

## November Newsletter 2011

### **Christmas Market**

We are looking forward to another Christmas Market on Thursday the 17th November. There will be pork rolls and soup on sale as well as a number of craft stalls, a raffle and tombola.

### **Cornwall hospice Care**

Congratulations to Jack Edensor who has won a fundraising competition to design a flag, which was carried to the top of Mount Kilimanjaro by three Cornish NHS workers. Jack was presented with the flag and a certificate in a special assembly.

### **Bike rack**

It is lovely to see so many children using the bike rack. Please could I ask however, that the children do not ride on the playground at the beginning and end of the day, as we have a lot of toddlers around at those times who are in danger of being knocked over!

### **Pinocchio**

This year we will be welcoming the M & M theatre company in to school for their performance of Pinocchio. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2 towards the show.

### **Show your Spots!**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need day. The school Council would like everyone to design a spotty outfit to wear to school for a £1 fine. The outfit should be as interesting as possible – fit for a cat walk show! We would also ask for contributions of cakes to sell at playtime and that the children bring some money in order to purchase one for 20p. Finally, we will draw a Pudsey on the playground for the children to fill with coins.

### **Girls Football**

Well done to our girl's football team, who under their coach, Ebony, won all of their games at the recent tournament. A fantastic achievement. Thank you to all our parent supporters and drivers!

### **Lost PE Kit**

We have a lost PE Kit, can we ask that you take a look at home for a blue PE bag with a full kit inside, black and white trainers with a named t-shirt and leggings.

### **Lantern Parade**

Padstow school have kindly sent over the materials for making a lantern, if your child wishes to be involved in the Lantern Parade at Padstow. This will take place on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December more details will follow nearer the time.

### **School closure procedures**

Dare we say this, but in previous years we have been forced to close the school because of snow! These are the procedures we will follow in the event of school closures this winter.

- If the school had to close during the day, you would be sent a text message to arrange immediate collection of your child. Those who don't have a mobile will be contacted by telephone
- Following this, a message would be sent out via BBC Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM and Atlantic FM
- If we know conditions will be bad and know we won't be opening the school, we will make a decision by 7:30am (when the caretaker has been able to assess the situation and the chair of governors has been able to make a decision). A message will then be sent via text, the above radio stations and our website [www.stmerryschool.co.uk](http://www.stmerryschool.co.uk) (on the calendar page).

It is therefore vital that we are kept up to date with any changes to your telephone number .

### **Joseph and his Technicolor Dream coat (Years 1-6)**

Tickets for the Christmas Play will go on sale on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. Every family will be allocated 3 tickets at £5 each (each ticket doubles as a raffle ticket). Tickets may be used for anyone over the age of 6 (pre-school aged children and parents will be invited to our free final rehearsal on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 9:30am). Any unsold tickets will be available for sale from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 8:45am. We are doing our 4 performances on Thurs 8<sup>h</sup>, Fri 9<sup>th</sup>, Mon 12<sup>th</sup> and Tues 13<sup>th</sup> of December at 5:30pm. Pupils will need to be in school at 5:10pm (during which time parents can get refreshments at the pre-school).

Please inform us if your child is unavailable for any of these dates and if they are allergic to face paints.

This year we are asking if there are any parents and/ or friends that would like to help with the play to let us know.

We need people who can sew costumes, who are budding artists and are willing to help paint the set design, and anyone who is able to make and or decorate props. Please let us know if you can help and on which day.

### **Nativity**

This year our Reception class will be performing their own production of "A Little Nativity" on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm. All friends and family welcome

### **Diary dates**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 'Read Write inc' meeting for KS1 parents – 2pm

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November –Christmas market 3.10 pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December - M and M Pantomime- Pinocchio

7<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch

8<sup>th</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas play

13<sup>th</sup> December- Class 1 Nativity – School Hall 2pm

14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas parties pm (Non school uniform day)

15<sup>th</sup> December – Carol concert, St Merryn Church at 2.15pm (Children to be released from the Church for end of term)