

St Buryan Academy Newsletter 3.02.17 **school website: www.stburyanacademy.com**

Dear parents and carers,

**Meeting with Nick Gibb, Schools’ Minister:**

Yesterday I was amongst a small group of head teachers who met with the Minister and our MP, Derek Thomas. Many aspects of education were discussed- the funding crisis that is affecting all schools and the consequent impact as we try hard to provide the best provision possible with drastically reduced funds. The effect that the new national funding formula might bring was also discussed as well as SATs, the ever increasing expectations regarding progress and attainment, assessment in general. All the school leaders thanked Mr. Gibb for listening to their comments and agreed that the meeting had provided a platform to voice our opinions and concerns.

There was a message for parents from the minister**: make sure your children read widely**; only experience of a wide range of texts will fully equip your child to attain expected standards or above in the reading test at the end of key stage 2.

I would like, therefore, to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for their ongoing commitment in extending our school’s work at home by supporting your child in daily reading, phonics and homework in general. We are soon to launch a new reward system for times tables- which should all be learned and completely applied by the end of Y4-more details next week.

**RNLI Assembly:** Grateful thanks to Brian and Andrew from Sennen who delivered an entertaining assembly this week. First and foremost, beach safety was discussed then some helpers were needed to enable an ‘indoor lifeboat launch’! Photographs are on our website and Twitter feed.

**World Book Day: Thursday 2nd March**

We will be dressing up as our favourite book characters to celebrate World Book day next month.

Download free character costume ideas at www.bookaid.org/worldbookday

**Get your Red Nose!**

Red Nose day is fast approaching on March 24th and a limited number of Red Noses will be available at our school reception from Monday 6th February priced at £1.

**Cross Country League:**

Our next league meeting will be next Monday 6th February at Hayle School. Team runners will have received full details.

**Fun with Fabric:** Anna will be joining us after school after school on Mondays, working with Y3-6 children to create items using many types of fabric and wool.

**Any old wool?** If anyone has any unwanted wool at home that you might donate to school, please bring it to the school reception. Any remnants gratefully received. Thank you.

**Sainsburys Vouchers:** Sainsbury’s are once again issuing vouchers when you shop in their store. We have previously benefitted greatly as a school from this scheme having ordered a range of sports equipment, cooking equipment and a set of floor cushions for our library refurbishment. We would be delighted to receive any vouchers issued to you. A collection box is situated in reception.

**Charity Bags Collection for Scope:** Next Monday 6th February every child will be issued with an empty Scope bag. If you are planning any spring cleaning or sorting out at home, Scope will gratefully receive items such as clothing, bric-a-brac. Please bring any bags of donations to the school hall **any day during the week after half term** beginning Monday 20th February from where they will be collected. Details on school calendar on website. Thank you.

**School will be closed next FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY for staff training**

Extra-Curricular Activities; **Breakfast Club** from 8am all week- **last food orders 8.40am**

Monday- Construction Club (Y1-2) until 4pm, Let’s Get Cooking (Y5/6) -selected group will have received details, Homework Club, Fun with Fabric (Y3-6) until 4.15pm

Tuesday- High 5s Club (Y3-6) until 4.15pm

Wednesday-KS1 Ball Skills (Y1-2) until 4pm, KS2 Ball Skills(Y3-6) until 4.15pm

Thursday- **NO Football Club due to High School Musical Visit**

**Activities R Us** – Short Stay Session to 4.15pm only £2.00 full session until 5.30pm £4.00

Monday- Valentine heart decorations

Tuesday- Active Fun

Wednesday- Crafts with Kathy

Thursday- Den Building

Friday- school closed

**Menu- WEEK 1\_(amended)**

**Monday-** normal Week 1 Monday- pizza, wedges, beans and rice pudding with jam

**Tuesday-** Week 1 Thursday menu- Roast Beef, roast potatoes, seasonal veg and chocolate mousse

**Wednesday-** Chicken in white sauce, pasta, sweetcorn and apricot flapjack

**Thursday-** Baked haddock fillets, chips, peas, ice cream- usual FRIDAY menu

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