



## Polruan Academy Newsletter

I am me, together we are one



With the occasional glimmer of sunshine, we can begin to welcome Springtime now.  
It's amazing how a little sunshine really does give us a lift.

### Learning Opportunities

We have got the ball rolling with our involvement in the Jane Slade project. This is such an amazing opportunity for us to be part of, for now and the future.

Our children really enjoyed the pasty lunch last week and Canute created their own St Piran's Day posters, flags and drawings of St Piran that are on display.

Thank you to everyone who supported World Book Day, by sending your child in with their favourite book. Promoting reading in children is key for us.

Tregeagle are looking forward to their performance this Friday at Carnglaze Caverns. The creative team from Bridge MAT have been supporting our staff to produce a performance. This will be done alongside Pelynt, Polperro and Duloe Schools.

Our school assemblies this half term are based on the following: resourcefulness, What does it mean to be British and Cornish?, What's your mindset like?, Red Nose Day, Autism Awareness Week and Easter.

### Behaviour

Since we introduced our new behaviour procedures in February, there has been a major focus on consistency in school. This has been for rewards and consequences. A big thank you to parents who have been able to come in and give feedback initially and 2 weeks in. School monitoring and feedback from parents and children, show that the new procedures are having a positive impact on the children. They 'find it easier to learn in a quieter classroom' and 'everyone sits up straight'.

We are continuing to be consistent with this and will monitor the impact again, with another parent meeting to give feedback on the impact (what's working well and what isn't), on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2:45pm



Our current “Frame of Fame” is Tom. He persevered and showed great patience to create this piece of art work for our creative extravaganza.

The children have responded really well to the ‘exceptional kindness and exceptional behaviour certificates’. The following children have received one so far: Hallie, Letty, Liliana, Zoe, Cory, Jacob, Amelia, Alexia, Cory, Myrddin.

Pupils who reach step 2 of the procedure, have been getting a slip to fill in during break or lunchtime, where they reflect on their own behaviour. When needed, we have moved to step 3.

### **Staffing**

At the end of this term (31<sup>st</sup> March), we will say goodbye to Mrs Trout. She has been here for 18 years and will be greatly missed. She has promised that she will still pop in from time to time, but is looking forward to spending more time with her 2 children. Mrs Trout has been a ‘rock’ at Polruan Academy, having taught most children who live in and around the village and led the Early Years across both Polruan and Pelynt, and recently taken the school council. Please do pass on your best wishes to her.

We are very pleased to inform you that Mrs Barnett will be returning to teach full time in Canute from the end of July onwards. She gave birth on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to baby Brynley (weighing in at 5lb 12oz). Both mum and son are doing well. She is popping in to see us this week.

In the meantime, Mrs Lovell will continue to steady the ship, full time.

We are looking forward to welcoming back Mrs Payne after Easter. Miss

Carroll will initially remain with us, whilst Mrs Payne gets back in the swing of things.

## Outdoor environment

After Easter, we will be developing the outdoor areas around the school. We will be having a clear out before the holidays, so that we can easily focus on improving the right areas. A new school sign will also be going up.

A big big thank you to Logan's mum for bringing in and planting the flowers downstairs.

They are beautiful and really cheer up the school.

We are still waiting to hear from the Lottery in regards to our bid for play equipment.

Hopefully, we will hear soon.

Please continue to send your child to school regularly. Hopefully with the better weather, this will be easier. A reminder that KS2 SATs week is 8<sup>th</sup> May- 11<sup>th</sup> May, so it's vital for Year 6 children to be in.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Spring Term 2017**

4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

(Half Term 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February)

#### **Summer Term 2017**

18<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – 25<sup>th</sup> July 2017

(Half Term 30<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June)

#### **INSET DAYS FOR 2016/17**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Tregeagle Class – Cave of Stories Performance at Carnglaze Caverns

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – Parent Consultations

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** – 2pm Mothering Service at St Saviours

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March** – Red Nose Day (Please look out for further details)

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March** – Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in school (am)

Easter Tea Party for Grandparents and Older Members of the Community (pm)

(Please note change of original date – Now Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March and not Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March as previously mentioned).

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March** – Claire from Tesco in Canute Class – Decorating Easter Eggs

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March** – Last Day of Term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April Incl. – Easter Holiday**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – BACK TO SCHOOL**