



# Veryan Primary School News

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## Attendance



Expected average attendance for a child is 96.1%. Our attendance for last week was **98.11%**

Carne: **98.5%** Pendower: **98.37%** Kiberick: **97.5%**

Congratulations **Carne** you are our attendance heroes this week.



## Christingle Service

Our Christingle service will take place in church on Friday 7th December from 9:10am. This is our usual collective worship time in church and, as ever, all are very welcome to attend.

At the service we will be collecting donations on behalf of The Children's Society, thank you to those of you who have already returned your candle box of donations.

*"Right now in Britain there are children and young people who feel scared, unloved and unable to cope. The Children's Society works with these young people, step by step, for as long as it takes.*

*We listen. We support. We act.*

*There are no simple answers so we work with others to tackle complex problems. Only together can we make a difference to the lives of children now and in the future.*

## Autumn dates for your diary

### Friday 7th December

- Christingle service. Veryan Church 9:10am

### Sunday 9th December

- PFA Christmas Fair 2.30pm

### Monday 10th December

- Bikeability part 2

### Tuesday 11th December

- Bikeability part 2 continued

### Wednesday 12th December

- Ultimate Christmas dodgeball yrs 4,5,6 (individual letters to come home) Roseland Academy.

### Thursday 13th December

- Active Afternoon with Kernow Sport and Leisure (individual letters sent home)

### Friday 14th December

- School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
- Open the Book in Collective Worship

### Tuesday 18th December

- Christmas Service in Veryan church attended by Rev. Phil Greenhalgh. All welcome. 7pm. Tea/coffee & mince pies served in school after the service.

### Thursday 20th December

- PFA school Christmas party at Veryan Sports and Social Club 2pm
- Last day of term! Merry Christmas everyone!



## After School Club 'Friday Funhouse'

For our last Friday Funhouse this year we would like to do some Christmas crafts & sell cakes & refreshments.

Please remember your 20p subs and any spending money you need.

With thanks from Year 6's



Reminder: Friday 7th December is the last day for all after school clubs.

Look out for next week's newsletter for the new clubs for the spring term!



Please can we remind all children that toys should not be brought into school (including slime).

Please leave toys and personal belongings with your parents/carers at the school gates for safekeeping.

Thank you.

## Veryan Sports News

Some of our Yr 5&6 children went to a BMX Taster session on Tuesday to have a go on the track at Blackwater, Truro. They had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Cornwall BMX Club for the opportunity.



If you would like a go Please see page 3 for their flyer about upcoming races and their website details for children (and families) to participate in novice rider coaching/activities.

Bikes for Brass Monkey Races can be hired for the racing for £2.50 with helmet and gloves also provided if needed. Everyone welcome!

Our cross country team went to a very wet and soggy Par race track on Wednesday - we were really proud of all the children for their efforts in such wet and muddy conditions! It was quite an adventure! Their next race will take place on Wednesday 9th January—who knows, they could be running in snow!?

## Student of the Week



We consider any awards and certificates to be **very** important and whilst we would love to be able to share the award giving with parents and carers every week, sometimes this is just not possible. Due to the inset day last week and the

Christingle Service in church this week, we have ensured that the children received their awards and certificates in school and they have been openly praised and supported by all the staff and children in our collective worship. At this time of year there is a lot of pressure on the children and staff to complete tasks and fulfil additional demands around their normal lessons and to ask the children (as well as parents and carers) to sit in the church for an even longer period of time would be unfair and unrealistic for the majority of our children. We apologise if this is disappointing, but thank you for your understanding.

This week our student of the week awards will go to:

**Carne Class:** Sennen for sharing so brilliantly in circle time.

**Pendower Class:** Eliza for showing kindness and compassion to others.

**Kiberick Class:** Thomas for his fantastic efforts at the Par Cross Country races this week.

## PFA plea



The PFA are still in need of mince pies and cakes to sell at the Christmas Fair. Thank you so much to those that have already donated

these.

Please hand in any further donations to Mrs Allan in the School office.

Thank you!



As we will be having a roast Christmas lunch on Friday 14th December, Mo will offer Friday's usual fish and chips on Wednesday to replace the roast turkey option. Please amend your Parentpay selections if necessary.



We have been made aware of issues with some parent's lunch booking experience. Please contact Parentpay to log a fault if this is the case. Or ask at the office for help.

<https://www.parentpay.com/parent-account-faqs/>





It has come to our attention that there have been some discussions amongst the children about things they have seen on the internet when browsing at home.

In school we support and teach the children about internet safety and you have probably discussed this with your children at home already. However, we thought it may be useful to share with you some helpful links to websites and information that might support you at home in having an open discussion with your children and help you practically, perhaps to set up parental controls, adjust privacy settings or just to get advice from experts?

The NSPCC have teamed up with O2 to offer free advice, you can call their helpline on 0808 800 5002 or visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Childnet is an international non-profit organisation that have useful ideas for starting conversations with your child about their internet use:

<https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/what-do-i-need-to-know>

It is important that our children feel able to talk openly to staff in school, as well as parents/carers, if they have seen anything on the internet that worries them, and we do not want to discourage them in any way from sharing this information. Discussing what they have seen on the internet with friends is a perfectly normal part of socialising, but we want to ensure that all our children are informed and know where to seek help if this is needed.



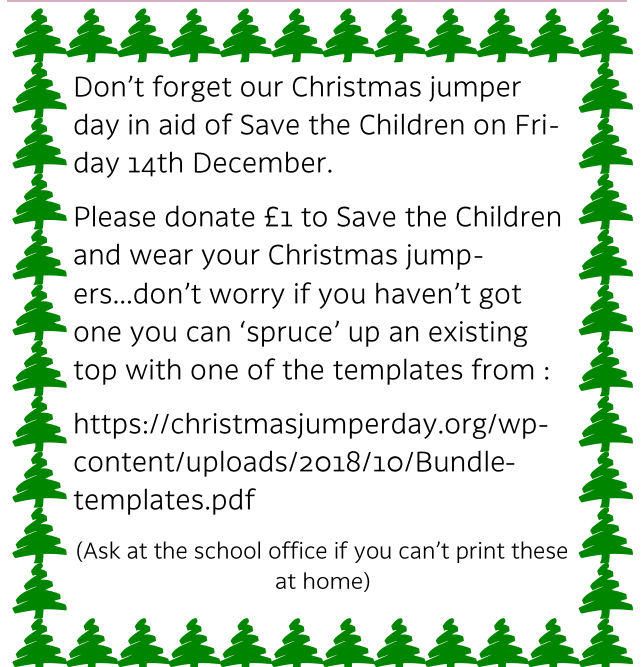
Guitar lessons have now finished for this term, our peripatetic guitar teacher Mr Giles will have space for new pupils from January.

Mr Giles teaches from 9am on Thursday mornings and will re-start lessons from Thursday 10th January.

If you are interested in learning the guitar please sign up by visiting:

<http://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/signup/>

Information can also be found on their website regarding instrument hire.



## Brass Monkey Winter Race Series



All Riders Welcome Novice, Expert and JTB Classes  
Open from 11.30am racing from 1.00pm  
Round 1 13th October 2018  
Round 2 10th November 2018  
Round 3 8th December 2018  
Round 4 12th January 2019  
Round 5 9th February 2019  
Round 6 9th March 2019  
All classes are based on the riders age during 2019  
Members £4.50 Non Members £5.50  
Best 5 out of 6 rounds count for a trophy  
Trophy presentation after final round  
Prizes for all races at every round  
North Hill, Blackwater, Truro TR4 8HZ  
Tel: 07813 272593  
<http://www.cornwallbmx.co.uk>



Care and support in Cornwall have a web page with ideas for things to see and do over the Christmas holidays visit:

<https://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/kb5/cornwall/directory/advice.page?id=DXWcvQv36bA>



The children have been busy in school making various Christmas crafts to sell at the Christmas Fair. Each child will have a named item available for you to purchase if you wish. Any items not sold or reserved by 4pm on Sunday will go on general sale at the Fair. Please ensure you have informed a teacher or Mrs Allan in the office who will keep a list of any items to reserve.

The Friends of Veryan School invite you to Christmas drinks

on Saturday December 15th

at 7.30pm at Georgie and Doug Nel's house:

Gwyk Barn, Trenisson Farm, Portloe, TR2 5PL.

£5 a ticket (includes your first drink and food)

In aid of Veryan School.

RSVP: [georginanel@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:georginanel@yahoo.co.uk)

Tickets now available to purchase from the school office. No cash is kept on the premises so correct monies please.