

# Veryan Primary School News



Friday 1st July 2016

**Talk Topic –** With our SIAMS inspection taking place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, it would be interesting to have a chat with your children about what they like about RE and Collective Worship at Veryan school as they may well be asked about this by the inspector!

#### Veryan Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

We have just been informed that our Church school inspection will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July and will be carried out by Mr Andrew Rickett who will visit our school for the entire day. During his visit, Mr Rickett will join us for Collective Worship, observe RE lessons, talk to children, governors and parents. The school will be judged in four areas:

How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?

What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?

How effective is Religious Education? How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a church school?

As with Ofsted, the bar has been raised for SIAMS since our previous inspection in 2011 but I am sure Mr Rickett will recognise all of the good practise at Veryan school and will appreciate our wonderful children and their commitment to their learning.

We have attached the school values and related Bible stories again and it would be a great help to us if you had time to talk to your children about these.

Please appreciate that any inspection can be a stressful time for staff as we want to make sure the inspector sees our school at its best. Please don't be offended if staff appear a little preoccupied on this day.

#### **MAT Olympics Opening Ceremony**

Thank you to Mrs Emmett, Mrs Kendle and Mrs Edwards for providing transport and attending the MAT Olympics opening ceremony dance rehearsals on Wednesday this week. They had a sneaky peek of the behind the scenes preparations and said the children did a wonderful job.



#### Parent Forum Feedback

Thank you to the eight parents who attended our second parent's forum this term. A valuable and worthwhile discussion was held. Below you will find a brief summary of this discussion:

**Mr Phillips** – parents asked about how Mr Phillips is doing and his expected return to Veryan School. Mr Lees said that he understood that there were rumours circulating about Mr Phillips and his future. None of these have any grain of truth and need to stop. He is signed off sick, has been quite unwell and is expected to return to work when he is allowed to by his doctor. He asked all parents to be supportive of this and think of him in their prayers.

**Contact with teachers** – parents said that it is difficult to pass messages to teachers when children travel on the taxi. Mr Lees said that Mrs Allan our school secretary, always checked her email first thing in the morning and this was a good way to make contact as she would pass it onto the teachers. Her email address is on this newsletter.

Reading records and homework expectations – parents shared their concerns about the review of reading records and homework. Mrs Michell thought that they were very fair concerns and said that she would talk to the staff about these. There was also a discussion about the homework menu, with some parents in favour of this way of setting homework and others less keen.

**Spelling lists sent home** – parents are finding that these are being sent on very small pieces of paper and get lost. Mrs Michell will talk to staff about this.

**Website-** Mrs Michell told the parents that the school would have a new website in September 2016 and this would be up to date, modern and reflect the school's values and ethos. Parents were keen to see this as they firmly believed that this might help attract more children to the school.

Three class structure - Mr Lees confirmed that if Mr Phillips is still unwell in September, Mrs Hayes had agreed to teach Pendower Class full time until he returns. Mr Lees stressed that the MAT has supported this school organisation for one more year at considerable expense and all agreed that we hope to see the school roll grow during the next school year.

#### **Weekly Awards**

Our focus this week has been 'Literacy'

Our **Student(s) of the Week** for Carne class are: All of Carne Class!! Pendower class is: Amy Bullen Kiberick class is: Simon Marshall



#### Our Achievers of the Week

Pendower class: Chloe Hick & Evie Hepworth Kiberick class: Charlie Watson & Hebby Shreck

Well done for such amazing literacy work this week!

### Attendance this week

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

Last week the attendance level of each class was:

- Carne Class –95.2%
- Pendower Class 94.1%
- Kiberick Class 92.1%

Well done - Carne you are our...



again this week!!



#### Veryan PFA

Donations of toys, children's books and clothes would be most welcome for a stall at the summer fayre, could they please be left in the reception area for collection.

Thank you for your continued support.



#### School production props

You may be aware that the children are currently rehearsing for their production of Ye Ha! (and a great job they are doing too!)

If you have any cowboy hats, costumes, holsters or small toy guns that would be suitable as props for our production and dress rehearsals we would very much appreciate them. Please label and hand these in at the school office.

#### New Outdoor 'Classroom'

We were delighted to take delivery of our new shed which will be a new learning space outside. The children will be able to use this as an indooroutdoor quiet area during playtimes for example to play board games or read books. But also as an extra outdoor space as part of lessons.

Thank you to the PFA for contributing to the purchase of the shed and to Mr Trounce who organised (with some of his team) moving the previous storage shed and prepared the area for the new one.

#### Tempest Whole School Photography – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

This will be taken on the school playground immediately after the Collective Worship at Veryan Church. If any children who do not usually attend on a Friday morning would like to join the group for a photograph please feel free to meet on the playground for approximately 9.45am.

#### Uniform

Children from Nursery to Year 5 will have received a note home regarding the ordering of school uniform. Thank you to those of you who returned these. The majority of responses were in favour of changing the current system to an online ordering system. Therefore, in September a new online ordering system will be put in place for future uniform purchases, so that choices, orders and payments can be made at your own convenience.

For the coming Autumn term please find an ordering form attached to this newsletter to be completed and returned to school by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July**. <u>Orders will only be placed with full payment</u> made on Parentpay, or by cash/cheque (made payable to St Pirans Cross MAT) at the office. We will not be able to process any orders received after Friday July 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### Summer term 2016 Dates for



June 24<sup>th</sup> at 2.15 pm – **PARENT** FORUM.

June 24<sup>th</sup> **PFA meeting 3:15** June 24<sup>th</sup> – Open the Book at Church

June 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Welcome Day at the Roseland School.

July 1<sup>st</sup> – Tempest School photograph July 11<sup>th</sup> – Assessment Week at Veryan July 12<sup>th</sup> – 'Move up day' for whole school. July 13<sup>th</sup> – MAT Olympics at Par Stadium. July 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Prom and Graduation at Grampound Road School. July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> – School production at Veryan village hall

July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 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

## FREE FAMILY TENNIS

Saturday 28th May 2-4pm Saturday 25th June 2-4pm Saturday 30th July 2-4pm Saturday 27th August 2-4pm VERYAN AND ROSELAND TENNIS CLUB ELERKEY LANE VERYAN TR2 5UW

We are offering free sessions for families during the summer of 2016. All welcome. Rackets for children and adults can be supplied. Use of club house facilities. Refreshments available. Just turn up on the day. Please no unaccompanied children under 14 years. For more information contact: cprestwood@hotmail.co.uk or telephone 01872 501982.



Neal's Yard Remedies Organic - Jayne Coley (Award winning organic skincare products)

Jayne has left a basket of samples, testers, brochures and order forms in the foyer. Please feel free to have a browse and take a brochure/order form.

If you'd like to place an order, fill out the order form and hand in to school along with payment of either cash, cheque (payable to Jayne Coley) or credit/debit card (please include your full billing address if paying by card.) All orders will be collected on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July by 12 noon**. Products will be delivered to school within 7-10 days. More information on each product is available on Jayne's website <u>www.uk.nyrorganic.com/shop/jaynecoley</u> For further advice, contact Jayne on 07919193416/01726883834

Jayne has kindly offered to give 10% of all the orders made through school back to our school funds!



### EVERY SATURDAY MORNING



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