



Veryan Primary School News



Friday 31st March 2017



Eggs will roll.....

All parents, carers and friends are invited to school on Friday 31st March shortly after 1.00pm to watch the children participate in an egg roll. Come and enjoy the fun!

Don't forget to bring back your Easter egg decorating competition forms for judging on Friday morning.

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Comic Relief

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Comic Relief fundraising day last week. Together we raised £76.52 for this worthy cause!



Thank you to Mrs Taylor of Roseland Plant Centre for kindly donating all the beautiful daffodils for our Mothering service last

week. We're sure you will agree it is a really special service and the giving of flowers is something the children and parents really seem to treasure. (Mrs Taylor has Easter crafts and egg hunts at her plant centre during the Easter break – see page 4 for more information.)

Parent Forum

Thank you to the many parents who attended our immersive curriculum open afternoon and then stayed on for a parent forum.



The discussions at parent forum focused on two areas:

School structure and staffing from September 2017

- Parents were generally grateful that the Trust had shared plans for the class structure and staffing of the school for September 2017 so early. They appreciated that other changes may occur before we reach September 2017 but were pleased with the open and transparent approach to the changes at this stage.
- Mr Lees confirmed that the new Head of School appointment was proceeding and that interviews would be taking place on **5th May 2017 at Veryan**



School. He confirmed that there had already been some promising interest in this post. He also reiterated that the Head would be a class teacher for Year 4,5 and 6 for most of the week. The new Head will be supported by Mrs Michell for 1.5 days per week.

- Some parents were concerned that the nursery provision offer would only be for the mornings. Mrs Michell confirmed that this would be the case during the autumn term 2017, but if enough parents wanted whole day and were paying for sessions we would reconsider this, however, there would have to be a sufficient take up of nursery places to make it sustainable.
- We will also be appointing a PE Assistant apprentice who will also support classes during the morning.
- Mr Lees confirmed that as new staff are appointed we would inform parents and provide opportunities during the summer term to meet them.
- Mrs Michell reminded parents that our class sizes during the morning in September 2017 remained small and that we remained the only small school on the Roseland that offered three classes for the core subjects.

The School Field

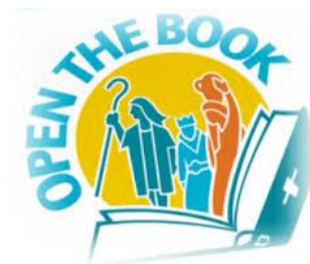
Parents asked whether we could make better use of Veryan's School field. Mr Lees said that this was a very fair point and he would look into it.

Mark Lees
Executive Principal

Farewell Alison

As you know Alison Hawken, our cleaner for the past 4 years, will be leaving us on Friday 31st March. We want to express our thanks to Alison for all she has done for the school, but we are lucky enough to see her return in the new term leading one of our after school clubs. Mrs Hawken will take the 'MAT' club which will explore various aspects of music, art and time in very creative ways!

We look forward to welcoming Sue Mutton to Veryan school as our new cleaner, starting in the Easter break.



Everyone is welcome as ever to come to our collective worship in the church at 9:10am on Friday 31st March. This week we will be led by the Open the Book team.

Thank yous

Thank you to Mr Brickell for giving up his time to help support our year 6 children with some of their maths in preparation for their SATs next term. The children are really enjoying their extra lessons and we very much appreciate your support.

Thank you also to Mrs Oldham who has been standing in for Mrs Sparks. Looking after the library and changing books with the children it is fantastic to have such help!

Finally, thank you to all the parents who have helped transport children and accompany them on various trips and visits this past term. It's a tremendous help and these things couldn't go ahead without you.

"How great was the great fire of London? ...Veryan?!?"



What an amazing finale to Pendower class' immersive curriculum topic. Members of the St Mawes fire station crew kindly gave up their time on Thursday morning to come and safely light and put out the children's homes on Pudding Lane. The blaze started in the Bakery and swiftly spread in the Veryan breeze to engulf the street.





The children in Pendower even got to have a turn on the hose reel and water a few passing cars!



Our **Achiever Awards** this week go to:



Kiberick class – Toby Williams & Sam Taylor
Pendower class – Redigan Shreck
& Sylvie Trounce
Carne class – Annie Cracknell
& Zach Knowles

Our lunchtime award goes to William Etches for his sensible behaviour during lunchtimes. Ruan Flack for settling into the routines so well and Kayleigh for showing kindness and compassion to other children at mealtimes.

Attendance

The expected average percentage attendance for a child is 96%.
Last week the attendance level of each class was:

- Carne Class –94.4%
- Pendower Class –98.2%
- Kiberick Class –100%

Well done **Kiberick** class you are this week's...

Kiberick you are



Our focus this week has been on
'Kindness and Compassion'



Our student of the week for:
Kiberick class – Alfie Young
Pendower class – William Etches
Carne class – William Kendall

Pendower Class immersive curriculum

Does anyone have any frogspawn in their garden pond that they might be able to safely bring into school for Pendower to look at?

Pendower's question 'which is the greatest animal of all time?' will include looking at lifecycles. We will ensure the children take great care of the frogspawn and return it to you to be placed back in its original habitat to grow and develop unharmed.



Hall for Cornwall – Captain Slyeye & The Lost Treasure Map

The year 3-6 children involved in the Hall for Cornwall project on April 25th have been very busy with preparations and practises. We are very aware that it will be an exciting but tiring day for them and, should they need to we are happy for them to come into school later than usual on Wednesday 26th April. We ask that the



children return to school no later than the end of morning break at 11.00am.



Spring term dates dates for your diary

31st March – Last day of
term 1.30pm finish
18th April – New term

begins

18th April - Pendower class trip to Newquay Zoo
19th April – HfC dancers practise. Grampound with
Creed
18th April – Year 5 Roseland Transition meeting 3.30-
5.30pm
21st April – Whole class Tempest Photography photos
(am)
21st April - RNLI visit. Talk on Beach safety
24th April – Reception class vision screening
25th April – MAT HfC Project 7pm
1st May – Bank holiday, school closed.
8th May – Key stage 2 SATs week
22nd-24th May – Year 4 Porthpean Residential
23rd-24th May – Year 3 Camp Kernow Residential
19th - 23rd June – Year 6 Barton Hall Residential
27th June - Year 6 transition day to The Roseland
followed by parents' evening at The Roseland at
6.30pm

Cornwall Music
Education Hub

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present
Captain Slyeye
and the lost treasure map
A musical adventure!

Hall for Cornwall
25th April 2017
7.00 pm

Tickets
£6 for adults
£3 for under 18's
(plus Theatre fund and booking fee)
Available from the Hall for Cornwall Box Office
www.hallforcornwall.co.uk or 01872 262466

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Easter Egg Hunt



Good Friday 10.30am-3.00pm

£3.00 per child

Easter Craft Workshops

will be running throughout the day at
£5-£12.50 per project.

Refreshments available

Please ring 01872 501502 to book your place
and for more information.



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