



NEWS FROM ST. PETROC'S SCHOOL

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From the Headmaster

The term is flashing before our eyes here we are at half term already. Monday afternoons are now devoted to play rehearsals for Alice in Wonderland which is only 5 weeks away. The Sat's Examinations are now completed with the results due sometime in July. As soon as these arrive they will be forwarded on to Year 6 parents. The school examinations will take place immediately after we return from half term and we would encourage the children to do a little revision over half term. The Swimming galas were once again a great success and this was echoed by many of you that I spoke to. Swimming ceases at half term but all children will attend swimming sessions every week when they restart again next term. Years 6, 7 & 8 have been attending their activity sessions this week which is a traditional event for those that will be leaving St Petroc's at the end of this term. The next half term will be particularly busy, especially for all staff as we will be having our OFSTED inspection week beginning 12th June.

News from Seahorses Nursery

The end of another busy half-term for the Nursery. Kelly Ward and Kelly Tape are now both on maternity leave and we welcome Mrs Susan Smith who is our new Supervisor for the Angelfish Group. This term the children have enjoyed planting sunflower seeds in individually decorated pots and watching them grow. Our display boards have all been created by the children and are wonderful - if you have a spare moment pop up and take a look.

News from the Kindergarten

In the Kindergarten this term we have been looking at holidays. Holiday Teddy is visiting various places and we have had a camping week. The tent in the role play corner was a big success! We welcomed Jude, Daniel, Alec, Louis, Hannah and Alex at the beginning of the Summer Term. We are looking forward to our Summer trip to the Milky Way on Monday 19th June and our Fun Sports Day on Wednesday 28th June.

News from Key Stage 1



Swimming Gala

A very enjoyable Swimming Gala for children and parents was organized by Mr Brown Cardoo on Wednesday 17th May. The top two groups swam front crawl, back crawl and breaststroke races and the youngest group swam egg and spoon, saucer blowing and front crawl kick races. All were hotly contended and enjoyed. It was rewarding to see how all the children had improved since the beginning of the year.

Winners were :

Top Group

Boys: Jay Innes Girls: Olivia Angilley

Middle Group

Boys: David Currie Girls: Alice Footitt

Beginners

Boys: Jack Harker Girls: Jemma Ball

News from the Upper School



Years 5 & 6 English Field Trip

Despite dreadful weather, Years 5 & 6 had a busy and informative day out in South Cornwall on Friday 19th May.

In conjunction with the novel they have studied in English classes this year, they visited the copper and tin mining area around Redruth and Camborne.

The first port of call was Cornish Mines and Engines where they had a guided tour of reconstructed Cornish beam engines, one of which was the largest engine ever used in Cornwall. They then visited the area of Gwennap and United Downs where they were able to trace the chain of events from the novel. This area was once known as "the richest square mile in the world". The day was rounded off with the descent of Poldark Mine at Wendron, where they posted cards from England's deepest post box.

They have gained a clear idea of the history and heritage of this part of the country

The photo shows the group at Poldark Mine, Wendron

Sporting News

This half-term kicked off to a great start with the rounders victory against Shebbear for the girls. However, the boys battled hard in their cricket match but unfortunately were beaten. Well done to all the children for their hard efforts in the swimming this year. This effort paid off in the gala with some closely fought races and a wonderful relay race.

A bit of bad news – the rugby has had to be postponed as the players who were coming down here have been selected to represent their country, one of whom is an Englishman who is going to play in the tour in Australia. However, both have said they will visit at a later date.

News from the Friends of St. Petroc's

Our last fun raising event was our new annual sponsored walk, held this year from Northcott to Crooklets (and back!). Once again this was a great turnout and enjoyed by dogs, children, friends, parents and grandparents. Even the buggies managed it to cries of "faster mummy"!

The Friends AGM was held on Friday 19th May – thank you to all those who showed their support. Sadly we had to say goodbye to two of our offices, Lyn Brotherton and Maria Martindale (Chairman and Treasurer respectively) who were supreme in their support of the Committee. Thankfully we were able to retain the services of Gaynor Cox as Secretary.

The friends wish to express their gratitude to Lyn who has worked tirelessly for the Friends and the school for the last 7 years. Both she and Maria will be missed. With a new team now on board, we are eager to get on with fun raising events for the next school year. Even though it is meant to be Summer our thoughts are already with the Christmas Bazaar, so start saving that jumble!

Diary Dates

Bank Holiday Mon 29th May

School restarts Mon 5th June 8.30 am

School Examinations w/c Mon 5th June

St Petroc's Day Fri 9th June

Presentation on Sharks Thurs 15th June

Third Order Years 3 – 8 Thurs 15th June

Sports Day Fri 16th June

Play Rehearsal Week Mon 19th June

Play Dress Rehearsal Sat 24th June 9.00 am

Orientation Morning Tues 27th June 8.30 am

Open Morning Wed 28th June 10.00 am – 12.00 Noon

School Play Thurs 29th June 7.00 pm, Fri 30th June 7.00 pm and Sat 1st July 2.00 pm

Treat Day Mon 3rd July

Prize Giving and End of Term Fri 7th July

REMINDERS:

CAKES FOR OPEN MORNING – 28TH JUNE

RECIPES FOR SCHOOL COOKERY BOOK