

September Newsletter 2011

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a fantastic holiday and enjoyed the lovely weather. We are very pleased to welcome all the new Reception children and Aimee and Bertie in class 2. A warm welcome also to Mr Ratcliffe who has returned to his Assistant Headship role and as Class 2 teacher and Mrs Berrington, who will be sharing Class 4 during Mrs Cudmore's maternity leave. We hope you all settle in quickly.

School Uniform

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for the way the children are so smartly turned out. Your support in maintaining our high standards of appearance is greatly appreciated. Can I just remind you to ensure that all clothes are clearly labelled and that wellies are now part of the school uniform.

Academy update

As a result of the consultation meetings, there were no objections to St. Merryn becoming an academy and therefore the Governors have voted to proceed with the conversion. The 1st November 2011 is now the likely date, but we will keep you informed of progress.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will take place on **Thursday 29th September at 11am in School**. We hope to hold it on the field, weather permitting. Anyone who would like to hold a stall, selling local produce, please see Mrs Worrall. All donations of food will be gratefully received and passed on to the Age Concern.

Photographs

Individual and family photographs will be taken in the school hall on Friday 30th September. All parents who wish to include younger siblings are asked to come to the Office at 8.50 so they can go first.

Communication for separated parents

We are keen to ensure that, where parents are separated, both parents get as much information about their child as possible. Please therefore let us know on the slip below, how you would like information about your child's progress to be sent to you.

Do you have a child who was born between 1st September 2007 and the 31st August 2008?

If so you must apply for a school place by the 15th of January 2012 even if your child has a nursery place at the preferred school. You can apply on line at: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

PTA

As we start a new school year, we look forward to trying hard to raise as much money for the school as possible and organising events for parents and children. If you have any spare time, or would like to be involved at all, please come along to the meeting **9am on Wednesday 5th October**. Everyone is Welcome!

The Big Build

We will be holding a **non- school uniform day on Friday 16th September** to raise money for the Big Build, a fund to help people in Africa. Each child will be asked to make a donation a voluntary contribution of £1 towards this worthwhile charity. A representative will be holding an Assembly at the end of the day, when the children will present the funds they have raised.

Aerobics

Aerobics starts today (Wednesday) 6.30pm-7.30pm in the School Hall with Helen.

Diary dates

Friday 16th September – Non school uniform day-The Big Build
Thursday 29th September - Harvest Festival on the School field at 11am
Friday 30th September – Individual and family photographs
Wednesday 5th October 9am - PTA meeting – All Welcome!
Parents evenings –Mon 17th to Thurs 20th October
Thursday 1st December - M and M Pantomime Pinocchio
8th 9th 12th 13th December - Christmas play
13th December- Class 1 Nativity – School Hall 2pm
14th December – Christmas parties pm Non school uniform
15th December – Carol concert – Church 2.15pm Children to be released from the Church for end of term

Parent communication for separated parents

Name:

Child's name:

I would like to be communicated by

e-mail – address.....

text – number.....

posted letter – address.....