

St Buryan Academy Newsletter 9.12.12 **school website: www.stburyanacademy.com**

Dear parents and carers,

**Christmas Performances:** This week has been particularly busy with our children presenting 10 class performances over 2 days! We are very proud of all the children who performed so confidently on stage and entertained us so well. It is always a pleasure to see the many skills, necessary to produce such high class performances, develop as the children progress through the school. There is much established research about the positive impact of drama; the benefits are physical, emotional, social and help develop a lifelong appreciation of culture and the arts. We assess development in self-confidence, imagination, empathy, cooperation, concentration, sense of fun and engagement, emotional outlet, physical fitness and resilience, memory and communication skills- all important as our children develop through education and life. As a school, St Buryan has long been associated with working hard to develop these skills and is committed to extending this work into the future.

Grateful thanks to all staff and helpers who have given freely of their time to facilitate this week’s performances, to the Friends of the School for their part in providing welcome refreshments and to all those who supported the shows and provided such positive feedback. Thank you.

**Squashbox Theatre:** The Friends of the School provided a welcome treat for all the classes yesterday by organizing a visit from Squashbox Theatre’s ‘Very Christmassy Christmas Show’. It was great to be able to relax and watch a performance which was hilarious and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

**School Carol Service: Tuesday 13th December at St Buryan Parish Church:** Everyone is welcome to join us at St Buryan Church for our annual Carol Service at 4pm next Tuesday. Choir members, tableau characters and readers have been invited to stay at school to be escorted to church for 4pm start. Admission is free; the retiring collection at the end of the service 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.

**PARTY DAY! Thursday 15th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day: Christmas Lunch + A ‘Special Visitor’**

Next Thursday will be a fun non-uniform day, to celebrate the end of a busy term. The Friends invite everyone to wear any kind of Christmas jumper for this non-uniform day with a suggested donation of £1. Everyone is looking forward to Christmas Lunch- please ensure your child’s lunch is ordered and paid for next Monday 12th December. All classes will be welcoming a ‘Surprise Guest’ in the afternoon; notify office by next Tuesday 13th December if you do not wish your child to take part.

**Late Payments:** For ease of accounting could any outstanding balances please be paid by Monday 12th December. Thank you.

**Pupil Premium- are you entitled?** 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 if you think that your child may be entitled.

**StageStruck Youth Theatre Group:** This week we have seen some great dramatic talent! Might your child be interested in joining StageStruck, a local youth theatre group for all aged 6-21? The read-through for their next production, ‘Princess Whatsername?’, a classic fairy-tale musical, will be held at the Ritz, Penzance next Tuesday 7-8.30pm. Why not go along and meet the rest of the group which already includes present and past pupils?

**Dydh da! / Hello! Calling all parents/carers/interested members of the school community:** Are you interested on learning some Kernewek (Cornish) and supporting our school’s involvement in celebrating St Piran’s Day 2017? If so, we will be working alongside Golden Tree (the organisation behind the Man Engine) who will be running 6 workshops at the Union Hotel in Penzance. Golen teh (cakey tea) will be provided every Tuesday (4pm to 5pm) from mid-January; back in school we will work with Will Coleman and a local artist to make one of the exhibits for a treasure hunt around Penzance on the Saturday before St Piran’s Day (Sat 25th February). If you would like to be involved please speak to Mr Butterfield (or email at mbutterfield@stburyanacademy.org).

**Diary Dates: Friday 16th December: Term ends 1.30pm**

Spring Term begins Wednesday 4th January 2017

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

**No teacher-led after school clubs next week due to staff training and meetings**

**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