

# Tintagel Primary School Newsletter

March 2018

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Dear Parents and Carers

## St Piran's Day Pilgrimage

One of my most memorable moments this year as a Headteacher was to once again gather together with children, staff and parents, and set off on a very Cornish pilgrimage to St Piran's Chapel at Trethevy last Monday, in honour of our patron Saint of Cornwall. Along with our partner school at Delabole, we gathered together, forming a curve around Rev Mike Parsons who addressed the children from the back of his pick-up truck.



Then, despite the drizzle and the grey skies, we sang Trelawney and once again I felt proud to be working in this very special part of the world with its unique heritage. A very sincere thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped us to make it possible. It was quite a challenging day with the weather and difficult transport logistics due to the roadworks everywhere, but we survived and returned to school to enjoy our hot pasties.

## World Book Day

How wonderful it was to see the children celebrating this day by coming to school with their favourite book and dressed as their favourite book characters. The few photos below will speak more than a thousand words so we thank you for supporting this important aspect of our school calendar.

## Skipathon

Thank you to all those families who are sponsoring children in aid of the 'Jump Rope for the Heart' fundraising event. The children demonstrated their skipping skills and all the lunchtime, playground practice is definitely paying off! We will let you know how much we raise.



## Up And Coming Events

### Parents Evenings

Next week we begin another round of parent/teacher consultations around the children's progress. Teachers will be talking to you about how your child is progressing against the Age Related Expectations and what we can do to ensure they are learning to their best potential. It is important that your children accompany you so that they are part of this discussion around their learning. Thank you to all parents who have shown a commitment to attending. Mrs Cox will be available at Tintagel on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> and at Delabole on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> if you should wish to drop by for a chat. In addition, Mrs Dingle is currently contacting parents of SEND children in order to schedule in review meetings. Teachers will also be released to attend these meetings so that there is joined up communication around the needs of your child. If for any reason, you are unable to attend these meetings, please contact us to rearrange a more convenient time.

### PTFA Events

The PTFA are holding a Cinema Night on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, children can be dropped off at 4.15pm and will have a choice of 2 films, Moana (PG) and Boss Baby (U). The cost of each child is £2 which includes entry, a drink and popcorn. Please collect your child from the foyer at 6pm.

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We are also holding an Egg decorating competition, each child can decorate either a hard boiled or blown egg for our Easter Competition. All decorated eggs are to be brought into school on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, please make sure they are named. The eggs will be on show at our Cake Sale on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March straight after school in the Hall.



**Request to all our parents, carers and friends:** as mentioned we would like to hold a cake sale on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March straight after school, could all you bakers out there help raise funds by making cakes, buns and biscuits etc. We would be extremely grateful. Please drop off any items in the hall on the morning of 29<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like any more information on our PTFA or would like to know what we are aiming to purchase with our funds, please come along to our AGM on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at the Children's Centre at 9.15am. Teas and coffees will be on offer.

### **Sports Relief – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

This will be a day to celebrate getting active and contributing to a very important charity whilst also having some fun. We will be asking children to come to school representing their favourite sport and to bring £1 so there is time to think about this and help them prepare their kit. More details about the menu of various activities will follow.

With best wishes,

Sue Cox  
Head Teacher



### **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening – All After School Clubs Cancelled
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	PTFA Cinema Night
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sport Relief
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Cake Sale & Egg Decoration competition
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last Day of Term 4
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	First Day of Term 5
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4/5 'Source to Sea' Residential
<b>Wk beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>SATs week for year 6 – ensure your child is in school</b>
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 6 Residential to Bristol
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of Term 5
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	First day of Term 6
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Fly Up days
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Term 6

**Staffing**

I need to let parents know that Mrs Wilmott informed me a little while ago that, having made the life changing decision to relocate to Cornwall with her family several months ago, she has now decided that they will not be staying and have made the decision to relocate again later this year. That said, Mrs Wilmott has made a full commitment to remaining with Class 2 until the May half term in order to support the Year 2 children as they experience their end of Key Stage 1 SATs. I am extremely grateful to Mrs Wilmott for this and it demonstrates something that we already know – she always puts the children first and has been a valued member of our school community this year as a result. I will be very sad to see her go just as I know you will be, but I am sure you will agree that she deserves the best of our good luck wishes as she moves on. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new KS1 teacher for later this year and will of course keep you posted. It is always quite difficult to navigate a course through change in schools, but in my experience, with each prospect of change come a host of new opportunities so we look forward to moving on and welcoming some fantastic new talent to our school.