#### St Buryan Academy Primary School Newsletter 8<sup>th</sup> December 2017



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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Christmas Performances and Carol Service: Thank you for supporting our annual Christmas performances; all classes performed enthusiastically and it is always a pleasure to see how the children's confidence and stagecraft develops as they progress through our school. Many congratulations to all the children for showing an excellent level of commitment in preparing for their performances and grateful thanks to all our staff who have worked very hard over many weeks to attain such a high performance level from their classes. We have received many positive comments about the children's acting, quality of singing, lighting and their colourful costumes.

<u>Carol Service at St Buryan Parish Church:</u> Our annual School Carol Service at St Buryan Parish Church will be held next Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm with all classes attending. Everyone is welcome to join us. The service will be over at 3pm approx., after which children may be collected by parents directly from the church.

#### Future Plans

Today you will have received a letter from our Governors outlining future plans for our school as they work towards an exciting proposal to form a Multi Academy Trust with Mounts Bay Academy, Ludgvan Academy, St Hilary School and the Five Islands School, Isles of Scilly. These are schools with whom we have worked closely over a number of years and who we know share the same core values as ourselves; one of our strongest partnerships has been working with the 'Applied Minds' teaching school. It has been this alliance that has helped facilitate the project based learning that we incorporate in our foundation subjects as well as the use of iPad technology. The governors would like to reassure parents that this proposal will in no way affect or limit their choice of a secondary school for their children. We enjoy great transition links with each of the secondary schools in the area and consider it important that these links continue; we will, as always, suggest that visits are made to each school in order to help an informed decision be made regarding Y6 transition. Our governors would also like to reassure parents that, should we become part of a MAT, we will also continue to work alongside other schools in the way in which we have successfully worked in the past.

More detail is outlined in your letter but please contact school should you wish to discuss the matter further or email head@stburyanacademy.org



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# Your child has uploaded a **Christmas Drawing** to our website!

To view, log into our website www.mychildsart.co.uk using your unique codes below:

Username StBuryan

Password owYGdRch

**VIEW NOW** - This drawing will expire in December 2017.



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#### A Posada message from Canon Vanda

In Mexico there is an advent tradition called the Posada, which is to take Mary and Joseph from house to house, bringing them to the church on Christmas Eve. This started with children being chosen to represent Mary and Joseph, but quickly moved to figures of the nativity rather than flesh and blood. Land's End Messy Church has given to the three schools in the benefice a nativity set, with a simple story book for our children to use. Anyone can sign up to take the nativity in a bag home for one night, and enjoy the fairly traded figures and the traditional story.

This is a means to help the children understand a tradition from overseas, and to understand the reasons for Christmas. Please, if you choose to sign up to take the nativity in a bag home, think about filling in the diary with your name and village so we can see how far Mary and Joseph travel. If you want to add details of how you have used the nativity do feel free to add this to the book. If any of the figures gets damaged or lost, please don't worry, it is made to be played with and not kept wrapped in cotton wool!

Vanda has delivered an assembly about the Posada, explaining to the children how they can sign up to take the Nativity set (donated by St Buryan Church) home for the night if they so wish and have parental agreement to do so. Parental Agreement forms are available from the News Board outside the Staff Room (for children to collect) or from the School Office for parent. Please return to the labelled box in Reception. During her assembly Vanda also mentioned to the children that the Posada comes with a diary that can be completed in order to track its movement during the Advent period.

<u>Next week's menu: WEEK 1, see website, PARENTS, School</u>
<u>Meals</u>

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

Monday- Dodge Ball (Y3-6) until 4.15pm, Construction Club (Y1-2) until 4pm Tuesday- NO CLUBS DUE TO CAROL SERVICE BUT ARUS AS USUAL Wednesday-KS1 Ball Skills (Y1-2) until 4pm, KS2 Ball Skills (Y3-6) until 4.15pm Thursday- Football Club (Y3-6), Crochet Club (Y5-6) until 4.15pm



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Activities R Us – Short Stay Session to 4.15pm only £2.00 full session until 5.30pm £4.00 Monday- Christmas Musical Statues
Tuesday- Christmas Wish List
Wednesday- Make your own Christmas Biscuits
Thursday- Decorate the Clay Snowmen
Friday- Christmas Party Games

#### <u>Christingle Service followed by</u>

#### **Christmas Lights Switch On**



## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

### 4.30pm St Buryan Church

It is with regret that we announce that Steve Berriman will be leaving us at the end of term as he will be entering fulltime employment. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Steve for his input into so many aspects of school.

Steve's departure means that we now have a vacancy for both a lunch-time supervisor and an after school club position. Full details are posted on the website and will be advertised locally.

A school uniform fleece (labelled Jack R or Lottie) was mislaid after Gwenver Christmas Performance; please check all school fleeces and return to Gwenver Y1-2 class if found. Thank you.