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**Newsletter**  
**No. 3**  
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### Attendance Update

**Whole school attendance: 93.1%**

For period 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – 26<sup>th</sup> Nov Class with best attendance: **Year 4 = 97.1%**  
Class with lowest attendance: **Year 2 = 90.3%**

Many of you will have noticed some changes to school routines and expectations since the start of term. If you're not sure what these are - talk to your child, they will love to fill you in! Our Golden Rules have become central to how we behave as 'Golden Citizens' of our school and wider community and our brand new '6 P's of Teaching and Learning' are helping us to become better learners every day. Our school is brimming with children ready and excited for learning!

### Attendance is key

Whole school attendance has dropped slightly since last month's newsletter but there has been a lot of illness this month and some nasty viruses about. If your child is poorly and cannot attend school, please remember to phone in asap on each morning of your child's absence to inform us as to why they are not in school. Thank you.

### Samaritan's Purse

Once again this year, each class have prepared a Christmas shoe-box of gifts for less fortunate children in need. Thank you to those who contributed to these. Your generosity is much appreciated.

### Children's Mass

There will be a children's Mass at church this Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Many of our children will be helping to lead the Mass. It will begin at 10:30am and we would love to celebrate with as many of our families as possible. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### Need to visit us?

We are always pleased to welcome you into school but please remember to sign in at the office before moving on through the building. Thank you

### Bodmin Lights Up Parade

Come and join us for the Parade this Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 5:30pm - Bodmin library. This year's theme is 'The Lion King', led by our Year 6 pupils together with Bodmin College in preparation for their performance in March.



### **Regional School's Commissioner(RSC)**

We were extremely excited to have been visited by Paul Jones, advisor to Sir David Carter, RSC for the South West on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Paul spent the day meeting children and celebrating their work and progress with them. We look forward to inviting Paul back to St. Mary's in the not too distant future!

### **Bikes & Scooters**

Please remember to take your child(ren's) bikes and scooters at the end of each day. The school cannot be responsible for anything left overnight.

### **After School Clubs**

All our After School Clubs will end w/e 4<sup>th</sup> December due to all the extra Christmas activities. So as from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> please collect as normal at 3.15pm. Thank you.

### **Wanted!**

Any old metal saucepan lids, whisks, mashers or kitchen utensils for Reception Class to make outdoor musical instruments. Also any Pipe or guttering for our water wall! Many thanks, Mrs Baker, (Year R)

### **Nursery - Christmas Events**

On Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, Nursery will be holding an 'open session' for parents to come in to the nursery and join their children in their learning. Activities will include making Christmas decoration!

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> & Wed 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am Nursery

Nativity

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> 8:45-11:45am, Christmas Party for all children

### **School Meals**

Please can we remind parents to pay all dinner money on a Monday for the week. Please place in a named money bag/envelope indicating which days meals are required. This will help the kitchen team to focus on preparing lunch instead of chasing money.

### **Half Term Challenges**

The children came back to school following the half term break having engaged in some fantastic challenges from building home-made castles in Year 1, to topic themed board games in Year 4. Well done to all our children. Thank you to the many mums, dads and grandparents who clearly went the extra mile to join their children in this exciting learning opportunity!

### **Christmas Fayre**

Next Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 5pm start in the School hall!!! Any donations gratefully received - especially chocolate for our Chocolate Tombola or any new/unused gift sets for our gift stall.

### **Santa's Tea Party**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 3.30pm - more info to follow. Thank you - Friends of School

### **Dates for your diary:**

**Lantern Parade:** Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov, 5.45pm Bodmin Library

**Children's Advent Mass:** Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Nov at 10.30am in Church

**FOS Christmas Fayre:** Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec, 5pm in School Hall

**KS1 Christmas Performances:** Tue 8<sup>th</sup> & Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 2pm, in the School Hall

**KS2 Christmas Performances:** Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6pm in Church

**End of Autumn Term:** Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2pm finish

**Start of Spring term:** Weds 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016



**Special Headteacher's Mention** for Dominic in Year 6, who spoke so passionately about his learning and progress in school with our visitor, Mr Jones. Well done Dominic! **Mrs McGovern, Acting Headteacher**