

December Newsletter 2024

Welcome to the December edition of our Newsletter. We have had a very festive few weeks here at school as the children in KS2 continue to rehearse for their Christmas Performances next week. This week has seen two amazing performances by Nursery, Robins and Wagtails. We are so proud of every child! We know this is a 'big deal' for many children and we thank all parents for the hard work that we know goes on behind the scenes at home!

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our parents who have helped out behind the scenes...a HUGE thank you to Maria Bavin (costumes), Benji Eldridge (set design) and Ali Richards (technical support).

Our school is also looking festive with our beautiful Christmas tree taking centre stage, decorated by our children. A big Thank you to **Cedar Croft Nursery** for kindly donating the tree this year.

Our amazing **FOSMS team** continue to provide amazing fund raising events which benefit all of our children. Our wreath making workshop was a huge success...a massive thank you to Ella Bennison for leading the workshop!! During the last week of term, all of our children will benefit

from a trip to The Hall for Cornwall to see the pantomime...thank you to everyone for supporting the events over the year to make this possible.

Additional Christmas Date:

We will be supporting the charity **Save the Children** on **Friday 13th December** through taking part in Christmas Jumper Day. We ask kindly for a donation of £1:00.

Staffing News

As most families will now be aware, Mrs Hicks, after over 37 years of service, will be retiring at Christmas. Mrs Hicks has made such a difference to our children and our community over the years and we wish her all the best as she begins the next chapter in her life. She will be truly missed by all of the school community and of course, will leave 'big shoes to fill'. We are currently in the process of finalising staffing arrangements for January and will of course let you know as soon as possible.

Uniform Reminders

A little reminder as we approach the time of year when some school uniform items may need to be replaced ready for the new year. It is important that all children are in the correct uniform each day as set out in our policy. This is attached at the bottom of this newsletter for your information. Please ensure leggings are only worn on PE days as part of your child's sports wear. We do have a uniform shop which allows us to reuse good quality items for a very small cost. Please see Vicky or a member of the FOSMS team for more information.

We have lots of exciting plans for the New Year...watch this space for details!

Mrs King

Vacancy - Teaching Assistant

We are seeking a Teaching Assistant to join our skilled TA team.

Experience of working in a primary school classroom is desirable and the ideal candidate for this role will have good communication skills and a real enthusiasm and enjoyment of working with children to support them to be their very best. Experience of working with children with SEND would be an advantage.

This is a fixed term, variable hours contract until July 2025 with initial hours of 20 hours per week, term time only.

The successful candidate will be:

- A caring and warm individual who is able to work effectively as part of a team
- Committed to their own professional development and continual self-review
- Committed to the safeguarding and wellbeing of all children
- Able to build a strong rapport with children and have a developing understanding of the national curriculum
- An excellent classroom support with behaviour management skills
- Able to lead learning with individuals or groups of pupils

If you would like any further information, please phone the school office on 01841 520683



Kernow Learning is a multi-academy trust of 21 primary schools in Cornwall. We believe that our trust is at the precipice of something great; through a mix of collective synchronicity and autonomy, our schools are working together to provide strength so that they can stretch their offer beyond expectations in their drive for excellence. Our trust is not insular; we embrace collaboration, innovation, and development. Our English Hub supports schools across Cornwall to severe children's early reacting, whilst our Teaching School Hub, as a partner in One Cornwall, provides services to schools across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly in relation to areas such as the Early Career Transmersor And National Protessional Qualifications.

well as offering great schools to work in, wonderful children to work with, and fantastic colleagues to work ongside, our Trust is committed to providing colleagues with other benefits that make your employment with mow Learning the best it can be. We offer:

- A competitive solary and membership of Local Government Pension Scheme:

 A real commitment to wellbeing, including access to 24/7 wellbeing services and employee assistance programme.

 Access to discounts with national and local retailers and service providers:

 A range of CPD and training apportunities, both internally and externally, learning from local and national speakers and specialists to support your professional growth.

 The support and skills of our networks of colleagues both within our schools and our Shared Services teams.

Kernow Learning is committed to safeguarding the welfare of children and follows the Safer Recruitment process. The successful candidate will be expected to share this commitment and will be required to undertake checks including an <u>enhanced</u> disclosure through the DBS process, as well as prohibition, S128, and Social Media/online presence checks.

We are an equal opportunities employer and welcome applications from all.

Unfortunately, Kernow Learning is not a sponsoring <u>organisation</u> for overseas candidates. This means that the successful candidate will need to possess the right to work in the UK or be able to secure the right to work in the UK or be able to secure the right to work in the UK independently.

For further information, or for support with the application process, please contact our HR Team on 01637 303106 or email $\frac{1}{\ln N} = \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{N} = \frac{$

Apply now at www.kernowlearning.co.uk/vacancies.

Sporting News



Wadebridge KS2 cross country race

We have had a fantastic start to the cross country season for our KS2 pupils. 253 children from 9 different schools took part, with our Year 3 pupils taking on the longer course for the first time.

We are absolutely thrilled to announced that in the Year 3 and 4 race, Albi, Sandy and River took first, second and third place out of 123 boys and girls. Ivy came 10th place (1st girl), Martha 15th (3rd girl) and Noah Burton 17th. Huge congratulations also to Indi (30th), Harley (31st) Matilda (73rd) and Olivia (75th), we are incredibly proud of you all.

In the Year 5 race, Beau came 37th and Sienna took 16th place in the Year 6 race - amazing achievements against some strong competitors!

A huge thank you to our wonderful and supportive parents and well done to all our runners.

Please note the Benchball event due to take place on Monday 9th December has been cancelled.

Mrs Cooper







Talents outside of school...

Not only do we see our children's amazing talents in school, we also love hearing about their achievements outside of school!

Last month, Ivy and Indi competed in a gymnastic competition...we love hearing about their achievements and our incredibly proud of them!

Below is a touching photo of Coco and her sister as they laid a wreath on behalf of the Sailing Club at the Remembrance Service. Coco was proud to wear her great grandfather's medals for the occasion.





FOSMS News





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What a fabulous year we have had fundraising for playground equipment, pantomime, polytunnel, and sports equipment to name but a few!

Thank you everyone who supported the Wreath Making Night...what a lovely evening. Thank you so much Ella Bennison for giving your expertise and time, there were some beautiful wreaths made on the evening.

We are looking forward to taking the children to Jack and the Beanstalk at the Hall for Cornwall on **Tuesday the 17th December**.

We have a fun Christmas week planned for the last week of term with lots of festive fun at the end of each day. This is our last fundraising of 2024! Have the best Christmas, thank you for your continued support, we couldn't do it without you!

Cash For Kids

This year, we are really pleased to be working alongside Cash for Kids. We hope to support this charity over the festive season whilst raising funds for our school.



The perfect partnership

Who we are

Cash for Kids is Bauer Media's charity. We're dedicated to improving the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK from the moment they're born up to and including the age of 18.

Our mission is to be there when they need us the most, helping combat poverty, illness and neglect, making living with additional needs that little bit easier, or simply offering a helping hand. We believe that every child deserves the opportunity to thrive and be their true selves.

We guarantee that a minimum of 80p in every pound donated is granted out.







Early Years Updates



Robins class have had a great term learning about different celebrations. We have learnt about Diwali, Fireworks night and are full swing performing our Nativity. As we explored the Christian celebration of Christmas, we took a trip to St Merryn Church to help decorate the Christmas tree. We noticed all the decorations that the church wardens have used to decorate. We also noticed that the Nativity story was part of the stained glass on the altar. As part of our day celebrating different celebrations and our learning linked to the book 'The Tiger who came to tea', we had an afternoon tea party with a very special guest! We hope you like the photos...





Nursery







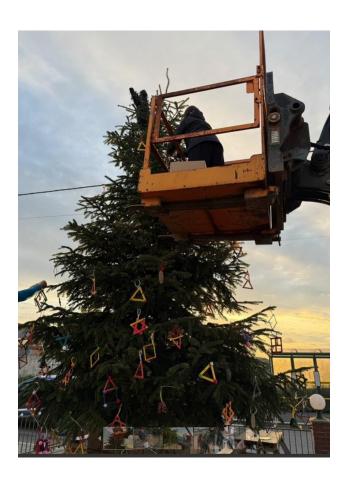
What a fabulous term nursery are having! We have been learning all about Seasons and Celebrations and now with Christmas nearly here, we are in full Christmas mode. The children loved making the decorations for the village tree. Decorating it was fun too! Thank you to Paul Mason for helping us reach the top, Miss Clayton enjoyed going up in the Cherry Picker!

We are very excited for our Santa visit at **Higher Harlyn Park, Winter Weekend**. Thank you to FOSMS for funding our Santa trip.

Next term our theme will be 'Animals' Teaching children to care for animals gives them the ability to nurture, be compassionate and empathetic from an early age. They observe the needs and emotions of animals, children naturally learn to put themselves in others' shoes, understanding the importance of kindness and caring.

Have a great Christmas

Nursery team









Reading for Pleasure



This term our reading scrapbooks have been going home and coming back with some incredible book reviews. They are a fantastic way for children to share their favourite book. Over the course of the year each child will have the opportunity to bring home the class reading scrapbook and complete two pages all about their favourite book. They then share this with their whole class in a reading assembly, it's a great way to start conversations about books, find new books to read and encourages oracy as the children need to talk about and recommend books.

Here are just a few pages from some of the reading scrapbooks...

Miss East









Safeguarding - Online Safety



These articles give advice tailored for the specific age of your child or children all about online safety. They share the most up to date information regarding online safety, give useful guidance and share videos to help with understanding of online concepts.

Pre-school (0-5) online safety tips and advice | Internet Matters¹

Online safety advice for 6-10 year olds | Internet Matters²

Preteens (11-13-year-olds) online safety advice | Internet Matters³

For further information about how your child can continue to stay safe online, please visit Keep Children Safe Online: Information, Advice, Support - Internet Matters⁴

Miss Redman

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School Uniform

Below is a brief reminder of our school uniform expectations. Please can you support your child by ensuring they are in the correct uniform everyday.

Our policy is based on the notion that a school uniform:

- promotes a sense of pride in the school
- engenders a feeling of community and belonging;
- is practical and smart
- identifies the children with the school
- is not distracting in class
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance
- is regarded as suitable, and good value for money, by most parents
- has been designed with health and safety in mind

School Uniform:

- Red school jumper, a red cardigan or red school fleece (available from the school office)
- White polo shirt
- Suitable outdoor coat or anorak
- During the summer months, please ensure your child attends school with a suitable summer hat. It is recommended, to avoid sunstroke, that they wear one with a back neck cover.
- Jewellery and visible body piercing are not permitted in school for reasons of loss, damage and safety. One pair of earrings, which are small studs and a wristwatch, may be worn.
- We ask that all hair that can be, is appropriately tied back and natural looking (no extreme colours or styles). We ask that novelty hair accessories are kept for non-school uniform days and all headbands are flat and in the school colours (black, red or white please).
- No make up is allowed in school.
- No skinny trousers or black jeans may be worn (including leggings)

- Footwear Black sensible functional shoes No flashing lights. All black shoes/boots or all black trainers with black laces and soles (toes must be covered for health and safety reasons)
- Socks/tights must be plain and black, grey or white in colour (red tights are also permissible)
- Black or grey trousers/culottes/skirts/dresses/shorts (just above the knee)
- Red/white summer dresses (just above the knee)

All children may wear their school PE kit on for the whole day when they have a PE lesson or an after school PE club.

- The school black PE shirt (available from the school office) or a plain white t-shirt
- A pair of black shorts and, during the winter months all black trousers/tracksuit bottoms can be worn
- . A pair of trainers (not plimsolls)

Pre-loved quality uniform is available to parents via the office and every Friday via our FOSMS pre-loved uniform shop.

Mental Health Support Team









Activities taking place across Cornwall...







Additional Information



The Clothes Horse has lots of Christmas jumpers available if families need them.

Come to the shop when we open on fridays 930am to 230pm OR send us a message we can post a Christmas bundle to them.



Founder and Director



www.the-clotheshorse.com

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Dates for the Diary



December

Monday 9th - KS2 Dress Rehearsal (limited space for Parents who are unable to attend the evening performance)

Tuesday 10th - KS2 Christmas Performance - 6:00pm

Wednesday 11th - KS2 Christmas Performance - 6:00pm

Thursday 12th - KS2 Christmas Performance - 6:00pm

Friday 13th - Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 17th - Whole School Trip to The Hall for Cornwall (Panto)

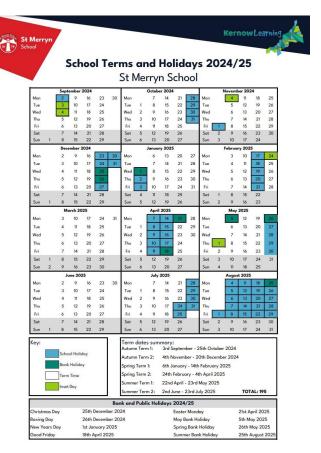
Wednesday 18th - Christmas Lunch

Thursday 19th - Christmas Class Parties

Friday 20th - Carol Service (2:15pm at the Church) Last Day of term

January

Monday 6th - Children return to school



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