

Newsletter Issue 11: 5th March 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you stayed safe and warm in the snowy weather last week and thank you for your co-operation regarding the school closure.

We were delighted to receive a letter from the Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP, Minister of State for School Standards, congratulating our school on our amazing reading results in the KS2 SATs 2017. A copy is included in this edition of the newsletter.

Fairtrade fortnight started on the 26th February and once again Class 3, as part of their learning have been busy preparing to host the annual Fairtrade coffee morning. This year it will take place on Thursday 8th March from 9:45 to 11:15am. Please do come along to support this very important issue and help to raise awareness about Fairtrade.

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough



Are you able to help?

We're looking for volunteers:

- to hear readers in classes
- to make phonics resources for KS1
- on the 'Walking Bus'
- to be on standby to cover for other volunteers who help with supervision on the swimming coach
- to help with transportation to sporting events

DIARY DATES

March

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| 6 th | Parent Consultation Meetings from 3:30pm |
| 7 th | Class 1 Celebration @ 9:15am |
| 9 th | Lenten Dress Down Day- spots, stripes, bright! |
| 12 th -15 th | National Science Week |
| 16 th | Lenten Dress Down Day- St Patrick- green |
| 13 th | Parent Consultation Meetings from 3:30pm |
| 14 th | Bikeability - Class 6 |
| 15 th | Bikeability - Class 6 |

23 rd	Reception Class Celebration @ 9:15am
	Lenten Dress Down Day - What do you want to be? or Denim
29 th	Lenten Dress Down Day - Yellow and wellies for the Easter Egg Hunt
	Break up for the Easter Holidays
April	
16 th	Return to School - Summer Term

WORLD PASTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

We were delighted and proud to receive this email about one of our Year 6 pupils! Well done Erika!

Hello to all at St Mary's School

I just wanted to drop you a quick line to say thank you and well done to one of your Year 6 pupils, Erica. She came along to the World Pasty Championships at the Eden Project on Saturday - her mum works for Rowe's as a pastry crimper, and Erica offered her services alongside her mum, out of the blue.

Erica had never crimped pasties before but was a magnificent help to us, making pasties with children as part of the Cornish Pasty Association, the trade group that brings together bakers and butchers from all over Cornwall. Her attitude, friendly demeanour and hard work on the day were truly out-standing. If she were not so young I could only describe her as thoroughly professional. We were proud to have her "working" with us, and she is a credit both to her family and your school. I've attached a couple of pics from the event which Erica's mum has given us permission to publish. You'll also find more coverage on Cornwall Live website. And I believe Erica and her mum may feature on this evening's West Country news on ITV !

Please pass on my congratulations and thanks to Erica on behalf of the Cornish Pasty Association.

Maurice Matthews

Director - Technical and Operational Compliance

INTERNET SAFETY DAY- 27TH MARCH 2018

Unfortunately this presentation for parents about safe, responsible and positive use of the technology for children and young people had to be postponed. It will now run on 27th March 2018 at 2:30pm. Class 6 will be leading the session for parents where they will present key messages about how to stay safe online with a particular focus on the responsible use of social media. This session is suitable for parents of children from all classes and we hope that as many parents as possible will be able to attend.

SONGFEST

The choir have enjoyed a very busy couple of weeks! Last Friday, they performed at the Music for Youth Festival at Truro Methodist Church. This was a fantastic opportunity to sing for a large audience and receive feedback from professional musicians. They were really impressed with how focused and together the choir was and commented on the musicality of the sound

they made. On Tuesday evening, the Class 6 choir members were part of the massive Songfest choir at the Hall for Cornwall. They experienced all the thrill of being back stage and then performing on a huge stage. The children were real ambassadors not only for the rest of the choir, but also for St Mary's School.



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
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Dear Mrs Scarborough,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's very high standard of achievement in reading in the 2017 key stage 2 assessments.

Your school's results, as published on 14 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in reading at the end of key stage 2. This means that your school is in the top 1% of primary schools in England for achievement in reading.

We want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency in reading to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this to all your pupils.

Thank you for your hard work and professionalism in producing such high standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP