



End of First Half Term

It is hard to believe that the first half term of the year is almost over – and judging by the sounds of birdsong as I walked into school this morning, hopefully Spring is on its way.

Apologies for the school closure this week. Having slid gently back down a snowy hill three times in my car and then sat in traffic for ages, while receiving text messages from staff who were unable or struggling to get in to school, we were left with no option but to close for the day. Apologies also for the delay in getting the information about the closure out. I managed to get a signal enough to send an e-mail to Cornwall Council, which triggered the information being sent to local radio stations and I know that some parents kindly shared the information on social media sites. It was some time before we could update the school website and unfortunately I was unable to remotely access the parent texting or e-mailing service. Many of the younger children in school have never seen snow, so I'm hoping they were able to enjoy the small amount we had. I've heard about a number of small snowmen that were built.

We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hughes (Foundation Class) at the end of this week as she has found that working part time has not worked out for her. After the half term break, Mrs Walker will teach in Foundation Class four days a week and Mrs Harvey will teach them one day a week. Have a good half term break. We look forward to seeing all the children back at school on Monday 19 February.

Katherine Warren

Cross Country

Congratulations to everyone who took part in last week's cross country event at Penair School last Friday. In particular, praise goes to Findlay (1st), Matisse (7th) & Harry (8th) from year 5 and Henry S (2nd) from year 6 who were placed at this event. These children have all qualified for the next round at Pool. Well done boys.



Youth Speaks Competition 2018

On Thursday the 1 February, Scarlett, Alex and Susannah went to a speaking competition. There were seven schools there. It was held at Polwhele House School. You had to think of a topic to talk about, and Kea School's topic was Homelessness. The Truro Rotary Club held the competition, and did an amazing job.



The Truro Rotary Club drew out pieces of paper with numbers on to determine who was going 1st, 2nd, etc. Kea School went first and apparently did amazingly. Alex was the chairperson and introduced everyone on the team. Susannah was the main speaker and did the main speech and answered the question which was passed on by Alex. Scarlett then proposed the vote of thanks.

We performed our speech, and watched the other six school teams; there were speeches about plastic, are we wild?, smartphones, manners, and overfishing. Once everyone had performed their presentations, we had 30 minutes to wait for the judges to decide who went through to the next round.

In the end Kea School didn't place but we at least tried our best. The two schools that went through were: Truro Prep (who won the competition) with their speech about 'Are we wild enough?' and Devoran School (who came second) with their speech about 'plastic'.

We enjoyed our time being at the competition and did our best. It was an honour to be Kea's Youth Speakers for 2018 and good luck for next year, hope you do well.

By Scarlett, Alex and Susannah.

Year 2 Victoria Sponge Bake Off

On Monday, Year 2 worked in house teams to produce a Victoria sponge as a team for a competition. After a hard day in the kitchen, Miss Warren, Ms Lamerton and Mrs Olive tasted the cakes and judged them. All the bakers did really well, producing tasty cakes, but the overall winning team was the red team - Well Done!

We also learned some information about the origin of the Victoria Sponge. Queen Victoria started a new tradition of having afternoon tea. She used to enjoy having lots of baked sweet treats but she was worried about small children having seed or fruit cakes. So a simple, harmless sponge cake was invented for the children in the nursery to have afternoon tea too. But it soon became popular on the adult table and it was said to be one of Queen Victoria's favourite cakes, which is how it got its name.

Well done to all our Year Two bakers and we hope you got a mouthful to taste too!

Learn to Play day

Trevada Music's Camborne store will once again be taking part in the National Learn To Play Day on Saturday 17th March. We will be offering free taster lessons in our store throughout the day.



Lessons are available to adults and children of any age with the chance to try Guitar, Violin, Piano, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon, Trumpet, Cornet, Flugel Horn, Tenor Horn, Baritone Horn, Trombone, Euphonium, Tuba and Drums!! Instruments will be provided where needed. We are also offering vocal lessons for budding singers.

If you or anyone you know has ever wanted to have a go at a particular instrument then here is your chance to try for FREE with a qualified tutor.

Please book your slot early to avoid disappointment by calling 01209 714353 with your chosen instrument and your contact details.

Rotary Young Writer Competition 2017/2018 – an additional exciting opportunity Write a poem to celebrate the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle

There is an **additional national Rotary Young Writer competition**. This competition invites pupils and students to compose poems (one side of A4 in length) **to celebrate the forthcoming wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle**. The two winning poems from each Rotary District will be sent to Prince Harry and Meghan, with a letter from the RIBI national President. We hope very much that some children will rise to this challenge! If your child would like to enter, please bring your entry into school by Friday 23 February 2018. You will also need to complete an entry form which is available from the school office. We look forward to reading your entries.

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Diary Dates

February 2018

Fri 9	Break up for half term
12-16	Half term
Mon 19	Back to school
Wed 21	Bags2School
Tue 27	8.00 am Resources & Safeguarding Committee Meeting
Tues 27	2.00 pm Teaching & Learning Committee meeting

March 2018

Thur 1	World book Day
Mon 5	St Piran's Day
Wed 14	6.30 pm Full Governing Body
Fri 16	Non uniform day in return for items for Easter Bingo
Fri 23	7.00 pm Easter Bingo - Kea Church
Wed 28	2.30 pm KS2 Easter Concert
Thur 29	Break up for Easter

April 2018

Mon 16	All back to school
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