

# St Day and Carharrack School Newsletter



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## **Dear Parents and Carers**

Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a great break and feel ready to embrace the lead up to our seasonal celebrations! Mrs Vanstone, a parent volunteer, has already started leading our Christmas singing – we will sound fantastic! This is an exciting term and staff have been working hard to plan an engaging topic based curriculum, leading to an open afternoon for you in December.

Please see the dates and reminders overview below as it is a busy couple of weeks with more information to follow. All information is on our website- with the online calendar on the home page as a reminder of what is happening each day.

We would like to welcome Mrs Uren to the team. Mrs Uren will be working in the office every day from 8am-4pm this term and has already implemented a number of systems to support us with managing school payments. We are in the middle of getting all invoices up to date and moving to an electronic system. Thank you parents for bearing with us during this transition period.

**Please note: there will be no clubs on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** due to **Parent Consultations** taking place on both days. You will be receiving your child's ten minute appointment time by Wednesday this week. Please let us know if you cannot make your allotted time. **School will be finishing at the earlier time of 2.00pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November.** If your child usually stays for FUNZONE on a Thursday, you will automatically have a place reserved at no extra charge. Please contact the office before Thursday, if you need to reserve a Funzone place 2.00-3.10.

We have lots of lost property clothing! On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, clothing will be displayed in the playground at the end of the day. We urge parents to ensure items of clothing are labelled so we can quickly return them to you.

This week, you will be receiving an attendance 'traffic light' letter to inform you of your child's attendance percentage. We need to work together to make quick improvements as our whole school **Attendance** from last year was considerably below the National expectations of 96.5%. For this first half term we are already below expectations at 94.3% - which is over 600 absences. As a school, we want to be supportive of exceptional circumstances and will always consider your unique family circumstances. The Governing Body will be monitoring attendance closely and reviewing our policy in order to improve the attendance of every child and therefore remove gaps in learning. The good news is that our punctuality has greatly improved and we would like to thank you for supporting us with this as it makes a huge difference to the whole school community- enabling our morning to run smoothly.

## **DATES and REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY**

- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** – 'Parents and Friends Meeting' – to plan our Christmas Fayre 2.30 pm School Library. If you are unable to make this date but would like to run a stall, then please let Mrs Uren know.
- **CLUBS** – please note that the end time for clubs is 4pm to enable staff to plan and prepare learning for the next day. If you arrive later than 4pm, your child will need to be collected from Funzone. A charge of £3.00 will apply up until 4.15pm.
- **ADVANCE NOTICE:** Please note that on December 20<sup>th</sup> the school day finishes at 1.30pm for all children. There will be no clubs or FUNZONE.
- **The School Calendar issued at the start of the year contains an error:** There is not an INSET day on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019. Children return to school on June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019 (due to the INSET day being on January 7<sup>th</sup> 2019). Please update your paper copy.
- **Please support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** – we have items from 50p- £1.00 for the children to purchase. School Council members will be selling items in the playground at the end of the day. Thank you

### **OUR VIRTUE: DETERMINATION**

You focus your energy and efforts on a task and stick with it until it is finished. Determination is using your will power to do something when it is not easy. You are determined to meet your goals even when it is hard or you are being tested. With determination we make our dreams come true.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOLDEN STARS**

### **Ms Vallance**

for helping me with all my learning (Erin, Yr5)

### **Ms Popperwell**

for learning more things and never giving up (Leona, Yr6)

### **Miss Peters**

because she keeps helping me

### **Mrs Pooley**

because she helps me sing more



At the end of term assembly, the children shared their thanks for our wonderful staff team. We would like to thank all the staff for their extra support and running exciting new clubs.

**We are very proud of all our children and staff**

*Thank you – The St Day and Carharrack Team*