

St Buryan Academy Newsletter

Friday December 4th 2020



Key Dates

Fri 4th Dec - Santa fun run

Fri 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Tues 15th December - Christmas dinner

Friday 18th December - INSET day

Monday 21st December - Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January - INSET day

Tuesday 5th January - Term starts!

Monday 25th January - LEAP INSET day

Believe, Achieve, Aspire Buryan Bulletin

We have had another great week here at St Buryan Academy – and it has been all go!

I was really excited for Mrs Rendle and Mrs Wilson to kick off our Forest School project this week. I know it was a wet day for them, but they didn't let that dampen their spirits. There are so many positives to Forest Schools and outdoor learning and I am really proud to offer it. Read more about Porthcurno's Forest School visit on the other side.

Classes have been busy practising songs for our virtual concert. It has been really lovely hearing Christmas carols and songs ringing through the corridors. We will create a short video of our performances and upload them onto our Google Classrooms.

A big thank you to our Friends of SBA for organising this year's online Christmas raffle. On their behalf, a huge thank you to all those that donated items, to those that made bids and to those who just donated money. We raised a staggering £1104! This is hugely appreciated given the time we are all going through so thank you to all.

Today we ran/triked/biked a mile for Cornwall Hospice Care whilst dressed as Santa! A huge thank you to all those who have brought in sponsorship money already – please make sure that these are returned by the 11th December.

Remember to book your child's Christmas dinner on the link here:

<https://forms.gle/qHPASPXbxAffYS337>

Please state if they are packed lunch on that day. Please complete this by Sunday evening.

I just wanted to conclude this week's newsletter by saying how proud we should all be of our school. I have said it a lot over the last few months but every day I am blown away by the positivity, great attitudes towards learning and smiles on faces of our children. They deserve a lot of credit. Our whole staff – from teachers to cleaners - worked harder than ever over the last few months – and as we approach Christmas I wanted to express my gratitude to them all, I am extremely grateful for all of their efforts and we are lucky to have the team we do. The children have all worked really hard to 'catch-up' from school closure last term, so it is really important that they now continue this, keep-up and exceed. Parents reinforcing learning at home can really support this so please ensure that your child is reading, you're listening to them read and that they keep up their spelling and multiplication practice; these core skills will help hugely! Have a good weekend, stay safe

Mr Josh McDonald



Head lice

Please check your child's hair and ensure that hair is regularly washed. In the case of your child having head lice then please make sure hair is cleaned and a nit comb is used or any other treatment your pharmacist may recommend. Thank you

Drop-off and collection

Please ensure that you are distancing at these times, use the full area of the space. Please do not block the road or any driveways when parking or waiting. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

Remember that Reception / Key Stage 1 children are now to be collected at 3.05pm.

Please do not allow your children to climb on the wall, gates and pallets or enter the car park at the end of the day. Thank you.

Remember our final day is on Thursday 17th December. We finish at the usual end of day times (3.05pm and 3.15pm).

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Penberth

We continue to learn about the weather and have looked at the question: "Why do we have seasons?" As Autumn turns to winter we are observing how the hours of daylight change and what happens with the nature around us. We hope you have managed to see on Google Classroom the recording of end of block music lesson where year 1 and 2 children have been learning how to play and sing together.

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This week we have really kick-started our Christmas festivities by learning two Christmas songs and making decorations for the school's Christmas tree. In English we've been writing stories inspired by an image called: 'No Time for Shoes'. The children have also completed their assessments for the term. I am really proud of each and every one of them!

Online Learning

Make sure that you register and log yourself onto Google Classrooms as soon as possible. If you need the letter re-sent to you, please contact your child's class teacher.

Gwenver

This week in Gwenver we have been looking at column addition and subtraction in our maths lessons.

In literacy we have been focusing on why settings are an important feature of a story. The children enjoyed 'stepping into a picture, and pretending that they were in that setting. This really helped them with their imaginative story writing.

We have also enjoyed looking at a poem about an elf on the shelf. The children then worked as a whole group to produce a fantastic persuasive letter, asking an elf if he would like to visit Gwenver classroom.

Porthcurno

This week in Porthcurno Class our Forest School day was an absolute highlight! Despite the weather and cold, we had such a great, fun day. We started by putting up shelters. The children were full of ideas of how to do this and we saw some fantastic problem solving and team work. Then everyone helped prepare the fire; looking for wood and making paper sticks. Thanks to Alfie who lit the fire for us, showing brilliant determination and perseverance! The rest of the class can't wait for a chance to do the same. We toasted marshmallows and had a hot chocolate to keep us warm and even made and sampled some vegetable fritters cooked on the fire! After lunch we packed up and went for a walk to explore St Loy woods and see the sea. We can't wait for next month!

School Dinner Menu

w/c: 30th November (jacket potatoes available every day other than pasty day)

Monday 7th December

Mild chicken or quorn curry with rice, naan and salad
Gingerbread men

Tuesday 8th December

Pasty (meat or cheese)
Ice cream and yoghurt

Wednesday 9th December

Roastgammon with apple sauce and roast potatoes with vegetables or a vegetable lasagne
Apple and blackberry crumble and custard

Thursday 10th December

Mac N Cheese, garlic bread and salad
Melon or pineapple slices

Friday 11th December

Fish or a vegetarian sausage, chips, beans or mushy peas
Chocolate brownie

Payments

Please remember that all payments should now be done over Parent Mail so please register via the link we have sent previously. We will not be dealing with cash or cheque payments after Christmas unless in exceptional circumstances. Please make sure that any breakfast club, school dinner or nursery payments are paid up to date before the end of term. If there are any problems accessing Parent Mail then please contact the office.