

## **NEWSLETTER ISSUE 3: 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Dear Parents,

It was heartwarming to see all the wonderful food donations for the Food bank at our Harvest Mass on Wednesday. Your generosity will make a huge difference to many needy families in our local community.

In the current climate of school budget cuts, all fund raising efforts by our hardworking FOSMs (Friends of St Mary's School) are even more important. If you can help in any way please come along to the next FOSMs meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> October at 5:30pm in the school hall. More details can be found in this newsletter issue.

Finally, please don't hesitate to speak to me at the gate or when I'm out and about at the beginning or end of the school day if you have any queries or suggestions.

Warm regards

Jacqui Scarborough

### **DIARY DATES**

#### **October**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Class 2 Celebration @ 9:15am
- 12<sup>th</sup> Opening Ceremony of the 'Grand Oyster Parade'
- 13<sup>th</sup> Grand Oyster Festival School Parade - Class 3
- 17<sup>th</sup> Reception Class Visit to Falmouth Art Gallery
- 18<sup>th</sup> Class 1 Celebration @ 9:15am
- 18<sup>th</sup> Open Afternoon for Reception Class 2018  
FOSMs Meeting @ 5:30pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Choir concert @ 6.30pm - King Charles Church with jazz organist
- 20<sup>th</sup> INSET Day- School closed to pupils
- 23<sup>rd</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> Half Term**
- 30<sup>th</sup> Class 4 trip to Lanhydrock House  
Class 5 trip to Tintagel

#### **November**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Parent Information Session - I-pads with Joe Morretti
- 3<sup>rd</sup> INSET Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dress Down Day- Hamper items
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dress Down Day - Tombola, Toys, Games and Books
- 24<sup>th</sup> Dress Down Day - Bottles
- 29<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation Meetings

#### **December**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Dress Down Day - Cakes  
Christmas Fayre @ 3:30pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultation Meetings
- 12<sup>th</sup> Reception Class Christmas Performance @ 2:00pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Classes 1 & 2's Christmas Performance @ 2:00pm & 6:30pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Classes 3 & 4's Christmas Performance @ 2:00pm & 6:30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Christingle Service @ 5:30pm

- 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert @St Mary's Church - time TBC
- 19<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner  
FOSMs Santa's Grotto from 3:30pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Whole School End of Term Mass @ 9:30pm  
Christmas Parties from 1:30pm  
Break up for the Christmas holidays @ normal time

### **FOSMs**

Our next FOSMs meeting takes place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 5:30pm in the school hall. The turn out at the meeting last week was disappointing, so we're hoping that many more of you will come along to support FOSMs fund raising efforts.

The elected committee members are:-

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Tracey Watson</b>
<b>Vice Chair</b>	<b>Kate Webb</b>
<b>Social Secretary</b>	<b>Bonnie Mockett</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Ruth Collett</b>

A DVD will be set up in Class 3 if you need to bring your child/ren.

**The next big fund raiser is the Christmas Fayre which takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> December after school.**

### **Dates for your Diary**

#### **Dress Down Days**

<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Hamper Items</b>	
	Reception Class	Christmas decorations
	Class 1	Art and Craft items
	Class 2	Chocolate & Sweets
	Class 3	Ladies Pampering
	Class 4	Stationary
	Class 5	Christmas Foods
	Class 6	Toys & Games
<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Tombola/Toys/Games/Books</b>	
<b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Bottles</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Cakes</b>	

**FOSMS are looking for raffle prizes so if you run a business and are able to donate something we would be very grateful.**

### **Breakfast Club**

The Breakfast Club is now up and running. If you would like your child to join the club, please speak to the School Office. It runs from 8:00am until 8:45am. A selection of cereals, toast and various spreads and jams as well as fruit and yogurt are available. The breakfast session is supervised by Mrs Always (lunchtime supervisor) and Mrs Slater our school cook who prepares the food and drinks. The cost is £2:50 per session and depending on uptake may well be reduced. It is possible for pupils to attend on the occasional day as long as the School Office has a day or two notice.

## **Walking Bus**

The 'Walking Bus' leaves from the Co-Op at the bottom of Mongleath Rd at 8:30am to walk the short distance to school. This relieves congestion in the cul de sac and also gives a healthy start to the day for the children. To enrol, please collect a form from the school office. If you are able to assist, even if only for one morning a week, please let us know.

## **Sporting News**

### **Netball League**

18 netballers took part in the netball league playing St Francis School 'A' team and King Charles School 'B' team. Our 'A' team beat St Francis 8:5 and our 'B' team were unlucky to lose to King Charles 0:11.

### **Football League**

Our football team played one match, against Perranaworthal School and won 6:0.

**Well done to all teams and a big thank you for parents who helped in transporting and supporting our pupils.**

## **Admissions 2018-19**

### **Starting Primary School**

If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014 then they are due to start school in September 2018. The deadline for applications is 23:59 on 15th January 2018. You can apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions).

Please remember if you are applying for a place at St Mary's School you need to complete a **supplementary form** (as well as the Local Authority application form) which can be obtained from the School Office or our website in the Parent Area [www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk)

### **Open Afternoon**

We will be holding an open afternoon on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October** between 2:00 and 3:00pm for prospective Reception Class parents for September 2018. If you know anybody whose child is due to start school in September 2018, please encourage them to come along to see the vibrant learning atmosphere across the school. If at all possible, let us know you're coming by contacting the School Office in advance (01326 314540) so we have enough cake and biscuits!

### **Transfer to Secondary School**

**Don't forget!** If your child is in Year 6 and is due to start Secondary School in September 2018 you must apply online at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) by 23:59 on 31st October 2017.

## **Open Days**

Truro School invite parents/pupils to their Senior School Open Morning on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October 9:30-12:30.



Invite Year 5 and 6 pupils to attend their Open Day on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Ring 01872 242904 to book your visit.

### **Parking**

Since the CAR Patrol's sign has been replaced with the Open Day sign, congestion outside the school appears to have got worse. Can I please urge you to park away from the school and walk. This also applies when collecting your child/ren from after school clubs. On a Wednesday, nearly half the school stay for after schools clubs and many parents are driving into the cul-de-sac to park. Once again, this is an accident waiting to happen. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

### **Falmouth Messy Church**

Invite you to join them for breakfast at 9.30 a.m with games, challenges and story on the theme of SALT AND LIGHT.

Falmouth Messy Church @ All Saints Church on Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> October (children to be accompanied by adult)

### **Falmouth Live Nativity**

#### **CONCERT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR FALMOUTH LIVE NATIVITY & ST MARY'S SCHOOL**

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, the school choir will be performing in a concert along with Richard Bailey playing a selection of jazz on the pipe organ at King Charles Church from 6:30pm. Tickets can be purchased from The Full Bloom Tea Room opposite Dominos Pizza in Killigrew Street or on the evening at the venue, adults £5 & school age children £3.

This will be an evening not to be missed. For more details see  
[Facebook.com/falmouthlivenativity](https://www.facebook.com/falmouthlivenativity)

*Please note that signposting to any activities/services by St Mary's School does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation. It is recommended that parents/carers make their own enquiries to satisfy themselves as to the suitability of these. Under no circumstances will either St Mary's School or Plymouth CAST accept any responsibility or liability for any such activity/service.*

### **St Mary's School Website**

Please see below information regarding the accessing of the website calendar.

All the dates of planned events are posted on our website calendar.

To access this from the home page please click on the view all button below the latest dates and it will take you to the complete calendar.

Alternatively the calendar may also be accessed from the calendar tab along the top of the homepage.

### **ParentPay**

Please note that after the Half Term holiday, no cash or cheques will be accepted into the school office as payment for School Dinners or Breakfast Club. If this presents a problem for you, please contact Mrs Pipkin or Mrs Neal before Half Term.



### **School Bank**

The pupil's school bank is now open to Reception Class pupils. The bank is open to all pupils on a Tuesday morning from 8.30am to enable children to pay into their bank account and save for trips.