



St John's Catholic Primary

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Happy New Year! Our staff and Governors all wish you a very peaceful and happy 2017.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and I wish a very Happy New Year to you all! The children have come back refreshed and full of enthusiasm for the new term and we welcome two new families to St John's, with children starting in Reception and Year 5.

We also extend a very warm welcome to Sophia Lennon from Plymouth University. She is in her final year of teacher training and is starting her teaching practice placement in Year 5 this week.

Don't forget that parents with children who will be four years of age by 31st August 2017 must apply through Cornwall Council, for a place at primary school - the deadline for all applications is this Sunday 15th January. www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/ Supplementary forms are available from the office for parents who wish to state faith or sibling information. Letters confirming school placements are sent to parents on 18th April.

The deadline for parents for applying for a place at secondary school was 31st October 2016. Confirmation letters for these applications are sent to parents on 1st March. Please note that the letters come from Cornwall Council and that the school has no information regarding primary or secondary placement offers before this date.

Best wishes,
Miss Teixeira

SEN Information: The SEN page on our website has many useful links which are regularly updated with information and support resources covering a range of SEN-related needs and topics. Recent additions to this page include the newly-launched **sepsis awareness campaign**, supported by the UK Sepsis Trust, and details of an up-coming local workshop for parents of children with additional needs focusing on **strategies for sleep success**. Please do take a look!

What we've been doing ...

NEXUS Workshops

Here are some of the Nexus workshops our pupils have taken part in so far this term ...

Rocks
Year 3



Fire
Year 4



Can a computer be creative?
Year 6



ST JOHN'S SPORTS



We've started a whole new year of sporting activities and competitions. Our fixtures information for football and netball matches is on our sports notice board (near the hall steps), and results are posted here too.

Year 2 have been looking at the story 'The Town Mouse and the Country Mouse' as part of their current topic. They made some amazing mouse masks this week, and performed the story to Year 4.



Leading on from the Pope's 'Year of Mercy' emphasis last year, Year 2 have been learning about refugees and how the Holy family were refugees after Jesus' birth. In particular, they have been focusing on how we can show mercy to each other. During the Christmas holidays, Phoebe from Y2 showed how acts of kindness and mercy can be applied in everyday life. Feeling concerned after seeing some homeless people in Truro, Phoebe decided to go back later with food she had prepared for them. Phoebe, your thoughtfulness is a real credit to you!

Y5 learned all about centrifugal force with an excellent (outdoor!) demonstration by Miss Oliver and a bucket full of water!



RE Focus!



Our current RE topic is **Christmas**. For the past two weeks, we have been focussing on **Epiphany**.

Our School Charity for 2017 is **Mary's Meals**. This charity provides food and education to children in impoverished countries. It costs Mary's Meals £6 a day to feed a child using food purchased from local farmers. Please see our RE webpage for more information, or go to www.marysmeals.org.uk.



Our charity display board in the foyer also has information, so do come in and take a look!

Collective Worship

Mass Rota for this half term

Date:	
Wed 18th Jan	Y4 (lead)
Wed 25th Jan	Y3 (Parish led)
Wed 1st Feb	Y2 lead
Wed 8th Feb	Y1 and EYFS (Parish led)

(Please be aware that this may alter slightly. We will let you know of any changes as soon as they are confirmed.)

Last week, Robin Carter from the Parish visited to lead a whole school assembly about Epiphany.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19th January	Census Day Menu
19th January	Year 6 SATs parents meeting 3.15—4.00pm
13th Feb —17th Feb	HALF TERM
20th Feb—3rd March	FairTrade Fortnight
3rd April—17th April	Easter Holiday
18th April	Back to School for Summer Term!
26th May	Inset Day - no school for pupils



Rail Works

There is some maintenance work planned on the railway near school. This was scheduled to begin on 3rd January 2017, and will require a temporary bridge to be built so that the old one can be removed and replaced. They aim to have completed this work by 1st May 2017.



BREAKFAST CLUB

Our breakfast club is held every day before school. If your child would like to come along, please let school know in advance. Payment must also be given by the **day before** in order for us to provide breakfast the following morning. Costs are £1.50 per child / £2.50 per family.



Lost Property

We have quite a lot of lost property (jumpers, coats, drinks bottles etc.), so if your child has lost anything, please do come and check. Please always write your child's name on their belongings, so that if anything is lost, we can reunite it with its owner as quickly as possible! Thank you.



December Attendance: 94.64%



1 St Francis (Mrs Lobban) 98.37%



2 St Piran (Mr Benney) 98.18%



3 St Augustine (Mr Moran) 95.64%

St Joseph (Mrs Clarke / Mrs Mundell) 95.26%

St Christopher (Mrs Richards) 92.67%

St Bernadette (Miss Moulton) 92.31%

St Clare (Mrs Clifton-Griffiths) 92.15%

WELL DONE ST FRANCIS!

Our attendance tree in the hall is updated every half term to show our school attendance achievements.

All pupils with 100% are represented on the tree with their name on a special golden apple.



Each week, the class with the best attendance gets a certificate awarded in our celebration assembly. Last half term, St Francis class was awarded the most certificates, and this is recognised on our tree with a 'Super Squirrel'!

St Piran Class got the highest attendance percentage overall last term with 98.09%, so they get a squirrel on our tree too!