



Veryan Primary School News



Friday 29th April 2016



Talk Topic – “In May many birds are building nests, if you were a bird what would it feel like to fly and build a nest high up in the trees?”

Hello from Mrs Michell:

Firstly can I say what a pleasure it has been spending time at Veryan School over the last two weeks. The whole school community have been incredibly welcoming and supportive and I hope I can help to ensure that Veryan school and, most importantly, the children in it, continue to thrive.

I know this is a really important time for Veryan with SATS imminent and an Ofsted and SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) due at any time.

Receiving positive feedback from these inspections is not only crucial to reassure us that our children are receiving a good education but also to secure the future popularity and therefore sustainability of our school. One element of the school which will be scrutinised is attendance and at the moment Veryan's average is 94% which is below the national average and school target of 96%.

As a parent of two young boys, I do appreciate that children do pick up numerous bugs and we completely understand that they cannot come to school when ill and would still remind parents that children must not return to school within 48 hours of a sickness/diarrhoea bug. That said, we do need to work together to improve our attendance. Lateness can result in a child being marked as absent and therefore bring the attendance average down, so please make sure your child arrives on time (8.45am for morning maths, 8.55am for registration). If your child is a little under the weather and you are unsure whether or not to bring them, please bring them into school and rest assured that we would ring home if they



are unwell. We often find that once in school children perk up, as they have lots to do and think about!

You will be receiving a letter over the next few days which will inform you of your child/children's attendance for the academic year so far. We will also be rewarding those children who have 100% attendance.

Another area that I think could be improved within the school - but relies on your help and support, is the end of school procedures. I know that in a small school like Veryan, which is very similar to Ladock (my other school) we all know each other well and therefore feel safe in our village environment. However, we must make sure as a school we avoid complacency if this risks putting the children's safety at risk.



As an outsider observing, the end of the day can seem a little chaotic. From Friday 29th April, I have asked class teachers and teaching assistants to line children up in their year groups facing the top of the playground so that they are only dismissed when the member of staff has seen the adult each child is to be dismissed to. We would appreciate your patience with this as it might just take a couple of minutes longer than usual but will ensure we know each child is with the right adult.

If your child is being collected by someone else, please inform their class teacher, TA or someone in the office. Even if you come in the bottom gate, we would be grateful if you could then stand at the top of the playground so that we can see you to dismiss your child/children.

Finally, please could we ask that children do not go on the play equipment after school. I know this will be disappointing for some of you but the play equipment cannot be supervised by staff and it becomes very confusing for staff when they are trying to safely dismiss children and some have come back to play. It can also make it difficult when a club is taking place outside as children

playing on the equipment can be a little distracting.

I hope you will support us with these actions and understand that it is for the safety of all our children.

If you have any queries regarding the above or anything else, please feel free to email me at: lmichell@stpiranscross.co.uk

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Michell

Open the Book Service- Friday 29th April 2016

Our excellent 'Open the Book' Team will be attending our weekly church service on Friday 29th April 2016 at 9.15 am.

Parents are cordially invited to join us for this service.

This team are always excellent and tell a bible story in a creative and thoughtful way!

Attendance this week

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

Last week the attendance level of each class was:

- Carne Class – 96.7%
- Pendower Class – 96%
- Kiberick Class – 95.8%

Well done Carne – you are our...



this week!!

Friday Club Toy Sale

The Year 6 children would like to invite you to their Friday Club's Toy Sale on **Friday 29th April 3.20-4.00pm in Kiberick 2.**

Thank you so much for all the donations, if you have any last minute toys for the toy stall these would be gratefully received. Please leave them at the school office.

Our trust boat challenge

Thank you to the children and parents who completed our trust boat challenge. We took these children and Carne Class over to the village

stream to test the boats. To ensure safety, Mr Lees had his wellingtons on and got into the stream to test the boats. He also looked at the design and floating ability of each boat. The winning designs will be announced in our weekly church service tomorrow.



As you know, this project was emphasising the importance we place on 'trust.' Sailors and other sea based workers place a huge level of trust in their boats and ships; they need to be well made to withstand the perils of the sea. Once again thank you for your valued support.



Well done to everyone who has collected and given us their Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. There is still plenty of space in the box to fill to enable us to get FREE resources for the children, so please keep collecting and thank you for your support.

Awards

Our focus this week has been
'kindness and compassion'



Our **Student of the Week** for
Carne class is: Bonnie Tullett
Pendower class is: Kayleigh Vincent
Kiberick class is: Sonny White

Our **Achievers of the Week** are:
Carne class: Evie Lobb and Rory Beetham
Pendower class: Talan Spears and Toby Williams
Kiberick class: Dom Leach and Katie Wright

Well done to you all for demonstrating a kind
and compassionate attitude to others.



Summer term 2016 Dates for your Calendars:

April 29th – Open the Book at Church
May 2nd – MAY DAY Bank Holiday – **school closed**.
May 4th at 2.15 pm – **Parent Forum**
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 23rd – Assessment Week at Vryan 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.
Week of July 4th – School Sports Week
July 11th – Assessment Week at Vryan
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.

Consent Forms

Thank you to those who have already returned
your trip consent forms. Please can we remind
Yr1-Yr4 pupils to return their **Eden Project**
consent forms by Friday 29th April and **Y6** children

to return their **sailing** forms to the school office as
soon as possible but no later than Thursday 9th
May.

Camp Kernow forms – reminder

The deadline for the medical forms for Camp
Kernow is Friday 6th May.

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 will bring home a letter
and sponsorship form inviting them
to take part in a sponsored 'Jump
off.' This event will help bring the
children together to stay fit and
active in a fun way whilst raising money for their
school and life-saving work from the British Heart
Foundation.



Breakfast Club

Mrs Warburton would like to ask whether anyone
has some old egg cups they no longer need?
The breakfast club would love to make use of
them – what better way to start the school day
than a boiled egg and some marmite soldiers!
If you have any egg cups that you could donate
please hand in to the school office. Many thanks.

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