



St Hilary School Newsletter

"The Best we can be"

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End of term summary

It doesn't seem like "five minutes" since the new school year began and yet here we are again, approaching the end of what has been a great term, even by St. Hilary standards.

The year started with the staff being joined by Jack Lugg, who is completing his teacher training with us. Some will remember Jack from his days with us as a bike-ability instructor.

The School Improvement Plan was finalized at the end of September with everyone already "on board" and working towards this year's targets. Please see (updated) SIP for further information.

The school's Harvest Festival took place mid October with members of the Parish receiving food boxes and donations made to the 'Food bank' and the "Street Food Project Penzance", a fantastic achievement by everyone!

During November the school ran a "Maths Bonanza", led by Ashley Larter, to give parents/carers an insight into how maths is taught and give some ideas for helping children with maths at home. The evening was a great success and I am reliably informed that some parents actually enjoyed it!! Weird!!

November also saw the release of the school's data, now called Analyse School Performance (ASP); the old "RAISE". It made excellent reading and my congratulations go out to **everyone**.

Our project based curriculum never ceases to amaze me in the way it continues to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum for our children. So far this term there have been numerous visits including a trip to St Michaels Mount to hunt for dragons, a parent presentation assembly, a jam sale at St Erth Farmers market (which raised an amazing £145!), a trip to a (very) posh restaurant to make pasta and meatballs, (thank you Ben) and a day in the life of a Viking experience. Wow!!

Our choir has sung at the Goldsithney lights switch on and will also be visiting two care homes to spread some Christmas cheer. Well done to all of you.

The PTA continues to do superb work raising fantastic amounts, helping the school tremendously in these particularly challenging times (financially). At the time of writing I cannot quote the final figure for the amount raised at the Christmas Fayre but I believe it is a staggering amount, not far short of £2000.00. A huge thank you to Tamsyn and her team.

As you will now know, we are actively looking at joining a MAT. Some of you will recall that we have looked at several MATs over the last 6 years or so and for various reasons said 'no thank you'. However, this local one "feels right" and our investigations so far are very encouraging - we will obviously keep you informed.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to one of our T.A's at the end of term. Venetia Siney has been with us for over ten years, working with several year groups. Venetia will be greatly missed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all she has done for a huge amount of children at St. Hilary and to wish her well for the future.

For me, as a Governor, the highlight of the term has to be our Ofsted inspection. At extremely short notice, the school as one kicked into overdrive (Google it!) and presented itself in exemplary style to the inspector.

The result was never in doubt! Although I have been asked on more than occasion since the inspection "how good do you have to be to get outstanding?" Unfortunately I cannot answer that question, but what I do know is that we are not a "tick box" school. Thankfully here at St. Hilary we have an excellent team of passionate, able people working hard and getting it right.

Have a great Christmas!!

David Sharp

Chair of Governors

Mathletics – 4th December –10th December

Ava has managed it again and has definitely been our most outstanding Mathlete of the term. She therefore becomes the KS2 star and 'Mathlete of the Week'.

Harriet Wright has also had a cracking term with a fantastic 3rd place, and becomes our highest R/KS1 star of the week! Well done.

We are so proud of all the children this year in Mathletics, TTRockstars and Maths as a whole.

The children have spent almost 900 hours boasting almost 1.5 million points. They have also achieved 630 certificates between them since the beginning of the Autumn term which is simply fantastic! Mathletics and TTRockstars will continue to be live over the festive period and we hope you all have a truly wonderful time. Bring on 2018!

Top Students	Activity Points	Live Points	Total Points
Gilmour, Ava	> 6,820	180	7,000
Mann, Thomas	> 3,990	0	3,990
Wright, Harriet	> 2,940	0	2,940
Mann, Jacob	> 2,500	53	2,553
Hill-Dann, Rosie	> 2,400	79	2,479
Mann, Poppy	> 2,020	0	2,020
Davies, Joshua	> 1,840	161	2,001
Stevenson, Talia	> 1,450	0	1,450
Jackson, Mia	> 1,130	161	1,291
Spray, Malachi	> 1,260	0	1,260



On Monday, the school will be taking on the breakfast club which currently runs at Sunny Corner. As the staffing ratios are different in a school to a nursery setting, we are able to offer this to parents at a slightly cheaper cost of £3.00 for the 8.00am- 8.45am session.

The club will run from the Funzone room, which will allow the use of the room and the top playground. Children arriving before 8.30 will be offered cereal and/ or toast options. If you would like to book your child in for the breakfast club, either as a regular or 'one-off' then please phone the school and a member of staff will be able to organise this. Numbers will be limited so it is important that children are pre-booked for the sessions. On arrival, children should be brought to the school entrance where they can be taken either by parents or staff to the Funzone room. If you have any queries regarding this then please do not hesitate to contact us.



A reminder that the last day of term (20th December) will be a 2pm finish. There will be no Funzone on this day.

There will also be no Funzone on Tuesday 16th January due to the re-scheduled Child Protection training.



Class Attendance

This week's attendance hot spot goes to Prussia Cove with 99.2% Well done all.



CLASS CERTIFICATES WEEK ENDING 8th December

Perran - Moritz Foulds, James Jacka, Charlie Ley
 Prussia Cove - Zara Stevens, Freyja Edwards
 Porthcurno - The Whole Class
 Sennen - Zara Inch, Pixie Foscett
 Kynance Cove - Jenna Wearne, Ruby Ballard
 Gwithian - Amy Merrifield, Millie Kerslake
 Gwenver - Caitlin Oliver
 Lamorna - Rhys Campbell

<u>Fabulous Full-Markers</u>	
<u>Accelerated Reader</u>	
<u>Prussia Cove</u>	<u>Gwithian</u>
Harry Bettens	Emma Tilly
Ravi Sharp	Oscar Partridge
Matthew Atkinson	Caitlyn Richards
<u>Porthcurno</u>	Matt Monteith
Phoebe Strawson	Toby Preston
Lorelei Andrewartha	Sonny Monteith
Isabella Rhodes	Samuel Craigie
Mason Smith	Oscar Stephens
Harriet Wright	Caleb Stevens
<u>Sennen</u>	<u>Gwenver</u>
William Green	Joel Veal
Maximus Jackman	Harry Morton
Rosie Kelly	Harvey Rule
Tilly Sanson	Zelah Anjari
Freddie Challoner	Ava Gilmour
Harvey Woodward	Oliver Ballard
<u>Kynance Cove</u>	Molly Denton
Thomas Mann	Lewis Stephens
Savannah Garner-Williams	Cassie Chinery
Ruari Little	Phoebe Sanson
Layla Richards	Caitlin Oliver
Bethany Lamb	Demelza Swan
Amelia Atkins	Noah Tiddy
Dominic Hamshar	<u>Lamorna</u>
Elise Eley	Lily Row
Teddy Hodgson	Jack Baker
Jack Semmens Ley	Rhys Campbell
Claudia Prosperi-Matthews	Fin Sharp
Malia Williams	

The Children of St Hilary School require an Assistant Playworker for Funzone

We are looking for an enthusiastic, friendly and experienced Assistant Playworker to support the development of our After School Club. You will need to have prior experience of working with 4 to 11 year olds.

The Assistant Playworker:
10 hrs Monday-Friday (3.30 to 5.30pm) (term time only)
Salary: £7.50 per hour

St Hilary School is strongly committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and adults as its top priority. The successful candidate will be required to apply for an enhanced disclosure from the criminal records bureau and two written references will be taken up prior to interview.

For a job application and more information about the role please contact us at secretary@st-hilary.cornwall.sch.uk or 01736763324

Closing date for applications: Midday on Friday 15th December 2017



Messy Church Christingle will be at Marazion All Saints' Church at 4pm on Sunday 17th December.

It'll be a fun family time to celebrate the work of The Childrens Society in a Messy Church sort of way.

Everybody welcome.

See Facebook: Marazion Messy Church



FUNZONE

A polite reminder

The November Funzone invoices/statements were sent out via email on 7th December 2017.

Our terms strictly state payment within two weeks upon receipt of the invoice. Please pay promptly using Schoolcomms, cheque or cash.

If you have not received your monthly invoice or are unable to receive invoice/statements via email please contact the school office Thank you

A service for all the family **Blessing of the Crib**

at St Hilary Church
on Christmas Eve

at 3pm



Refreshments will be served after the service

CHRISTMAS AT TREVENA CROSS

— CORNWALL'S MOST MAGICAL CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE —

2nd - 3rd, 9th - 10th & 16th - 17th December

FREE Christmas Festival

- Massive Charity Fundraising Grotto £5 per child
- Magical Laser Lights Tunnel
- Giant Snowglobe Selfies
- Christmas Market Shopping



LATE THURS
GROTTO OPENING TIL 8PM
Thursday 7th, 14th
& 21st December

Talking Owl and
Talking Postbox
Giant Polar Bear



Stunning 6ft Nordman
Christmas Trees

£25



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