

# St Buryan Academy Newsletter

Friday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2020



## Key Dates

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day**

**Tues 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas dinner**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - INSET day**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Holidays**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - INSET day**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Term starts!**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January - LEAP INSET day**

## Believe, Achieve, Aspire Buryan Bulletin

We are well into the Christmas spirit at St Buryan – the decorations are up, the festive jumpers are on and we are all looking forward to our Christmas Dinner next week!

Classes have been busy practising their Christmas songs and narrative for our 'Covid Christmas', which we will release to you all next week! It is such a shame we aren't able to carry out our usual Christmas productions as they are such a highlight for many of us – but we hope that later in the year we can offer a live production!

As we requested a few weeks ago, children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards but please make sure that they are only for children within their bubble and that they are in by **Monday**. This is so that we have time to allow them to quarantine before sending them home later in the week. We do ask that any children that may exchange gifts with each other do so off the school premises this year.

I have been blown away by people's generosity this term. In a time where things are tough going on us, it is amazing to see people's kindness and willingness to help others. After our Friends of School raised over £1,000 for the school through their online auction with help from you all and the community, we have now raised – at the time of writing this on Thursday evening – a whopping £930 for Cornwall Hospice Care after our Santa Fun Run last week. The final total has not been tallied as yet but this is an astonishing amount for a school our size.

Another great example of everyone pulling together and collaborating is how many votes we have acquired in the Blackbird Pie competition through Facebook to win a free screening of the acclaimed Mousehole Cat production. We have racked up numerous votes and even if we don't win it I am extremely grateful to everyone who has voted – we are 3<sup>rd</sup> in the county at the moment and we have surpassed some schools much larger than ours.

I would like to say a huge well done to the Year 5s who completed their Bikeability course this week – it is such a great skill to have. Gwenver Class carried out their Phonic Screening this week too and should be really proud of themselves! Our KS2 children voted on their House Captains for the year so you may notice several children with some shiny badges; Mrs Wilson also gave out Eco Committee badges to those who will be helping her this term – remember that those not drawn this time will be involved in the next group after Easter. Every child who participated in this term's 'Believe, Achieve, Aspire Day' received their badges this week too!

Lastly, your children received a very important letter today regarding Covid measures and Track & Trace over the Christmas holidays, so please ensure you read it, are familiar with the actions and engage with it if needs be. Thank you.

Have a good weekend, stay safe

*Mr Josh McDonald*

### Eco Committee

We were so amazed and proud of all the children who put themselves forward for the Eco Committee, the level of passion and enthusiasm that the children showed in their letters was a real credit. In order to ensure the Committee can be really productive we have limited numbers to just 8 who were randomly chosen out of the 16 applicants. There will be an opportunity for the rest to have a turn later in the year.

Congratulations to Evie (yr6), Ebony, Kiona, Lilliana, Grace B, Luke, Eva and Charlotte who will form the current Eco Committee! We look forward to seeing what ideas you have for helping the school be more green and tackle some important environmental concerns.

**Remember our final day is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We finish at the usual end of day times (3.05pm and 3.15pm).**

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### **Penberth**

This week in Penberth we have been looking at how animals survive in winter; we learnt that some animals hibernate, some migrate and that some adapt their bodies and behaviour. We have been very busy practising our Christmas songs and have put up our class Christmas tree and decorations. We have been learning all about 3D shapes in maths. Perhaps the children could look out for spheres, cubes, cones, cuboids and pyramids around them 😊.

### **Nanjizal**

Year 3 and 4 have been learning about Roman Gladiators this week. They learnt about the typical daily life of a gladiator and found out information about Spartacus (a famous gladiator). Furthermore; we researched battle formations, which the children really enjoyed, and recreated the Turtle and Wedge formations. In English we've been very creative and have rewritten 'The 12 Days of Christmas'. In maths we have been learning about perimeter as well as learning how to multiply and divide by 3,4,6 and 8.

### **Online Learning**

**Make sure that you register and log yourself onto Google Classrooms as soon as possible. If you need the letter re-sent to you, please contact your child's class teacher.**

### **Gwenver**

This week in Gwenver the children have been looking at ways to solve subtraction number sentences with 2-digit numbers. The children used base ten, counters and cubes and number lines to consolidate their learning and understanding.

In literacy the children have been exploring the question "Can you see the wind?". They have learnt and recited a poem by Christina Rossetti and looked at how wind can impact our world. The children wrote some wonderful sentences about what they have seen the wind doing from their own experiences.

In guided reading we have looked at a range of fairy-tales.

We have also been visited by an elf on the shelf; I hope your child is keeping you up to date with his antics!

### **Porthcurno**

This week in Porthcurno Class, we have been doing some brilliant writing. We have written our newspaper reports based on Ernest Shackleton and his polar expedition and have written some fantastic wolf reports. In maths the year 6s have been persevering with some tricky fraction work whilst year 5 have begun their new topic on area and perimeter. We have also done some fabulous Inuit art work. There won't be any homework set this Monday as we want an opportunity to take the books in and look at them over the holidays but please remember to continue reading regularly, practising those times tables and using Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock Stars.

### **School Dinner Menu**

**w/c: 30<sup>th</sup> November (jacket potatoes available every day other than pasty day)**

#### **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings

Raspberry Mousse

#### **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Pre-booked Christmas Dinner

#### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Fish fingers or a vegetarian sausage, chips, beans and mushy peas

Chocolate Crispy

#### **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Pasty (meat or cheese)

Ice cream

### **Head lice**

Please check your child's hair and ensure that hair is regularly washed. In the case of your child having head lice then please make sure hair is cleaned and a nit comb is used or any other treatment your pharmacist may recommend.

### **Payments**

**Please remember that all payments should now be done over Parent Mail so please register via the link we have sent previously. We will not be dealing with cash or cheque payments after Christmas unless in exceptional circumstances. Please make sure that any breakfast club, school dinner or nursery payments are paid up to date before the end of term. If there are any problems accessing Parent Mail then please contact the office.**