

April Newsletter 2011

Congratulations Youth Speaks Team! The Wedding Planners came 2nd out of 236 schools in the county, we were very impressed with their performance as the competition was as tough as ever!

Netball - We had a fantastic team, but unfortunately we got knocked out of the semi finals in the last minute. The amazing team spirit was very noticeable!

Football – Congratulations to the football team who played amazingly in the Camel Challenge last week. There were some cracking goals, super saves and it was a tremendous team effort. They got through to the final, but just lost on penalties! The second team have a game next week – good luck!

Cross Country - Well done to all 13 pupils who entered the recent cross country competition. They all completed the course and did really well. Callum, Brad and Keely got through to the finals (along with the best children in the county)! We have never had more than 1 pupil go through to the finals in the past, so this was a huge achievement. All three completed the gruelling course and came in about half way against at least 50 other children from across the county, many of whom were running with local clubs!

Wadebridge Music Festival- Earlier this month, a group of brave children from Class two entered a poetry competition, reciting a poem from memory in front of a large crowd in Wadebridge Town Hall. From a group of 17 entrants, Ross won, with Sam coming a close second. Anya and Bella who also did really well, as there were only a few points separating each of them.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with these extra- curricular activities by transporting and supporting the children

An Easter Fayre in aid of the St Merryn Pre-School Porch Appeal is being held at the Parish Hall from 11am - 2pm on SATURDAY 9th APRIL. All donations for this event are greatly appreciated (Please contact Kym on 521862). Events will include a raffle, jumble sale, lucky dip, toy stall, treasure hunt, face painting, craft stall and refreshments. All Welcome!

St Merryn Pre-school - Have an advert for a part time pre-school assistant to cover maternity leave. If you are interested in this post and are qualified up to NVQ level 2, please call Helen on 01841 521862 for an application form.

Red Nose Day - We raised £97.07 on red nose day and the sale of the red noses raised £120! Thank you to everyone who made and brought in cakes. A huge thanks also to Lisa Humber for helping us. The school council did a great job of choosing the theme and Class 4 did an amazing job of setting up and running the silly obstacle race!

PTA - Barn Dance- Tickets have now gone on sale to the community so if you haven't got yours... hurry!

Mothers' Day – On April 1st we will be putting something special together for our mums. Presents will be £2 per family.

Dads/Grandads/Uncles Workshops - 19th and 26th June 1-5pm. All are invited to two Sunday afternoon workshops, making a clay oven and bird hide for school. These will enable us to use the outdoors even more by linking it to all areas of the curriculum, in particular science and design and technology. We will then run a session for all the families involved. This will involve a play and outdoor cooking session. Places are limited so please book with Mrs Worrall. This has been funded through the PTA and Extended services.

Cricket- Wadebridge Cricket club is running cricket sessions on Tuesday 31st May 10-12pm for 5-7yr olds £5 and 1-5pm for 7-11 yr olds £10 Please see Mrs Worrall for a booking form if you are interested.

New Granite Boulder - We have purchased a granite boulder with money donated from the Cornish Arms to extend our grounds. The children wanted something to climb on and jump off. This will also enable us to teach children about what can be sourced from our local environment and what they can be used for as well as climbing on! If

anyone has any equipment that they would be willing to use to transport the boulder across our field, without damaging the grass area, we would be really grateful, as it weighs 1½ tonnes

DVDs £8 - We still have 10 Knight Fever DVDs that were ordered and not paid for. If anyone wants to purchase one please ask Mrs Worrall.

Maternity cover – Mrs Cudmore is due to take maternity from mid- June through to next Easter. For the last half of the summer term her class will be covered by Helen Read who is well known to staff, parents and pupils. The curriculum has already been planned and Mrs Read will be in before then to get to know the new pupils. She will also cover Mrs Brook’s class until the end of term, so that Mrs Brook can step up to be Acting Head. Miss Mitchell will take on the role of Acting Assistant Head.

Staffing for September - Many of you will be aware that Mr Ratcliffe took a secondment from St Merryn School in 2008 to take on an Acting Headship in another school. This comes to an end in August and we will find out by 31st May at the latest, whether he will return to us. In September the governors plan for C1 to be taught by Mrs Bateman and Mrs Robinson, supported by Mrs Sole (Mrs Robinson will continue to cover PPA in C1, 2, & 3). We will inform you about Class 2 as soon as we have news about Mr Ratcliffe’s return; however, Mrs Ibbotson remains as TA within Class 2. Class 3 will be taught by Miss Mitchell, supported by Miss Hornabrook. Class 4 will be taught by Mrs Brook and Mrs Berrington, who has been delivering tuition within school and is a very experienced local teacher (until Easter). They will be supported by Mrs Hicks and Miss Hawson. Miss Waller, who has been covering Mr Ratcliffe’s secondment, was offered the post of part time reception teacher and PPA cover, but has decided to wait to see if Mr Ratcliffe will return, as she in the early stages of her career and naturally wishes to have a full time job.

Swimming surfing- We will be swimming surfing in the week beginning May 23rd. There will be a charge of £ 12.50 a week for swimming and £25 for surfing (this is also subsidized by the PTA). Payments can be made at any time before or during the event!

Leaflets in school- We currently have ‘kids go free’ Eden Vouchers and 50% off the Sea life Centre in our new leaflet stand in the foyer. If anyone would like one, please help yourself.

Claire Cross is running in the London Marathon in aid of a small children’s centre in Lostwithiel, St Merryn Pre-School and St Merryn School. We have a sponsor form in reception if you would like to support her – Good luck Claire ☺

Meningitis – We have had reports of meningitis within our locality. Please see the symptoms list on the NHS website www.nhs.uk

Diary dates

Wednesday 30th March - 3pm Camp Meeting for C4 parents and children in C4

Thursday 31st March - Eco committee workshop 1-3pm in school

Friday 1st April – Children making Mothers’ Day presents £2 per family

Wednesday 6th April – PTA egg hunt for the children in the morning

Thursday 7th April – Friendly football match against St Issey 3:15-4pm

Friday 8th April – Easter assembly in the church from 2:15- 2:45pm The children will go home from the church, so please don’t bring book bags and if possible send packed lunches in plastic bags.

Tuesday 26th April Summer Term starts

Friday 29th April- Bank Holiday for Royal Wedding

Monday 2nd May – May Bank holiday

Monday 9th May - SATs week – school pupil assessments

Monday 16th May – School arts week

Monday 23rd May – Swimming/surfing week

Monday 30th May- 3rd June - May Half Term

Friday 10th June – School closed for INSET – Royal Cornwall

14th June –Arts night