

# Fowey Primary School

Newsletter 5 - 18th November 2016



It's been a busy couple of weeks since we returned after the break. I completed my first round of Learning Walks around the school focusing on how well children are learning and how their learning behaviours support this. It is always a pleasure going into classes and seeing the very positive learning behaviours of our children and how staff support these.

We have also been busy showing around new prospective families for Reception next year and for various year groups. Several new children have started and several more will be over the next couple of weeks - a warm welcome to you all.

Speaking of starting school, former pupils Joe and Kobe (now at Truro School in Y7) invited me for a delicious school lunch and tour last week. It was terrific seeing them again and how they had settled into their new school.

Last Friday, we marked Armistice Day and had a beautifully written *Thought of the Week* shared in assembly by Rebecca in Y5. You can see this and all other *Thoughts of the Week* on our website under *News - Celebration Assembly*.

As part of teachers' professional development, this week we will be starting to use video analysis to support our teaching of mastery in maths. So when your child sees me with a video camera during maths, it isn't for You've Been Framed; they just need to be themselves!

Finally, thank you to everyone for supporting Children in Need today, either by accessorising yourself with spots or bringing in some money. Your kind donations will help make a difference.

## Christmas Play Tickets



**All tickets have now been sold!** We look forward to seeing everyone at one of the shows. Please can your child bring in their costume for Ali Baba on Monday 28th November.

**Nativity tickets** - A reminder that Nativity tickets will be sent home to parents in Lantic next Friday - initial allocation 4 tickets per family. On Monday 28th November, any remaining tickets will be available for the whole school on a first come first served basis. There is no charge for Nativity tickets.

## Lost item of jewellery

We found an item of jewellery in Cannis (Y1) last week. If you have lost an item of jewellery, please speak to the office.

## Stage up in Hall

The stage is up in the hall for Christmas rehearsals. During Wake and Shake, please ensure your children (including pre-school children) stay away from the stage, thanks.

# Fowey Christmas Market Weekend

## Lantern parade



The market weekend starts with the popular lantern parade on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December leaving Berrills Yard at 6:45pm. The parade follows Father Christmas and the Town Band to the church for the Christmas light switch on. Victoria Clark (Rory and Barnaby's mum) is organising the annual lantern parade this year. If you want to take part, you'll need to arrive at Berrills Yard by 6:15pm for judging. Registration forms need to be submitted for each entry (i.e. individual or group) – these are available from Victoria. If you would like any help making lanterns, she is also organising a couple of workshops. Do get in touch with her for further details.

## Handbells performances

Our Handbells group will be playing at 10:30am on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December by the main marquee in town. Do come along and hear some festive tunes. You'll have another chance to hear them at the Town Carol Service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm and our School Carol Service on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm.



## Christmas Choir

Our Christmas Choir have started rehearsing ready for their contribution to the Town Carol Service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December and our School Carol Service on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

## French Picnic - Y3

Coombe had a wonderful French picnic last Friday. They enjoyed many different foods. Some of their favourites were croissants, pain au chocolat, strawberry bon bons and Camembert cheese. The children were fantastic French customers; they ordered their food with excellent manners and accents. I was very impressed with their enthusiasm and willingness to try different foods. *Miss Oatham*





## Anti-Bullying Week

"It was great when we were taught strategies to deal with bullying. I liked it when we did some role play and made the bully confused by responding calmly."

"I really enjoyed the toothpaste challenge! It showed me that it's difficult to take it back if you've bullied someone."



This week, children have taken part in a number of activities as part of anti-bullying week.

We kicked off with a whole school assembly, considering what bullying is (and what it isn't), and discussed the people who we could talk to if bullying took place at school. Every class in the school then took part in follow up sessions based on a range of activities, from how to be a good friend to the role of witnesses to bullying.

Any forms of bullying are taken very seriously at Fowey. Classes have talked about the fact that in order for a person's actions to be called bullying they have to be deliberate and unkind actions, repeated over a period of time. Falling out with a friend one day and making up the next is not bullying. Being unkind to someone day after day is bullying.

In addition, Years 5 and 6 took part in a Stay Safe Anti Bullying workshop, where they considered how important it is to be role models for the rest of the school as well as strategies to support others. The children loved the session and workshop leader, Richard Pomfrett, emailed at the end of the day to say the following: "I was very impressed with everyone's enthusiasm, and willingness to take part throughout the session. You have a lovely school and it was a pleasure to work with you all."

Later in the week, the school council met with Mr Trudgeon to review the school's anti-bullying policy and discuss their understanding and our approach to bullying. Our anti-bullying charter is clearly displayed in each classroom, with a list of people who can help should anyone feel they have been bullied or witnessed bullying.



## Y4 MATHS

"We used partnership and teamwork to agree and discuss our work. The task was to complete a fraction number line in quarters. We then had to make one up together."

## Christmas 2016 Bags of Love Appeal Send a bag to a child in hospital in Syria

Syrian hospitals in the aftermath of an airstrike are chaotic and busy. Due to lack of staff, when children are brought in for treatment, there is rarely anyone with time to be with them. Doctors in Syria have appealed for bags with things that will keep the children distracted and offer them some comfort.

**The appeal needs your help to fill 1,000 bags.** The following would be ideal:

1. A cuddly toy, no bigger than 10" - doesn't have to be new as long as it is clean and undamaged.
2. A pack of felt tips or pencil crayons (with a sharpener) and a pad.
3. An outdoor toy such as a tennis ball, skipping rope, yoyo, etc.
4. A packet of sweets, nuts or dates - halal suitable - please make sure they have no gelatine in them.
5. A picture drawn by the child that has filled it, with a note telling those children that we think of them and they are not forgotten.
6. Anything else that you think would bring a bit of joy feel free to add, but please no toy guns/soldiers, chocolate, battery powered toys or other perishables.

Many other schools in the area are involved. You can leave donations at the school office in a normal carrier bag to be transferred to durable duffle bags ready for shipment, by **Friday 2nd December** - thank you for your support.

## Oceans After School Club

Oceans After School Club will be running until 6pm on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th December due to the Christmas play. An additional charge will apply if booked in until 6pm. At 6pm, any children in Oceans (Yrs 1-6) will go straight to their class teacher to get changed ready for the Christmas play at 6:30pm. Any children booked in from Lantic (YR) will need to be collected at 6pm.

**Advanced notice that on the last day of term, Friday 16th December, Oceans After School Club will be finishing at the earlier time of 4pm.**