



NEWS FROM ST. PETROC'S SCHOOL

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From the Headmaster

As always this is turning out to be a very busy term. The children are working hard practising for the Spring concert at the end of term and each Monday afternoon they attend a full rehearsal of the school orchestra. The rehearsals for the school play, which takes place at the end of the Summer term, are also progressing well with rehearsals now taking place each Saturday morning and on many Wednesday afternoons. These rehearsals are important and it is essential that children do attend. The children all enjoyed their visit to the Theatre Royal to see the Chuckles Brothers in the Jack and the Beanstalk Pantomime. I understand the most enjoyable part of the performance was when three gullible members of staff and a mother had custard pies thrown in their faces as part of the act. As part of one of the assemblies Mr Cardoo organized a Lifeboat trainers day – this was great fun with the children coming into school in their trainers for that day. We raised £84 for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and a big thank you to all those that made donations. I cannot finish without a word about the recent cross country competition. This was a milestone being our 15th year that the event has been held. Once again we had tremendous support from the schools across Devon and Cornwall and I would like to say a big thank you to all of you that helped to make this event such a success.

News from Seahorses Nursery

Another busy half-term for the Nursery. At the beginning of the term we welcomed three babies to our Angelfish Group and they have settled in well. There seems to be a baby boom at the moment as we have three members of staff who are pregnant – Kelly Tape, Kelly Ward and Liza Prouse whose babies are due in the Summer. Our topic for this half-term has been about Elmer the Elephant and we have some fantastic pictures on display in the Nursery. Our Singing and Signing sessions are going from strength to strength and the Toddler Group is always very well attended.

News from Key Stage 1



The children in Year 2 started learning French this term with La Jolie Ronde.

Vocabulary is learnt through the story of Minou the cat, Trottime the mouse and their friends the toys; a solidier, a bear, a robot, a doll and a balloon. Making puppets, singing songs and playing games have reinforced the vocabulary so a lot of fun is had as well.

French is proving to be very popular.

News from the Upper School



On Tuesdays, as all the pupils from Years 3 – 8 go swimming, the regular afternoon sports' session is devoted to activities, supervised by skilled adults. Cookery, craft, horse riding and rock climbing are all on offer this term, together with Japanese Culture, which is taught by Mrs Toshi Pillman, who is both a parent and a Governor of the school. In this popular class, the children learn about various aspects of Japan's traditions, including the courteous and colourful Tea Ceremony, complete with authentic kimonos.

Sporting News

It has been another jam packed term of sport at St. Petroc's. Within the normal P.E. and swimming lessons the senior pupils have been learning lifesaving skills and the junior pupils concentrating on stroke technique all with excellent results and pupils are now eagerly anticipating the swimming galas next term. Sure to be a hotly contested event! On Monday afternoons the senior school girls have been attending hockey sessions with Richard Newton a local hockey coach as well as keeping up their netball skills for fixtures and the St. Joseph's annual net ball tournament in March. Our boys have been playing football and showed steel and determination against an older and stronger Shebbear College team. Several pupils have chosen climbing as their activity this term and each week sees them climbing higher and growing in confidence! We are hoping to arrange surfing and mountain biking for next term.

Surely nobody in Bude could have missed the 15th Annual Cross Country event. The weather was tremendous and the support of staff, parents and sponsors made sure this was an enjoyable event for all 25 schools who took part. Unfortunately widespread illness meant that many schools ran slightly depleted numbers and therefore we did not meet what we expected to be record numbers. All St. Petroc's pupils represented the school fantastically and a special mention must go to the following who were the first St. Petroc's runners home in their age category: Tom Cobbledick (U13), Ben Medland (U11), Grace Waterhouse (U11), Emily Currie (U9), Tom Cappleman-Lynes (U9). Many thanks once again to all of those who helped make this event run so smoothly.

Stay n Play

Many thanks to Katie Hemmerle for donating such a nice television to Stay n Play, it is certainly being well used. We would really be pleased if anyone has any old videos their children no longer watch. We would love them for our quiet times!

Diary Dates

Half-term Fri. 17th Feb 4.30 pm
School restarts Mon. 27th Feb 8.30 am
Parental Consultations for Years 1,2,3 & 4 Mon 6th March 3.30 pm
Parental Consultations for Years 5,6,7 & 8 Thur 9th March 3.30 pm
UNICEF non-uniform day Fri 10th March
Parental Consultations for Kindergarten Mon 13th March 3.15 pm
Good Food Week begins Mon 13th March
Parental Consultations for Kindergarten Wed 15th March 3.15 pm
Open Morning Thurs 16th March 10.00 am – 12.00 noon
FS and Year 1 Mother's Day Assembly Fri 24th March 8.45 am

Spring Concert Fri 31st March 2.00 pm
End of term Fri 31st March 4.00 pm.
