



BURYAN BULLETIN

The newsletter of St Buryan Academy



Charlotte and Finn laid the wreath on behalf of the school for Remembrance Day last week

FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL PRESENT ST BURYAN ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FETE

Biscuit decorating and games

Jolly jars, Guess the weight of the Christmas cake and festive Lucky Dip

Craft stall of Christmas decorations made and sold by the children of St. Buryan Academy

Refreshments, cakes and Hamper raffle

Don't forget your pennies!

THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER
2.45PM ONWARDS



Congratulations to our award winners this week!



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Collaborative work and engaging with the community

We have had a busy couple of weeks since our last newsletter. Some of our Year 1/2s represented our school at our local multi-skills event at Mounts Bay last Monday; they performed exceptionally well and managed to come in 1st place against many other primary schools - a huge well done to them for superb teamwork and application of the skills they have learnt in PE. Our Year 3/4s will be competing in their multi-skills event next week and our Year 5/6s will follow soon after. Sticking with sporting achievements, we had even more cross country entries for this week's events at Hayle! Our Key Stage 2 athletes ran superbly and many of them improved on the places achieved in the previous race. We are looking forward to entering Mounts Bay's football festival on Wednesday too - letters for this went out today so please check bags.

Last Friday our Key Stage 2 children went to the village's memorial to pay their respects to those who lost their lives within the wars and gave our lives for our today. Our children were impeccably behaved and not only represented the school superbly, but also reflected on the event maturely and respectfully. Our Head Pupil, Charlotte, and Deputy Head Pupil, Finn, read a poem to the school and community who came to the service and then laid the wreath. Well done to them and all of our children; as well as our younger children who stayed in school and observed the silence respectfully.

Whilst that was happening, our other Head Pupil - Isaak - represented the school with Noah, Luke and Hannah at a collaborative project with some other selected schools. Together, they produced a Cultural Fusion Toolkit which celebrates and teaches aspects of diversity and equality. They produced some great work and again, showed copious amounts of respect and understanding as well as fantastic teamwork.

We continue the work we have done with the others schools in our Trust through the Wave Rangers project; a group of Year 6s work together with children across our Trust's primary schools to achieve some great outcomes, the project is nearing an end and soon our children involved will be writing up what they have achieved throughout the course.

Today we celebrated Children in Need and, once again, reflected on what we are grateful for in our lives that others aren't so fortunate to have. Thank you to all who were able to contribute and donate for such a worthy charity.

It has been great to get so involved in the community again, as well as work collaboratively with others and give children the opportunity to take part in sporting opportunities once more, we look forward to even more of this as the term and school year progresses and meet our priority around collaborative work in order to help prepare children for their next steps in education and in life.

Attendance

As you are aware, we are having a big focus on raising our attendance this year after the amount of school missed over the past two years and mainly because we want to give our children every chance to make great progress and achieve well in all areas - being in school is the best way to do this. Unfortunately, our attendance is not quite where we would like it to be at the moment. We are aiming for a whole school attendance of 96%+ but at the moment we are low in the low 90's; this means that we have some work to do and we need your support in achieving this! Whilst we completely emphasise that holidays are cheaper in term time, we do ask that you take any holidays during the time off of school; especially if it is at the end of a term and we are working hard to conclude the term's worth of learning, are carrying out assessments and much more!

If a child misses 2 days off, they lose around 10 hours of learning but can still gain 99% attendance. Should a child have 7 days off throughout the year, we are suddenly looking at nearly 38 hours lost learning time, but they can still look to achieve 96-98% attendance. Once a child falls below 96% attendance we start to monitor this as it means that over the year they are missing up to 17 days in school which can really impact a child's progress, especially if it is in a larger block of time missed.

When a child falls below 90% attendance, they are then classed as a persistent absence; this means that over the year they have missed around a month's worth of learning and it goes without saying that this can really impact a child's progress and outcomes. At this point of the year, if a child has missed 13 sessions (6 and a half days), then they will fall into the persistent absent category. We will be contacting the families of persistent absent children over the next week so that you are aware that attendance needs to improve and what we can do to support this. If your child is currently a persistent absence, they can still come out of that category with improved attendance.

Of course, we understand that there are illnesses, especially around this time of year; however, if you feel that your child can still attend school then we are happy for them to come in or for you to check first.

Thank you for your support in helping us address this.

Reading and Writing

Another of our focuses is improving our writing outcomes after COVID. We have done some wonderful work in school to support this and I've been so impressed with the standard of writing across the school. We are running another virtual book fair before the Winter break where you can buy inspiring, affordable books for all of the family. Reading has a hugely positive impact on writing, whether it be fiction or non-fiction. I am a big believer that everyone loves reading, and if they don't then it is because they haven't found the right book yet! In our book fair there will be a huge selection to choose from so look out on our Facebook page or email Mrs Rendle on lrendle@stburyanacademy.org for more information or if you aren't on Facebook - thank you!

Have a great weekend

Mr McDonald and all at St Buryan Academy

TERM DATES 2022-23



AUTUMN:

5 SEPT - 16 DEC

(HALF TERM 24 OCT-28 OCT)

SPRING:

3 JAN - 31 MAR

(HALF TERM 13 FEB-17 FEB)

SUMMER:

17 APR - 25 JUL

(HALF TERM 29 MAY-2 JUN)

2022/23 INSETS

5TH SEPTEMBER 2022

21ST OCTOBER 2022

3RD JANUARY 2023

5TH JUNE 2023

25TH JULY 2023

26TH JULY 2023

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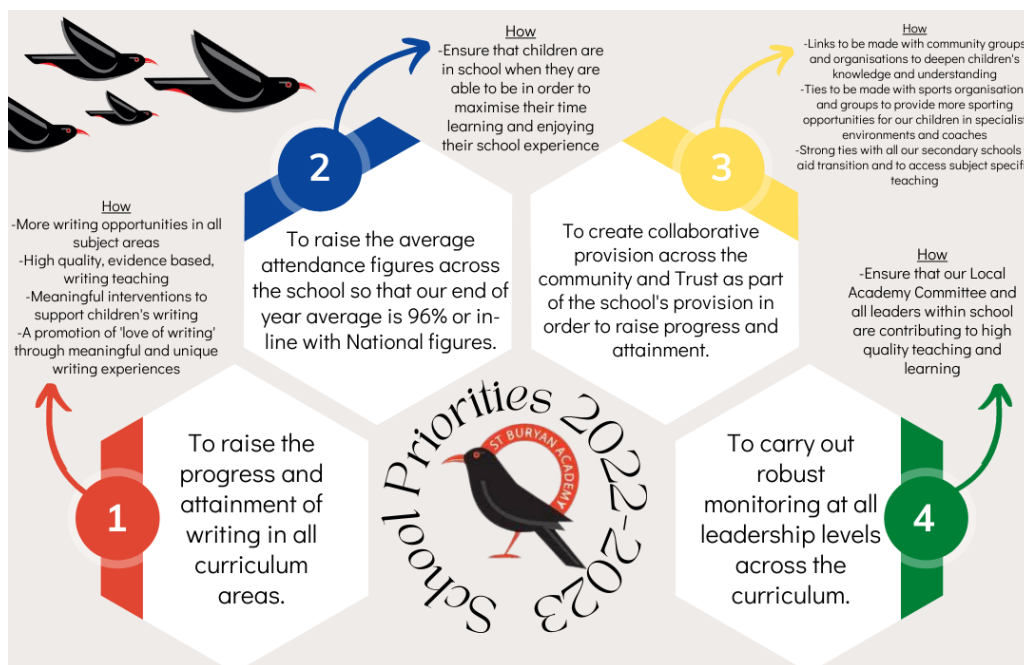


UPCOMING DATES

-Friday 18th November Children in Need non-school uniform and Rec&Year 1 start balance-ability (plus every Friday after)
-Monday 21st November - Year 3/4 Multiskills
-Wednesday 23rd November - Year 5/6 football festival at Mounts Bay
-Tuesday 29th November - Porthcurno Class trip to Geevor - please make payments through ParentMail
-Tuesday December 6th - Open afternoon 2pm-3pm - details out on Monday
-Thursday December 8th - Christmas Fete
-Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December - Christmas performances (more details to follow)
-Thursday 15th December - Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day
-Friday 16th December - End of Term 1.30pm finish

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON AND CHRISTINGLE

St Buryan's Christmas light switch on takes place on December 4th this year. Beforehand, the church will be holding a Christingle service. All are invited!



Our school priorities and how parents can help...

Every year we set priorities to focus on in order to continue the ongoing development of our school. Above are our priorities for this year, 2022/2023.

As members of our school community, you can play a valuable role in helping us meet this year's priorities:

-Promote and encourage writing at home. This could be writing letters to family, cards or postcards, or following your child's own interests.
-Ensure that your children are not missing time from school if they are well enough to be here, or are late for the school day. If a child misses just five minutes of school each day then that equates to 3.5 days of school over the course of the year. We start our learning from 8.45am - so being punctual is vital. Being 20minutes late each day across the school year works out to be 14.5 school days missed! Imagine the impact days missed on top of this add to!
-Celebrate teamwork and collaboration. If you are part of a group or organisation and feel that some partnership work could supplement our children's learning, then get in touch!
-If you feel you can contribute to the school at a governance level, then see the Local Academy Committee section of the website for details on how you can join our LAC.

You can view our school improvement plan on our website or by scanning this QR code



Sun 20 Nov – 3pm

in St Buryan Church

A memorable and fun Pet Thanksgiving Service

All Pets welcome or a photo

Tea for Pets & their humans afterwards



Menu

Week commencing 21st November
2022

MONDAY

Sausage casserole with mashed potato and
vegetables

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Chocolate cookies

TUESDAY

Roast chicken and stuffing or lentil bake
with roast potatoes and vegetables

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Ginger cake and custard

WEDNESDAY

Beef or vegetarian lasagne with salad

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Rice pudding and jam

THURSDAY

Fish fingers or mozzarella sticks with chips, beans
and peas

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Ice Cream

FRIDAY

Pasty

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Flapjack

JACKET POTATOES AVAILABLE MONDAY - THURSDAY
FRUIT AND YOGHURT AVAILABLE DAILY
PLEASE MAKE ALL PAYMENTS THROUGH PARENTMAIL