



Veryan Primary School News



Friday 6th May 2016



Talk Topic – "On Sunday 15th May it is the festival of Pentecost. Ask friends and family what they know of these celebrations and what they may do to celebrate? Will you do anything this year?"

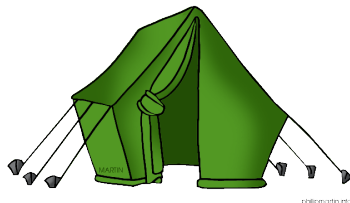
Mr Phillips

We have received a message from Mr Phillips to say that he has been signed off sick for the rest of this half term. He has been really pleased to receive so many kind messages and best wishes and I know that he will remain in your thoughts and prayers. Mrs Lisa Michell has agreed to continue to remain as Acting Headteacher while Mr Phillips is away.

Mrs Michell will be at Veryan next week on Thursday 12th May in the afternoon and all day on Friday 13th May should you need to see her.

Year 4 Camp

Year 4 children will be departing for Camp Kernow on **Tuesday 17th May** and parents of the children



attending will receive a final update letter early next week. Can we please remind you that all medical forms need to be returned to school for this visit by **Monday 9th May 2016**. Thanks.

Parent Forum Feedback

Thank you to the 12 parents who attended our Parent Forum on Wednesday. They were joined by Mr Lees, Miss Goodall and Mrs Michell. This was a magnificent turn out, Mr Lees reported that it was the best across the trust! A summary of the points discussed is to be found below:

- **Nursery places** – Miss Goodall explained how the nursery places are allocated and how the reception and nursery children work

together. The nursery is growing in popularity and sessions are now full.

- **Classes for September 2016** – Mr Lees explained that a class structure will be presented to the Trust's Finance Committee on **Thursday 12th May**. Once this has been agreed, (and this will depend on the budget available) parents will be informed of this structure and the teachers teaching each class.
- **Progress and learning** - most parents at the Forum were pleased with the progress their children were making and the way the school was tailoring the education to fit each child. Year 1 parents were pleased with the work their children were doing in the mornings and could see great improvement. They also confirmed that the children had enjoyed the boat challenge connected to the value of trust.
- **Playground at the end of the day** - a long discussion took place about the changes that had taken place on the playground at the end of the day. Although parents were disappointed that these changes had had to be made, they understood the safeguarding reasons for it and were happy that Mrs Michell has reflected on the decision and brought in 'Open Playground Thursday'.
- **PFA** – the PFA is short of members and we are hoping that lots of new parents will join the committee and help raise much needed funds for Veryan School. Information to follow in next week's newsletter.
- **PE** – one parent explained how one of the other MAT schools has adopted the 'run a mile' each day and this was really benefitting the children with their fitness and concentration levels. Mrs Michell agreed that this would be discussed by the staff. She also said that the



children should receive around two hours PE/Sport per week.

- **Parent and community support with sports** - the staff were kindly informed that there are many people in the community that are able, talented and willing to help with sports and other extra –curricular activities. Mrs Michell will request expressions of interest in the Vryan School News. We very much appreciate this being shared with the new members of staff at school who are keen to maintain and rebuild community links.
- **Summer Show/Concert** – parents asked if this is to going to happen, **it is** and the dates will be 6th and 7th July Parents requested that the younger children did not spend hours in rehearsals when they were not needed. Mrs Michell and Mr Lees noted this point.
- **Times tables** – one grandparent said that he thought it would be better if the children learnt their times tables by rote. A long discussion took place about this and effective methods of supporting the children. One parent said that the game '**knowing your times tables**' was a great way for helping her children to learn them.
- **Support with After School Clubs-** one brilliant idea from the Parent Forum meeting was that we put a 'shout out' for parents and friends who might have a particular skill, talent or simply just enthusiasm that they could offer to support our After School Clubs. If you feel you have something you could offer, please speak to Mrs Allan in the office.

Special Menu

To mark Census day on Thursday 19th May Chartwells are offering a special menu;

- Build your own burger in a bun.
Top as you like with tomatoes, lettuce, cucumber, onions, cheese, garlic mayo or tomato relish.

Served with oven baked wedges, coleslaw and baked beans.

The menu on Friday 20th already offered burgers so the menu for this day will also be changed to the ever popular fish and chips.

As ever jacket potatoes and school packed lunches will be on offer and your child can select their dessert at lunch time.

Please inform the school office of your child's choice for these two dates using the slip overleaf.
Thank you

Attendance this week

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

Last week the attendance level of each class was:

- Carne Class – 93.3%
- Pendower Class – 97.3%
- Kiberick Class – 97.9%

Well done Kiberick – you are our...



this week!!

Awards

Our focus this week has been '**Literacy**'

Our **Student of the Week** for Carne class is: Red Shreck
Pendower class is: Chloe Hick
Kiberick class is: Dom Leach



Our **Achievers of the Week** are:

Carne class: Ellie Lobb & William Wilson
Pendower class: Jemima Hetherington & Rose Kendle
Kiberick class: Eddie Brickell & Sonny White

Well done to you all for your effort in your literacy work!

Key Stage 2 SATS Week

The Key Stage 2 SATS will take place next week following the timetable set below. This can be a very anxious time for children (not to mention staff and parents!) so I am sure we will all want to join together to wish our children luck.

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday Miss Moore has kindly offered to run a FREE breakfast club which will be held in Kiberick classroom. This will start at 8am and is for year 6 pupils to give them the opportunity to have a good breakfast and some social time before the SATs begin. They can also ask any last minute questions. This is not compulsory but we would welcome any year 6s that would like to come.

Please let us know if your year 6 child would like to come but is unable to get to school at this time. Our usual breakfast club will continue as normal from 8am in Kiberick 2.

If you are a parent of a year 6 child, please make sure your child goes to bed early and arrives at school on time in the morning having had a good breakfast (if they are not attending the school SATs breakfast club.) Whilst we want to encourage them all to do their best, we must try to avoid making them feel under pressure. The tests are just an opportunity for our children to show their hard work throughout their primary education, the results of which will help ensure they are in the correctly pitched group when they start at secondary school.

The SATS test will take place in Kiberick classroom and while the tests are taking place, year 5 children will work with Mrs Hawkins in Kiberick 2. Mr Lees will administer the tests while Miss Moore will work with those children entitled to one to one prompting.

Children are often keen to bring in a lucky mascot which we will allow but would appreciate your support in encouraging them to bring ONE item which is SMALL! They can also bring their own pens and pencils if they wish, but they will not be able to have a pencil case with them (unless it is transparent). All the resources they need will be provided.

Mon 9th May	Tues 10th May	Wed 11th May	Thursday 12th May	Fri 13th May
9.10-10.30am Reading Test (1 hour)	9.10-10.30am SPAG <i>short answer</i> (45 mins) Spelling	9.10-10.30am Maths 1 <i>arithmetic</i> (30 mins)	9.10-10.30am Maths 3 <i>reasoning</i> (40 mins)	NO SATS
Break:	Break:	Break:	Break:	.
11.00-11.15	11.00-11.15	11.00-11.15	11.00-11.15	
(Normal classes resume)	(Normal classes resume)	11.20-12.00pm Maths 2 <i>reasoning</i>	(Normal classes resume)	

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Summer term 2016 Dates for your Calendars:

May 9th – Camp Kernow forms return deadline
 May 9th – Year 6 Sailing consent forms return deadline
 May 9th – Year 6 SATs Week
 May 9th – MAT and School Annual Parent Questionnaire to go out.
 May 16th to 18th – Year 4 to Camp Kernow
 May 20th – Veryan Cross Country Championships
 May 23rd – Assessment Week at Veryan School
 May 23rd – Parents Evening during this week to be finalised.
 May 27th – Open the Book at Church
 May 29th – Half term holiday.
 June 6th – School re-opens and Year 6 go to Barton Hall Camp.
 10th June – The Queen's 90th Birthday - Join us for a celebratory Church Service and later for a street party in the playground.
 13th June – Year 1 National Phonic Screening Test Week.
 15th June at 2.15 pm – **PARENT FORUM.**
 June 20th to 22nd – Year 5 Camp to Porthpean.
 June 23rd – EU referendum.
 June 24th – Open the Book at Church
 June 28th – Year 6 Welcome Day at the Roseland School.
 July 6th and 7th – School production at Veryan village hall
 July 11th – Assessment Week at Veryan
 July 13th – MAT Olympics at Par Stadium.
 July 15th – Year 6 Prom and Graduation at Grampound Road School.
 July 22nd – Leavers Church Service and farewell to Year 6.

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

'Jump Off'

Your child has brought home a letter and sponsorship form inviting them to take part in a sponsored 'Jump Off.' This event will take place on Friday 13th May, it would be brilliant if we could raise lots of money for the school and this worthy cause, so please help your child to share their sponsorship form with friends, family and neighbours!



Sikh Day

Last Thursday the children had a visit from Daya. Daya talked to the children about differences in our cultures and gave the children opportunities to dress in traditional Sikh costume and try some of her delicious traditional recipes.



The children cooked with her and came together to taste and share some of the amazing food.



The next Messy Church is on Sunday 8th May at 4 o'clock. We are going to do some craft things that might help the children understand something about God the Holy Spirit. (It's Whit Sunday-Pentecost) on 15th May.

Looking forward to seeing you there,
Best wishes, Jill

VERYAN MARKET

First Saturday of every month

10.30 - 12.30

VERYAN PARISH HALL

Home Baking, Local Meat & Veg,
Preserves, Plants, Handicrafts & more
Meet up with friends and enjoy coffee &
homemade cakes

We would love to see you there



Probud School have a Kids Club holiday provision timetable and booking form now available for May half term. Please ask at the school office if you would like a copy of either of these.

LADOCK PARISH CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO BRING YOUR PETS TO A
SPECIAL



PET SERVICE

SUNDAY 22nd MAY 2016 at 11 a.m.

Coffee, biscuits and carrots for all!

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL ARE
MOST WELCOME
PLEASE CLEAR UP ANY ACCIDENTS!

