22nd March at 1.30 pm – Ladock
- 23rd March at 1.30 pm – Vryan

Dates for diaries:

4th January – Epiphany

3rd February – MAT School Council Conference – The Immersive Curriculum, sharing our learning.

7th February – Trust Board Meeting

13th to 17th February – HALF TERM

1st March – **World Math's Day**

2nd March – **World Book Day**

5th March – St Piran's Day

13th to 17th March – British Science Week

20th March – Open Afternoon Week

24th March – **Red Nose Day**

26th March – Mothering Sunday

27th March – Reports out to parents

29th to 31st March – **Year 5 Residential to London**

31st March – End of the Spring term 2017

Thank you for your continued support with everything and especially with listening to your children read and completing homework.

We are all looking forward to this Spring term 2017!

Yours sincerely,

Mr. M.J Lees
Executive Principal

Trust Committee Vacancies

The MAT's Audit and Risk Committee is seeking to appoint two additional members. The role of the Committee is to review the risks to internal financial control at the Trust, to agree a programme of work that will address these risks, to inform the governance statement that accompanies the Trust's annual accounts, and to provide assurance to the external auditors. The Committee meets three times a year (one meeting per term). If you would be interested in joining this Committee, or would like more information regarding its role, please contact Kathryn Trudgeon on 01726 250260 or email

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Thank you.