



St John's Catholic Primary School

School Information January 2019

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Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very happy new year to you all! 2019 has started very positively and children have quickly settled back into routines. As always, the staff have been extremely generous in offering their time to run after school clubs this spring term and hopefully your children have been able to sign up to their chosen ones. Do you have a skill or talent you would like to share with the children, by leading a club? If you have and are able to volunteer some time each week, we are always looking to increase what we can offer and would love to hear from you!

Last term, we said goodbye to Malcolm, our wonderful school crossing patrol officer (or lollipop man). The council have informed me that they have found a replacement for him, but she will not be starting until April. Unfortunately, this means there is no support for crossing the busy road for this term, so do be extra careful and cautious when trying to cross. Staff will also remind the children about road safety, especially those who walk to school without an adult.

On Saturday 19th January at 7pm, there is a quiz evening in the school hall, in aid of the charity Apostleship of the Sea. Entry is £2 per person and refreshments are provided. Please see Mrs Blount in Year 5 if you would like to enter a team.

Best wishes,

Miss Teixeira



Diary Dates

- 15th Jan** Year 4 weekly swimming lessons start
- 17th Jan** Census Day menu, more details soon
- 18th—22nd Feb** Half Term, School Closed



The school House awarded the most dojos / house points for their excellent behaviour, work and effort last week was Portreath! Congratulations!



Our Spiritual and Religious Education

Although Christmas Day itself has gone, the liturgical season of Christmas continues until January 9th. This week, classes have been learning about Epiphany, which started on 6th January. This is a special time in the Christmas story, when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born.

Mass rota for this half term (please be aware that this may change):

- 16th Jan Y6 (Y6 lead)
- 23rd Jan Y5 (Parish lead)
- 30th Jan Y4 (Year 4 lead)
- 6th Feb Y3 (Y3 lead)
- 13th Feb Y2 and Y1 (Parish lead)

Mass starts at 10.00am. Everyone is welcome to join us in Church.



Online Safety

If you know a child who was lucky enough to get a phone or tablet this Christmas, it is worth checking that appropriate privacy settings, parental controls and security are installed, and that the child understands how to use the internet safely and positively. There is a useful guide provided by Childnet International available at

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>

Also be aware of the PEGI video game content rating system, which can offer guidance when buying video games or apps through the use of age recommendations and content descriptors.

Attendance

Our school attendance for last term was 95.58%	Y4	Y6	Y3	Y1	Y5	YR	Y2
	97.27%	97.10%	95.76%	93.37%	94.92%	94.64%	94.42%

Congratulations to Year 4 and Year 6 for achieving an attendance higher than the national average.

School Council

Our School Council are busy preparing for FairTrade Fortnight after half term. They are also discussing their views on our summer menu ready for an upcoming meeting with catering company Chartwells.