

We made it to the end of Autumn Term!

It has been an eventful term at St Buryan Academy, one that has seen us visit space in a planetarium, hold stay-safe workshops, begin to go on school trips and welcome parents back into school, learn new skills in Forest School, survival skill classes, archery and so much more. It accumulated this week with a special visitor today wearing a big red hat and then on Tuesday with our Christmas concert. I regularly talk about how proud I am of our children here at St Buryan Academy; Tuesday was another great example of that.

Speaking, singing and dancing on stage is not an easy thing to do. This is something many within the school have not experienced before and something the rest of the school haven't done in a long time. So for the children to step onto the stage at The Minack and perform like they did was an amazing experience and one that I hope will stay with them, as well as our audience members, for a long time to come. When so many schools are still offering virtual performances, or ones on a much smaller scale, we were incredibly pleased that we could offer one that involved the whole school at such a venue!

A big thank you to The Minack for allowing us to use their facilities, to Kim who helped organise the performance, to all of our staff for their hard work with it and most importantly—to our children who were superb in doing what they did!

As ever, thank you to you all for the support you have given the school this term!

Have a wonderful Christmas break and see you in 2022!

### *Mr McDonald and all at St Buryan Academy*

#### **Pupil Premium**

If your working hours have changed, your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium. This means that your child will have access to free school meals beyond Year 2 and that the school will gain funding to further support our children. To find out if you may be eligible, or to apply, please contact:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

#### **Swimming and Forest School**

After Christmas our Forest School will pause temporarily before our Key Stage 1 children participate in it after February half term.

Swimming will begin on the second Wednesday back from our holidays on 12th January. Penberth and Gwenver will swim as usual along with Nanjizal for the first half term.

#### **Payments**

Please make sure any payments are up-to-date by the beginning of the new term—thank you.

**Thursday 16th 2021**



#### **TERM DATES**

6 September - 17 December 2021  
(Half term 25-29 October 2021)

4 January - 8 April 2022  
(Half term 21-25 February 2022)

25 April - 26 July 2022 (Half term 30 May - 3 June 2022)

#### **INSETS**

17TH DECEMBER 2021  
4TH JANUARY 2022  
25TH JULY 2022  
26TH JULY 2022

PLATINUM JUBILEE:  
6TH JUNE 2022

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## **Buryan Bulletin**

### **Google Classrooms**

Please could you ensure that your children are logged onto Google Classrooms using the details that they were provided with last year. To ensure that they have joined this year's class, you may have to log out and log back in if it has not done it automatically. If your child is in Reception or is new to the school, please contact [head@stburyanacademy.org](mailto:head@stburyanacademy.org) and I will send you log in details. We use Google Classroom as an online learning platform in school and in the event of any child needing to isolate. Teachers have left a message on their Google Classroom page—please could you or your child respond to it so that we know you have successfully logged in, thank you. Any problems then please get in touch.

### **Contacting staff**

Over the holidays there is no expectancy on staff to check emails; however, there may be extenuating circumstances which means that they may need to be contacted. You can find their school emails on the 'Staff list' section of the website. Our Designated Safeguarding Officer and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Officer's details are:

Mr McDonald—[head@stburyanacademy.org](mailto:head@stburyanacademy.org) and Mrs K—[joannak@stburyanacademy.org](mailto:joannak@stburyanacademy.org)

### **Friends of the School**

Thank you to the Friends of the School and all those who have supported their events this term from the auction to the raffle on Tuesday. They have already raised over £1,200 this term and have generously helped with the cost of the Year5/6 planetarium visit, the travel to the pantomime and have just donated a large amount of brand new reading books for next year!

### **Over the holidays**

A lot of learning has taken place this term, I'm not a fan of the phrase 'catch-up', which has been pushed this year regarding missed time within school; however, it is important that the children 'keep-up' with their learning so please still encourage them to read, read to them and practise times tables etc.—most importantly, enjoy your holiday! The menu for the start of the new year will be sent out prior to the start of term.

### **Staffing for 2022**

The only staffing change to take place for the start of 2022 is that Mrs Rendle will be teaching Porthcurno 3 days a week as I come out of class. We felt that this ensured more consistency for our children across the week.

**Have a wonderful Christmas, Mr McDonald and all at St Buryan Academy**

