

# Fowey Primary School

Newsletter 6 - 14th December 2016



It's been a busy end to the term. I'm sure everyone is ready for a well-earned rest. So much has been achieved over the last couple of weeks.

Recently we took the School Council to The Range to buy some new Christmas decorations for their class. They stuck very well to their budget and were a credit to the school around the store; we received many positive comments from the public.

Our newly formed Fundraising Group have been very busy too. Dates of various events will be published in the new year. Our first project is to raise funds to improve the outdoor environment by Lantic and Cannis. We are getting some plans drawn up to be able to show you.

Thank you to everyone involved in the tea towel fundraiser and our helpers at the Christmas play selling refreshments, including our wonderful staff for staying on.

A big thank you to all grown up elves who helped with our Gift Room Experience - from decorating the library to helping the children have a wonderful morning wrapping presents.

We are still totting up all the money raised from various Christmas events. We will be able to give a grand total in the new year once all expenses have been deducted. In the new year we'll be able to present Beth's Inspiration with the proceeds from the Y6 raffle too.

Tonight we have our School Carol Service - with violins, readers, choir and handbells. We hope to see you all at 6pm for a festive treat. Tomorrow's our Christmas Lunch and then Friday...

Thank you all for your support in 2016 - our parents, governors, staff and wonderful children. Have a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Wednesday 4th January 2017!

## Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits



What a fantastic show! Well done to everyone involved. It never fails to amaze me just how well our children perform. This year was no different. The audience feedback has been amazing - thank you for all the wonderful comments. We also understand there may have been a few weary children (and adults) the morning after. We all hope you felt it was worth it. A special well done to our wonderful actors in Year 6. You should all feel immensely proud.



## Ali Baba Photos and DVD orders

We are now taking orders for photos (20p) and DVDs (£4) of the show. Photos are on display in the office foyer. Please place all orders with the office by Friday 6th January.

## St Austell Festival of Music and Speech

A number of our children recently entered the St Austell Festival of Music and Speech. After weeks of practising during Drama Club, learning how to deliver different emotions and expression with language, the children performed to an audience at St John's Baptist Church in St Austell in a range of categories: Poems, Monologues and Duologues.

All the children can feel enormously proud of their efforts, with the judges noting great features and being 'moved' by the performances. Mrs Bingley was particularly pleased with everyone's enthusiasm and effort and proud when two of the organisers of the festival commented really positively on the children's involvement.

Special mentions to Paige and Millie who achieved third places respectively for their categories, but also great efforts from all competitors: Rebecca, Lily, Evie, Finlay, Isla and Zoe. Well done everyone!



### Christmas Card Winning Design

We were all delighted to welcome Steve Double MP to our Celebration Assembly last Friday. He presented Penny with a prize for winning the competition to design his official Christmas card. Well done Penny!

## Lantic's Nativity

There wasn't a dry eye in the house for Lantic's *Gigantic Star Nativity*. A child's first Nativity at school is always a special moment and it was fantastic seeing so many family members there to watch them. Well done Lantic and thank you to Mrs Jones and the team of adults in Lantic for preparing the children.



## Oceans

A reminder that this Friday 16th December, Oceans After School Club will be finishing at the earlier time of 4pm.

### After School Clubs

Please hand in your after school club request slips by this Friday.

## Spring Lunch Menu

Our new Spring Lunch Menu will be sent home on Weds 4th January. Copies will also be available to download from our website during the Christmas break.



To mark 100 years of the Cub Scouts, all Cub Scouts will be able to wear their uniform to school this Friday.

## Celebration Cinema

For children with the most Celebration Cinema points, tomorrow EYFS/KS1 will be watching *Finding Dory* (U) and KS2 *The BFG* (PG).

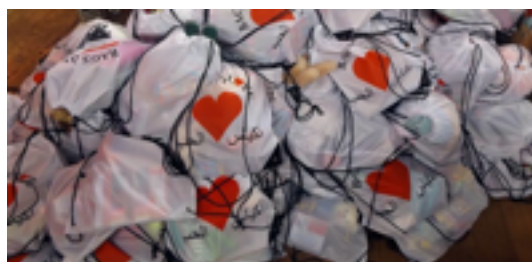


## HANDBELLS

Well done to our Handbells group for their wonderful performances at the Fowey Christmas Market and Town Carols. Take a look at our *News* section on our website for a clip. A special thanks to Elliot (now in Y7) for standing in at the last minute. You can hear them again this evening at our carol service along with our wonderful choir (who also sang beautifully at Town Carols).

## Christmas 2016 Bags of Love Appeal

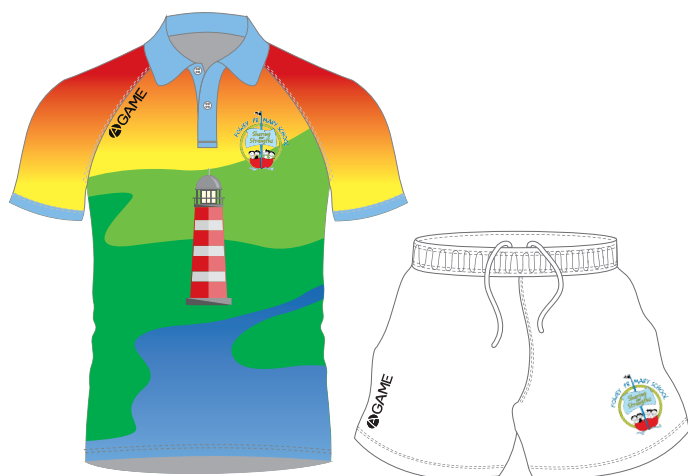
Thank you so much - what an amazing donation from Fowey Primary School! Schools all over Cornwall filled almost 1,500 Bags of Love with toys, ready to be shipped to Syria before Christmas. The Fowey Primary donation was one of the biggest, and these gifts will make a big difference in how doctors comfort an injured child. Some lovely letters from our children are also now on their way to children in Syrian hospitals.



*Sinead Hanks*

## New Rugby Kit

Following the AGame rugby kit competition we would like to announce that Maban's design is going to be made into our new school rugby kit. NM Group Nomenca have kindly agreed to sponsor the new kit, which includes 14 shirts, shorts and socks. Thank you to NM Group Nomenca, who through their kind sponsorship, have paid for the new kit.



Watch out for photos of our new kit, modeled by our team, in the new year.

## Charity Hair Cut



Have you noticed Kerris' hair is a little shorter?

Kerris had a special haircut recently where she donated her hair to a cancer charity that make wigs for children who lose their hair during treatment. Well done Kerris!





You may have heard about Fowey Hotel's Courses 4 Causes event on Friday 3rd February. We are very grateful that one of the causes they are supporting this year is our school along with Beth's Inspiration, Cornwall Hospice Care and Little Harbour Children's Hospice (SW). As well as the evening entertainment they are also doing a raffle in the run up to the event to maximise the amount of donations. Tickets are available from the hotel.



## News on Website

Did you know we update lots of information on our website? Do take a look as we always include our weekly Celebration Assembly results under the news section, e.g. groups and workers of the week, reading raffle winners, etc. This information is also displayed in the hall foyer outside Lantic. You can also follow us on Twitter.

## School Closures in Emergencies

At this time of the year, Cornwall Council asks schools to remind parents about the procedure for closing schools should this be necessary, either due to bad weather or an emergency.

- \* We try to make the decision to close the school as early as possible around 7:15am.
- \* We will send a text to parents as well as an email - please note the 'sender' will be eSchools (the company that host our website).
- \* A message will be posted on our website.
- \* Please listen to local radio stations - sometimes though, the authorisation email sent through to County which gets passed onto the radio stations can be delayed, particularly if they are overwhelmed with a lot of schools closing.
- \* Alternatively, you can log onto: [www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk) and click on *Education and Learning > Schools and Colleges > Current School Closures*.
- \* If we have to close early (when children are already at school), we will post a message on our website, email parents registered and/or telephone you directly. Please rest assured, children will remain supervised until all have been collected.
- \* School closures are a rare occurrence and we will continue to do everything possible to remain open as long as it is safe to do so.