



A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

It is hard to believe that we have so quickly reached half term following a very busy and productive time for our staff and pupils. I am always aware that parents are keen to know more about how well their children are doing and after half term, during the week beginning November 10th, there will be an opportunity for you to have a meeting with the teachers about your child's progress. Please look out for the signing up sheets that will be displayed on the internal main doors in reception during the first week after half term. This is an important meeting for you as parents to find out how well your child is doing and if there are any areas that may need to be focused on.

This has been a very busy final week of half term. The Harvest Festival was a huge success, thanks to the wonderful performances of our talented children. We would also like to extend a big thank you to the generosity of all who contributed to our collection of items for the food bank and of course the auction of produce. We are yet to find out how much money was raised to continue our sponsorship for a child through the charity PLAN.

We have also had several candidates attending interviews this week for our KS2 post. All four candidates were asked to teach a lesson as part of process. We were so very proud of the outstanding behaviour of our children during this time. This was commented on by the candidates all of whom said how lucky we were to work in such a lovely school with such delightful children. I am pleased to inform you that we were spoilt for choice with the high quality of the candidates we interviewed. After half term, we will be able to inform you of the name of the successful candidate who will be joining our team in January 2015.

Just another reminder – DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR THE MUSIC AND QUIZ FUNDRAISING NIGHT to be held at school on Friday, 7th November! Tickets will be available from the school office for a short time after half term but we would suggest you buy as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Following the success and positive feedback of last year's junior carol service at St Piran's church, we decided to hold the carol service at St Piran's church again this year with the added bonus of having the church organist play for our carol singing and the campanologist providing the atmospheric bell ringing for all to enjoy and get into the festive spirit. However, the lack of lighting and parking has been raised as an issue which I have shared with the church warden. It was recently suggested by a parent that the carol concert at the church be held during the afternoon due to the lack of external lighting. However, staff felt concerned that not as many parents would be able to attend at this time. As a result of our enquiries to the church we are pleased to say that we have been informed that the church are looking into providing better external lighting for events such as this and in addition to seeking permission to park at the cricket ground, the church car park has been improved by a new layer of tarmac. If you have any further concerns with this, please let the office know. It is our aim to continue to develop our school links with all aspects of the community which includes the use of beautiful local historical facilities such as this.

Finally, we would all like to wish you an enjoyable and relaxing half term and we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday, 3rd November.

Yr 6 transfer to secondary school. We have received a note from County Hall staff to advise that 4 parents have not yet submitted their secondary application form (either online or the paper version). The closing date is 31st October. We have telephoned and left a message for these parents – please may we ask you to apply a.s.a.p.? Many thanks.

Photo's on our school website: We will be starting to put photo's on to our website after half-term, so please keep an eye out for some really lovely shots. At the moment, all parents have given permission for their child's photo to appear on the website (thank you very much for this) – but if you do change your mind at any time, please email the school office or speak with Mrs Read and we will make a note on file of your request. Please be assured that no names will be shown with the photo's.

Parent / Teacher consultations: Will be taking place during week commencing 10th November, and a note of the available times will be on display in the main reception area from Monday 3rd November.

Clubs will continue to run as soon as we return from the half-term break. With the exception of gardening club (please see last week's newsletter) all children will be able to continue in the clubs that they are already signed up for. If your child did not sign up for a club in September and would like to try and join one – please speak to the teacher running the club or mention it to Mrs Read. Thank you.

Starting infant/primary school: Please remember - If your child was born between 1 September 2010 and 31 August 2011, you will need to apply for a school place for September 2015. The application deadline is 15 January 2015. Any problems or queries, please speak to Mrs Read. Thank you.

Poppy appeal: After half term we would like to collect in aid of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Look out for this in the first week of November. Lisa Waters.

YEARS 5 AND 6 school camp: We have managed to secure a booking at the Roseland Outdoor Education Centre from 1st to 3rd June 2015. More to follow closer to the time.

Year 6 and Foundation: The school nurses will be visiting us during the afternoon of Monday 17th November to undertake the 'height and weight' measurements visit. Please be assured that all information is confidential and no other child or any members of school staff will have access to the details. We have a list of children that parents have asked us not to include in the measurements (you are welcome to ring and check that your child's name is on the list if you wish).

Library news

Thank you to those KS2 children that sent in book reviews - what lovely reviews they are, we have displayed them in the library for all to read - perhaps others will be inspired to read those books too. A few reviews particularly stood out as exceptional, written by Maia, Edie and Ben, well done you. As promised all those who sent in a review were entered into a prize draw - Lucy you won - a book token coming your way !

Look out for future library events and challenges... and our book fair running next month, a super chance for Christmas shopping.

Jo Cameron