

Polruan Community Primary School

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St Saviour's Hill

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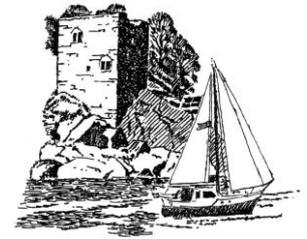
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Christmas Newsletter

Dear Parents/carers,

Thank you so much for your support during my first term here at Polruan. Your children are an absolute credit to you. When we have been on various trips this term, many members of the public commented on the impeccable behaviour of the pupils.

So much has happened this term. The pupils have been taught using a New Curriculum which was introduced nationally in September. We still remember where each pupil is and tailor the learning so that it meets their needs. We have just begun to introduce a new assessment system alongside guidelines from the Department for education. We will update you on this during the spring term when we discuss your child's progress.

Also, we have re-visited training on making pupils more active in their learning. This has involved making it explicit to pupils about We Are Learning To (WALT) and What I'm Looking For (WILF). We have looked at learning sessions, making the learning relevant for all pupils and how to meet the needs of the wide range of pupils in our mixed age classes.

We have introduced our daily basic skills sessions, which include spellings/phonics, mental maths, handwriting and reading. This is to boost our pupil's key skills in these areas. Often these are covered with their next steps in learning during Target Challenge Time.

Unfortunately, we have been visited by our least favourite visitors again - please see note on the back of the last page - not a very nice Christmas Present for anybody - please help us to sort this problem out - Thankyou.

If any more parents would like to buy a tea towel, please call in and see Mrs Sandy. They are available at £3.50 each, or two for £6.

We have been introducing Building Learning Powers- certificates have already been presented for managing distractions, distilling information and perseverance. After Christmas, the pupils will be introduced to all of the powers in their lessons and around school. Please feel free to use them at home too-a booklet is coming out to you in the New Year, explaining their value in more detail.

Thank you for all your responses to our survey. This is to collect your views about our school. If you have not yet completed a survey and wish to, please see the office and return by the end of the week.

We have been updating the behaviour policy and will be involving the pupils in creating their own class contracts during the first week back. This will be available online from January if you wish to view it on our website.

At the end of January, attendance will be monitored again and new letters will be given out informing you of changes in your child's attendance percentage; especially to those with a percentage below 97%. There has been an alteration to the original letter, inline with feedback received. Please remember to call in if you are not sure about something and you wish to discuss the matter.

Thank you so much to those of you who were able to attend our Performance/s and Christmas fair. With your help, we raised in excess of £300.00 (money is still coming in for the tea towels) - we will give you the exact figure in the New Year. A huge thank you to the PSA who spent a lot of their time planning this which will hopefully help fund new spelling and outdoor resources.

We are constantly updating our website, so please have a look for any information you may need. During the Spring Term, we will be updating the layout and also improving the content for you to access information such as key safeguarding questions you may have etc.

Advance notice-we have altered an INSET date from Friday 1st May, which is now a school day. The pupils will have Friday 22nd May as an INSET day instead. This leads into May half term. The reason behind this change is so that the pupils are in school as much as possible when the National tests are in place. Thank you in advance for your support in this change.

From all of the staff here we'd like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas. Enjoy the time with your families and friends. Stay safe, wrap up warm and we'll see you back at school in January.

The children return back to school on Tuesday 6th January.

Calendar Dates

Tuesday 6th January 2015 Children Back to School

Thursday 8th January 2015 - Possible Basketball at Fowey Academy for Yrs 5 & 6 (tbc)

Wednesday 14th January 2015 - Par Cross Country (Race 4)

Wednesday 28th January 2015 - Canute Class trip to Tesco, St Austell (tbc)

Wednesday 4th February 2015 - Par Cross Country (Race 5)

