



## Newsletter 4b



### Autumn Term 2011

#### Events Diary

5<sup>th</sup> October - KS1 Trip to Penny well Farm  
 Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October - FSU Come & Play Day  
 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October - Family Church Service - Theme - Invitations 9.30am  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> - Messy Church  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October - SPSA Coffee Morning  
 Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September - FSU No Pen Day  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October Half-Term  
**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Inset Day**  
 Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - Year 5 & 6 London Trip  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Messy Church  
 Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Family Service - Remembrance Service  
 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November - FSU Learning Jamboree  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Messy Church  
 Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Family Service at St Peter's Church  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - End of Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of September already. I am pleased to report that the term has started positively and that the classes are very settled and that routines are now clearly established. Last week, the Governors appointed Miss Emily Kitchen B Ed (specialising in English and Early Years Education) to the teaching staff. Miss Kitchen will take over the Reception class when Mrs Moore takes maternity leave at the end of October.

#### Headteacher awards for September

I am delighted to publish the September list of Headteacher awards for effort and excellence in Learning. At the moment they appear to be all for academic achievement, it is to be hoped that next month we will see them embrace learning in the Humanities, Art, DT, Music and PE.

Good behaviours will be highlighted when we start the Olympic and Paralympic values certificates after Half Term.

Name	Year	Reason for award
Oliver Cassidy	1	Accurate knowledge of alphabet and outstanding effort with writing sentences independently.
Alex James	2	Independent creative writing of high quality for age demonstrating very good structure and expression.
Millie Hardman	2	Good quality Home-learning in Mathematics.
Bethany Hillyard	3	Exceptional effort with Handwriting formation showing good progress.
Lucy Rose	3	Independent creative writing of high quality for age demonstrating very good structure and expression.
Lily Allen	3	Home-learning - Good effort, accuracy and good presentation.
Toby Richards	3	Home-learning - Good effort, accuracy and good

		presentation.
Mitzi Cunningham	4	Consistent good effort with Mathematics over a week resulting in good progress.
Annabel Mogers- Taylor	4	Problem solving idea that she uses to good effect with challenging calculations.
Bechan Wills- Dixon	4	Consistent cursive style of hand -writing resulting in a high standard of presentation- ready for pen.
Ben Hushon	5	Excellent story writing that was independently completed over the summer holidays.
Ben Lightfoot- Page	5	Exceptional effort with independent home-learning
Lauren Brewster	6	High standards produced in home-learning in both Mathematics and English
Hope Evans	6	High standards produced in home-learning in both Mathematics and English
Isaac Cretney	6	Quality written reflections in personal learning - log.
Jack Woodthorpe	6	Quality written reflections in personal learning - log.
Katie Brindley	6	Consistent diligent approach over 3 weeks to home-learning tasks showing accuracy and determination in her approach to learning.

### **Harvest**

A special thank you to all families who kindly donated some produce to the Harvest Festival last Friday, it is now being distributed to St Petroc's and within the local community. Thank you also to those who came to Church for the service and allowing your child to participate in the Harvest song.

### **Punctuality**

Last week I reminded you of the necessity of being at school for the whistle at 8.55am so that we can start lessons promptly at 9am. Although an improvement has been made there are still too many families not giving themselves enough time and rushing into the playground as the whistle goes. I should be grateful for your co-operation in this important matter.

### **Mathematics Workshop**

We have had a good response and I look forward to seeing you at the Mathematics workshop for Parents and Carers tomorrow (Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September) 5-6pm.

### **Foundation Unit**

We currently have space in our Foundation Unit for children aged 3 and 4. Children in Nursery are entitled to have up to 15 funded hours a week. If you or know someone who is interested in a space please contact the school office 01395 443167.



### **Maths Curriculum Evening for Parents and Children**

If you can spare an hour of your time we will show you some of the methods we teach in school so that you can support your child/ren at home with their studies. You are welcome to join any of the Key Stages for their introductory talk and visit classrooms to take part in the activities and workshops.

We look forward to seeing you from 5pm in the Hall.

Mrs Pam Harrison  
Maths Co-ordinator

### **SPSA 100 Club**

Thank you to all those who have returned their applications. The deadline for applications is this Friday, 30 September 2011. There are still places left, so if you are interested please dig out your application form and return it in the envelope provided. There is a small supply of spare forms in the foyer if you have mislaid yours. Don't forget, this can be an opportunity for friends and family to support the school too. Thank you for your support.

### **Messages from School Office**

If parents are returning forms to the school office, to save queuing, you can use the green mail box outside the main entrance to the school. The mail box is emptied throughout the day.

If there are children at the school whose parents are in the forces, please let the office know ASAP as we can claim extra funding. Many thanks



### **Gardening Club**

Is there any parent (CRB checked) who would be interested in helping out for half an hour on Monday lunchtimes please? The club is run by Mrs Wyatt and Mrs Gebbie and they would appreciate another adult to help the every enthusiastic young gardeners. Knowledge of plants useful but not essential. Thanks

### **Netball Club**

A reminder that there will be no Netball Club for Years 5 and 6 at school on the 29<sup>th</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Music Update**

There are still a few spaces available for singing lessons with Miss King on Tuesdays and in the Recorder Ensemble with Mr Pearson on Thursdays. There are also spaces in lunchtime Ukulele and Djembe Drumming Clubs. See Mr Perkins if interested in these or anything else musical!

### **Warm Wish Brick Scheme**



This Friday is the closing date for parents to send in their applications to have a brick engraved and mounted. Money raised will go towards improvements on the swimming pool. If you have any queries please email [warmwishgroup@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:warmwishgroup@yahoo.co.uk)

### **Secondary School Applications/Transport**

A reminder for parent/carers of our Year 6 that applications for secondary school place September 2012 closing date is 31/10/2011.

Mr Malcolm Elliott

Acting Headteacher

