



# Veryan Primary School News



Friday 23rd September 2016



We are currently focusing on perseverance as our Christian value. When I asked

the children about this in Collective Worship at the end of last week, there were a few blank faces! It would be great if you could discuss perseverance with your children and how it could be shown in their everyday lives.

## Parent Forum

Many thanks to those parents who were able to attend the parent forum on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September. There is no agenda for these meetings but they prove an invaluable opportunity to have an open discussion about what is going well, what could be better and answer any queries. The topics discussed last Monday were as follows:

### 1) Playground

The reduced available playground area was queried and it was explained that it is only the very top area near the office which is restricted as children cannot be seen here by the staff on duty. With no lock on the gate, the children could leave the playground or someone enter the playground unnoticed. Plans are in place to create an area which can be used by children who want to partake in quieter activities.

### 2) Homework

Parents asked that more feedback be given when projects are handed in and that the children be praised for their efforts. A long discussion was held about the value of homework and it was concluded that projects should still be set in addition to the weekly maths and English. The homework policy is due to be reviewed imminently.

### 3) Class letter

Parents find it very helpful to receive a letter that outlines the class procedures (e.g. PE days, topic etc). It was also pointed out that parents had not

been given the opportunity to meet Miss Rogers, the new Teaching Assistant in Pendower. A drop in session will be arranged at the end of the day next week for parents to come in and look at children's work and meet staff.

### 4) Christmas plans

Parents were pleased with the suggestion that Key Stage 1 children take part in a Christmas performance whilst Key Stage 2 take part in the summer. It was suggested that the Christmas concert be shorter this year.

### 5) Commitment to the arts

An enquiry was made about the Trust's commitment to the arts. A forthcoming project for Key Stage 2 was explained, which will culminate in a performance in the Hall for Cornwall. A reassurance was also given that the Trust remains very committed to all areas of the curriculum which is a focus for the new academic year.

### 6) Attendance

Procedures regarding attendance was queried in the light of recent court cases. It was explained that it is still very difficult to authorise any absence during term time unless in exceptional circumstances which can be open to interpretation.

### 7) Inset days

Confirmation was sought that the extra weeks holiday in June, after the half-term break will definitely take place. It was explained that this would definitely be the case in 2017 and very likely for 2018 as the inset days for staff have to be planned so far in advance. Clarity will be sought as to whether or not there will be further consultation regarding this arrangement.

### 8) Healthy Schools

It was explained that children are asked to bring fresh or dried fruit for their snack at break time or they can purchase a healthy snack from the tuck shop. This restriction does not apply to packed lunches. It was discussed that staff should also set a good example!

### 9)Christian Ethos

Parents expressed some concern about a negative feel amongst children regarding Christianity and that the school is perhaps being too 'Christian Heavy.' Staff present were very concerned about this as the Christian values - which are at the core of the school, are also moral values. The difference between Church and non-Church schools was explained and the RE agreed syllabus discussed. A reassurance was given that RE teaching and learning is something the school are working hard to improve.

### Water Bottles

We are very committed to giving our children free and continuous access to water at Vryan school.



However, it can take a very long time to clean and fill them and we do get some problems with names rubbing off and bottles being mislaid. If your child would like to bring in their own, named drinking bottle filled with water, they would be very welcome to do so. If they do not want to or forget to bring theirs one day, we will continue to provide them with a water bottle at school.

### Link to Hope ShoeBox Appeal

We would like to support our village community in their campaign to collect shoe boxes to donate to families and elderly in need in Ukraine, Bulgaria, Moldova and Romania.



We are using a different organisation to usual but more information can be found on the website: [www.linktohope.co.uk](http://www.linktohope.co.uk). On this website it explains how easy it is to spend very little but create a fantastic gift for a family at Christmas time. The good news is that the box and lid do not need to be wrapped separately; the whole box with contents can be wrapped at the end. Leaflets are available from the school foyer to give more information about this initiative.

Finished boxes will be collected during Collective Worship on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

### Proud moments

Well done to all our Vryan children who entered the Autumn Show competitions. All the children worked really hard in class and at home to produce some super work!



Some of the children have told us that they received 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes or awards including Talan Spears, Eddie Brickell, Phoebe Emmett, Daraka Smith, Noah White-Tiller, Isaac White-Tiller and Henry Bedford. Eve Riley entered 25 items! Congratulations Eve for all your 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes and trophies. Great work all of you, you should be very proud!

### Weekly Awards

Our focus this week has been 'Kindness and compassion'

Our **Student(s) of the Week** for Carne class is: Zach Knowles  
Pendower class is: Merryn Edwards  
Kiberick class is: Dom Leach



### Our Achievers of the Week

Carne class: Isaac White-Tiller & Ruby Wilson  
Pendower class: Ellie Kendall & Bonnie Tullett  
Kiberick class: Eve Riley & Evie Hepworth

### Attendance this week

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%.

In our first week of term the attendance level of each class was:

- Carne Class – 81.4%
- Pendower Class – 97.1%
- Kiberick Class – 98.1%

Well done Kiberick you are our...



## Ofsted

I am sure you are getting as frustrated as we are that we are still waiting for our Ofsted report from the inspection on 6<sup>th</sup> July. This has only been delayed because the school holidays fell in the middle of the process and no other reason. We have been assured by Ofsted today that the report is imminent so we hope to be able to share it with you very soon.



## Uniform

You may recall last term a letter was sent home to gauge parent views and preferences about uniform orders. The majority of parents expressed a preference to move to an online ordering system. In light of this we have now set up an arrangement with tesco.com using the Uniform Embroidery Service (UES) from F&F. A leaflet from UES will be sent home with your child and explains how to place orders and purchase uniforms online.

You can also visit the website at:

<http://www.tesco.com/direct/veryan-cofe-school/5521.school?source=others>

As a school we benefit from a 5% cash donation with every purchase made and we hope this new system will allow flexibility and convenience for parents and carers to make purchases as and when they need them without the need for minimum orders. They offer free returns and you can even earn Tesco Clubcard points on your purchases!

**But first...**we have quite a bit of stock of various uniform items in school already. Attached is a list of uniform (at a reduced price) that you can purchase from the school office and take home immediately. You can pay for these items using your Parentpay account or cash/cheque at the school office (*payable to St Piran's Cross MAT*)

The uniform will also be out and available to purchase on our Open Morning on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October. These items are on a first come, first served basis and no more stock will be ordered. Any new orders or orders of sizes not in stock will need to be processed using the Tesco Uniform Embroidery Service.

## School Teams



We are currently reviewing the school teams as the balance of children in each team has altered dramatically with children leaving and joining the school over the summer. Historically we have tried to keep siblings within the same school team so that Parents can support one team on School Sports day. However, in order to balance the teams fairly and ensure an even distribution of children from all year groups we may have to separate some siblings into different teams.

We are sure that whichever your team your child is part of you will still be able to show your full support on Sports Day! Look out for a team update in upcoming newsletters.



## Autumn dates for your diary...

**13<sup>th</sup> September-29<sup>th</sup> November**  
- Swimming for Yrs 1-4

**23<sup>rd</sup> September** – Residential Camp meeting 3.30pm

**6<sup>th</sup> October** – Veryan Harvest festival

**17<sup>th</sup> October** – Kiberick class trip to the Eden Project (details to follow)

**20<sup>th</sup> October** – School open morning

**7<sup>th</sup> December** - Pendower and Carne school play

**13<sup>th</sup> December** - School carol concert

**27<sup>th</sup> June 2017** - year 6 transition day to The Roseland followed by parents' evening at The Roseland at 6.30pm



## Wildlife Club – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September

Mrs Warburton would like to extend the invitation to her Wildlife Club on Monday as she has organised some special visitors! The Bat Conservation Trust will be coming in to talk to the children and may even have a few special guests of their own!

If you would like to book on Monday's Wildlife Club, either as a one off or for the rest of the term, please visit

[www.veryan.parentseveningsystem.co.uk](http://www.veryan.parentseveningsystem.co.uk)





A letter came home this week to explain how to order and pay for your child's school meals using the new Parentpay booking system. Orders and payment will no longer be taken at the school office from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September except in an emergency.

If you have any problems accessing your Parentpay account or have not yet activated it please ask at the School Office as soon as possible in advance of the cashless system.

(If your account has not yet been activated your child will bring home a Login and Password letter)

### Electronic Newsletter:

If you would like our weekly newsletter emailed to you, we would **love** to send it to you!

Please email your request to  
[vrsecretary@stpiranscross.co.uk](mailto:vrsecretary@stpiranscross.co.uk)

## Veryan & Roseland Tennis Club

### Autumn 2016 Term Tennis Coaching

Falmouth Tennis Company has recently been invited to begin coaching sessions at Veryan & Roseland Tennis Club. Our new coach is Des O'Reilly, is an LTA Master Club (5) & Senior Performance (4) Coach. Des has worked with all age groups and ability from beginner to pro in his 25 year career but says that teaching young children is the most rewarding. "Our aim at FTC is to teach children how to play the game through series of fun game based activities while improving their ABC's ; agility, balance coordination and speed." The course is 14 weeks. Please be aware that we have limited spaces.

Booking details or for more information please contact Des

[Falmouthtenniscompany@gmail.com](mailto:Falmouthtenniscompany@gmail.com)

M 07941 572115

Tues 6th Sept – 13th Dec

(half term 25th October) 14 week term

Times

Tbc Munchkins 3&4 years 45 mins (£70 per child/term)

15.30 Red 5-8 45mins

16.15 Green 9+10 45 mins

17.00 Bronze 11 + 45 mins

\* Children need to wear trainers and sports clothing\* We have rackets but feel free to bring your own\* Please contact Des if we do not offer an appropriate class, we can start a new one!

**GSM JUNIORS**  
For players aged 6 - 15 years old



**EVERY SATURDAY  
MORNING**

**Starting Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept**

**10 am - 11 pm**

Halwartha Park  
St Mawes, TR2 5AA

Led by FA qualified coaches  
All ability levels  
For players aged 6 - 15 years old  
£1 per player per session

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## Veryan Indoor Bowls Club

Veryan Sports and Social Club, Elerkey Lane, Veryan  
TR2 5UW

### Play Bowls For Free

Open Sessions

Sat 24<sup>th</sup> September 10am-1pm

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 1pm-5pm

All welcome including children.

Join us and give it a try at our **FREE** sessions – refreshments will be provided and coaches will be on hand to help beginners.

Contact: Craig Taylor – 01872 501495

Ann Madge – 01326 270808

[www.veryanindoorbowls.com](http://www.veryanindoorbowls.com)

**Roseland Youth Orchestra – new members  
wanted aged 9 years and up!**

Free of charge, open to Brass, Woodwind &  
Orchestral String players aged 9 – 16 years

Led by Matt Douglass & Wendy Polley on Fridays,  
3.30pm – 4.45pm in Room 23, The Roseland  
Academy (Music Suite).

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Entry level approx. Grade 1 / one year of learning an  
instrument.

Enquiries to Wendy  
Polley: [wpolley@theroseland.co.uk](mailto:wpolley@theroseland.co.uk) / 01872 530675

*Autumn Term 2016 – sessions begin Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>  
September.*