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Attendance Update

For period 4th Jan – 20th Jan

Whole School Attendance: 95.2%

Class with highest attendance: **Year R & 5 = 96.7%**

Class with lowest attendance: **Year 3 = 90.1%**

We hope that you enjoyed a restful Christmas break and managed to spend some quality family time together. The children have enjoyed sharing their home learning experiences in class. The new Spring Term kicked off without any hesitation, starting with a three-day Winter Theme which was explored with much excitement, learning and creativity by both children and staff. Thank you to parents for supporting this with various donations for junk modelling! See photos below...

Ofsted Update

Thank you to all of our parents and families for their support during our two day visit from our Ofsted inspection team on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th January. We were delighted that the team recognised many of the recent improvements in school. We expect a full report with outcomes within four to five weeks and will, of course, share this with you as soon as we have it. Well done and thank you to the St. Mary's team for their continued hard work and dedication.



Maureen Guthrie

Foundation Governor/Literacy

My name is Maureen Guthrie and I was invited to become a Foundation Governor at St Mary's School in 2014.



I am the Parish Secretary of Bodmin Catholic Parish and the church and school are closely linked. I have had a strong association with the school over the years as my four daughters all attended St Mary's from Nursery up to Year 6. I was a parent/helper during those years e.g. listening to children read, helping to organise the library. I was recently appointed joint Literacy Governor and I was delighted to take up this role as I am passionate about children learning to read properly and for it to be a joy for them to learn. I see my role as being supportive and focussed on the continuing growth of the school, both spiritually and educationally.

Pupil Premium

Reminder: If your circumstances change and you qualify for Income Support, JSA or Child Tax Credit, please ask in the office, **your child may be entitled to additional funds to support them in their learning.**

Coat Appeal

Do you have any adults/children's coats that are in good, clean condition to donate to those who are less fortunate? If so please bring to school by Tuesday 24th January. Thank you. Happy Days Nurseries



Pupils across the school having fun while learning about a variety of winter themes through experiments and practical activities.



Year 1 experimenting with ice and how long it takes to thaw with insulation!



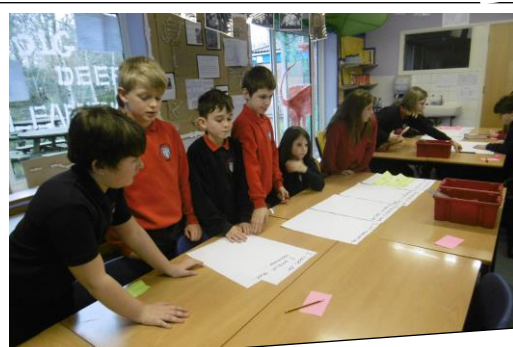
Year 3 collecting and recording data about winter



Year 5 testing temperatures of ice cubes and hot chocolate!



Winter Themed Week!



Year 6 studying Scott of the Antarctic and how to build a sledge!



Olaf the snowman that Year 4 made then had to estimate how many cotton wool balls it took!



Nursery painted on ice and made igloos out of sugar cubes!



Reception enjoying their igloo made of milk bottles! Thank you to everyone who supplied bottles and a special thanks to Mr Grey for building it!!



Year 2 exploring the waterproof properties of different materials to make an umbrella

Dates for your diary

Spring Term starts: Wednesday 4th January 2017

Half Term: Mon 13th Feb – Fri 17th Feb

Last Day of Spring Term: Friday 31st March

Easter Holidays: Mon 3rd April – Mon 17th April

Mass Dates: In school at 2.40pm – all welcome!

Weds 1st Feb – Candlemass, Yr 6

Weds 1st Mar – Ash Wednesday, Yr 2

Please note: Mass every Sunday at St Mary's Church at 10.30am.

Head Lice - *Please* keep checking for these annoying critters. Remember, they like clean hair – no child or adult is exempt! Nit combs do work if used regularly!

Argyle Football Roadshow

is coming to Bodmin Youth FC on Mon 13th & Tues 14th Feb during Half Term for Girls and boys aged 5 - 15yrs. To book a place please phone 01752 562561 ext 4 or online at www.argylecommunitytrust.co.uk

Headteacher's special mention :

awarded to Gracie Singleton for being brave after her visit to the First Aid room!