

St Buryan Academy Newsletter 16.12.12 **school website: www.stburyanacademy.com**

Dear parents and carers,

**School Carol Service:** Well done to everyone who contributed to helping make our carol service at St Buryan Church such a successful event this week. Congratulations to our readers who read so confidently, to our tableau characters who performed so well- special thanks to Lottie Jordan who played Mary at short notice and to Jago Matthews who played a shepherd at very short notice. Thanks also to our school choir who sang beautifully and to Mr. and Mrs. Chant for their valued work with the choir throughout the year. Thanks to Vanda and St Buryan Church for hosting the event and to everyone for supporting the event. The retiring collection at the end of the service raised a fantastic £165 which will be donated to a charity which sponsors an overseas child to receive education. The school is working alongside a former pupil to raise £300 which is enough to provide home, food, clothes and education for one year- a brilliant start. Thank you for your generosity.

**PARTY DAY! Christmas Lunch and ‘Special Visitors’**

Yesterday was a real party day when everyone looked great in their Christmas jumpers and outfits.

Our first visitor was our MP, Derek Thomas, who joined us for our Christmas Lunch and presented the prizes of Parliamentary goodies for his Christmas card design competition. Tess was the overall winner; her design is featured on the front of cards sent to over 500 recipients including Theresa May, the Prime Minister! Runners up were Elliot and Astrid- well done to you all.

Everyone enjoyed our Christmas Lunch- congratulations to Mrs. Rowe and her team who served such a delicious meal for over 100 so efficiently. After lunch there were further surprises in store!

We couldn’t believe our ears when a distant bell ringing signaled the arrival of Santa (with some Friends of the School) who delivered presents and good cheer to all our classes. We all enjoyed chatting with Santa who listened to our many requests very patiently before dashing off to meet with other children before Christmas. Grateful thanks to the Friends for organizing his visit.

**Pupil Premium- are you entitled?** Some parents do not realize that as well as free school meals (available to all R-Y2 children) the school receives additional funding for each child eligible for Pupil Premium which can be used to further help your child within school.

This extra funding, pupil premium, is funding the government provides to schools for every registered pupil meeting the specified financial criteria below.

* Income Support
* Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
* Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
* Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
* The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
* Child Tax Credit (if not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and with an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
* Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after no longer qualifying for Working Tax Credit
* Universal Credit

Please contact the school office for further information if you think that your child may be entitled.

**I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and to thank the whole school community for their ongoing help and support which helps us provide the very best provision for your children and makes our school a special place.**

Spring Term begins 8.55am Wednesday 4th January 2017

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

**No teacher-led after school clubs during first week back at school**

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

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J.Pascoe Headteacher