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Newsletter

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St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Hello. I am very proud to be writing to introduce myself as St. Mary's new Deputy Head Teacher. It is a great privilege to be joining such a happy school and I look forward to getting to know you and your children over the coming days and weeks.

I have moved to St. Mary's from St. John's Catholic Primary in Camborne, which is part of the same group of schools. I was at St. John's for 5 years and during that time I was a senior leader and school governor; leading several core subjects, with responsibility for curriculum and assessment.

I live in St. Austell with my wife and two children. I enjoy running and paddle-boarding. I am a member of the parish of St. Augustine of Hippo in St. Austell.

Please feel free to come and say hello, I will try and be out at the beginning and end of the day as much as I can. I have been made to feel very welcome during my first few days here and am very excited to get going, and to work with you and the St. Mary's team, to help make your children's primary education as positive as possible.

Mr Tim Moran



National Maritime Museum Trip

Our Year 4 pupils learning about the Viking routes and countries that they visited for trading and raiding!



Year 2 Polzeath Beach Trip

As part of their topic 'Ocean Explorers' pupils enjoyed trammelling activities, a rock pool ramble and beach clean with Polzeath Marine Conservation Group.



Attendance

Whole school to date: 97.3%

Classes with highest attendance:

13 Sept—Yr 2 = 99%



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Bike to School Week 2019
23 to 27 September

Download school resources at: www.sustrans.org.uk/biketoschoolweek

Sustrans will be running a family **photo competition** during the Bike to School Week

Please see their website for more details.

St Mary's Challenge continues!!



Our attendance has improved and children are really benefiting from this. We still have lots of room for improvement so we are continuing our challenge and setting our whole school aspirational attendance level at 97.5% for the next academic year. Exciting competitions and rewards will carry on and we ask that you continue to support us with ensuring your child is in school every session of every day possible. Remember **that every session counts** so please ensure routine medical appointments are kept out of school hours and for emergency appointments that your child is registered before they go and brought back to school as soon after as is possible. Your child's progress and social skills are significantly impacted by their attendance.

Healthy Schools

We are engaging with Cornwall Healthy schools and over the next year we will be working towards an award and becoming a healthy school again. This will include healthy eating, more exercise, school council etc. This will be an exciting time and we want to support you all as parents to ensure your children live a full, healthy life. Please bear this in mind when making choices for packed lunches and morning break.

Children should only be eating a healthy snack such as fruit, vegetables or yogurt at morning breaktime and then having a packed lunch with as many healthy choices as possible. Children should all bring a drinks bottle of water with them each day to ensure they stay hydrated.

We will be sending out much more information soon and many exciting ways in which we can all be more healthy. We will also be launching our healthy lunch rewards to encourage children to make healthy choices and therefore make it easier for parents when shopping as children will want to make healthier choices.

Please can lunches NOT containing any nuts or peanut butter due to some children's severe allergies. A healthy choice of sandwich filling and fruit, yogurt and vegetables should make up the rest rather than crisps, pastries, biscuits and cakes.



Diary Dates



Bike to School Week 23-27 September

Yr 2 & 3 Forest School-24 September, 1, 8, 15, 29 October

Yr 3 & 5 Swimming Lessons- 26 September, 3,10 & 17 October

Autumn Half Term 21-25 October

Inset Day 28 October

Yr R-6 Flu Immunisations-4 November

Yr 3 & 4 Cinema Visit-13 November

Christmas Dinner Day- 18 December

Last Day of term for Christmas Break 20 December

Spring Term Starts-7 January 2020

Sustrans Primary Schools Newsletter: BODMIN - AUTUMN TERM 2019

Welcome back! Lots of great stuff happened with our Sustrans Active Travel Schools throughout the summer term—and there's plenty to be excited about in the coming months.

Don't miss the opportunity at the start of term to promote Active Travel habits to new and returning pupils and parents. Why not encourage walking, scooting and cycling in your school newsletter, and take part in **Bike to School Week** to get things going?

www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/bike-to-school-week-2019/

From September onwards, I will be covering a larger geographical area, so my support will be lighter touch in Bodmin schools. I'm still around, so please do get in touch if you need any support in your efforts to get your school travelling actively.

Berrycombe school did us proud by hosting a street closure outside their school gate for Clean Air Day on 20th June. Following successful Sustrans 'School Streets' events across the country, this was a pilot for Cornwall.

Parents walked, scooted or cycled their children to school, or used Scoarlett's Well car park to 'park & stride', keeping the road approaching the school traffic free and highlighting the problems of air pollution caused by the school run. Instead of a congested road with car fumes and bad tempers, the school gate was a hub of street games, chalk art and smiling faces.

Car use fell by 80% - a fabulous testimony to what can be achieved when a school community pulls together to make great things happen. The photos say it all...



Fabulous and free Fun Palaces are coming to Bodmin again this October. Sustrans is commending the bike track at Beacon ACE Academy with bike and scooter activities for all. I'll be in schools soon to tell you more about it—please help spread the word, especially on your school Facebook page - check out @funpalacesbodmin and @sustranscornwall

Put the 5th & 6th October in your diary, there's something for everyone, and none of it will cost you a penny. There was a great buzz last year - come along and help make this year's Fun Palaces even better.

Sustrans is the charity that's enabling people to travel by foot, bike or public transport for more of the journeys we make every day. It's

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Well done to all of you for making this year's Big Pedal the best so far!

Excitingly, Cornwall's winning school was right here in Bodmin, so congratulations to Berrycombe School who achieved a whopping 80% of children coming to school on foot, bike or scooter.

They won a Scooterped and two JD Bug scooters for using in the playground.

Claire, the Sustrans champion at Berrycombe, pulled out all the stops to make the whole school buzz with Big Pedal excitement, running a daily mass park & stride and a host of activities aimed at promoting the active travel message for the fortnight of the challenge.

Dr Bike visited all of Bodmin's primaries, making sure that the children's 'bikes and scooters were safe to ride and sorting out the school bike fleets too.

Thank you all for taking part.



Sustrans are working in partnership with Bodmin Leisure Centre to help deliver a new 'Be Active' club aimed at the over 55s on Tuesday mornings. Know anyone who might benefit? Contact Bodmin Leisure Centre for details 01208 75715.



Half term at THE OLD LIBRARY

ATTACH TO FRIDGE

Squashbox Theatre present
SHIVERS AND SHADOWS
Mon 21st 14pm & 6pm | £8/£6 | Recommended for brave children aged 6+ and their scaredy-cat grown-ups
An overflowing cauldron of a show, brimming with delightful frights, hilarious horrors, ingenious puppetry, scary stories, tall tales, live music and songs and topped with a sprinkling of slapstick and silliness. Get ready to SHIVER, SHAKE, SHUDDER and SCREAM!

Puddleboat Theatre present
CLARE HOLLINGWORTH & THE SCOOP OF THE CENTURY
Tue 22nd 14pm | £8/£6 | suitable for ages 4+
From the busy newspaper offices in London to the frontline during World War II, Clare's adventures tell the remarkable true story of one of the most important writers of our time. A globe-trotting and playful family show bursting with storytelling, songs and the scoop of the century!
+ Story Telling Workshop | Regimental Museum | 2pm

Coppcie Theatre present
TALES FROM A HAUNTED BOOKSHOP
Sun 27th 13pm | £8/£6 | ages 8+ and adventurous adults
Prepare yourself for a spooky show of terrible tales, scary stories and gruesome goings on! Meet the mysterious shopkeeper and the enigmatic Quoth but watch out for the ghosts! A weird and wonderful show from the makers of Science Adventures.

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Headteacher's special mention to: Welcome to all our new pupils who have had a fantastic start to the new term.