



**Nanpean Community Primary School**

**Nurturing Children's Passion to Succeed**



# NEWSLETTER

**08/12/2017**

We hope you feel that you are always treated fairly, and feel able to come into school to discuss issues. We are always open to reviewing our equity policies.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Each week, Nanpean School staff choose one pupil from their class who has shone to be their class star. This could be due to their consistently good behaviour, putting a lot of effort into their work, or their super learning. **'Star of the Week' slips will go home in the book bags of the children chosen as our Stars every Thursday.**

This week our stars have been:

**Eden— Toby Nancarrow** for his fantastic ball skills in P.E when aiming accurately at a target.

**Hendra— Poppy Knowles** for her enthusiastic participation and big smile during Nativity rehearsals.

**Prosper— Aden Lewis** for his super singing in the Nativity rehearsals.

**Karslake— Reece Squire** for setting a shining example during singing practice.

**Melbur— Jasmine Ash** for her consistent effort in learning her times tables and spellings.

**Drinnick— Mackenzie Dash** for his consistent effort in all lessons and always with a smile.

**Rosemellyn— Lucy Edmonds** for her outstanding diary investigation work.

## LUNCHTIME AWARD

Each week we present a child with a Lunchtime Award. This is to recognise and reward a child who has been notably kind, helpful or well behaved during lunchtimes for the week.

This week our Lunchtime Award goes to:

**Elina Helliker** for always working her socks off when doing her lunch duty.

## BUSY BEES

Busy Bees are awards given out to children to acknowledge that an aspect of their learning or behaviour is exceptional.



There were no Busy Bees this week.

## REMINDERS

♦ **There will be no school clubs running for the rest of this term. A new clubs sign up letter will be sent home in the new year. Please contact Byrne Blackbelt Academy directly to find out when their clubs will be running.**

♦ **Karslake's trip to the Royal Cornwall Museum will be going ahead on Wednesday 13th December.**

♦ **If you have a child born between 1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014, you will need to apply for a primary school place by 15th January 2018. Please refer to our Admissions Policy on our website for more information.**

♦ **We have had requests for lists of names for Christmas Cards, we will only provide first names, on request.**

## ⇒ Christingle Service

Yesterday, our school took part in our annual Christingle celebration. The Christingle service has been a longstanding tradition in which the children use oranges, ribbons, sweets and a candle to represent bringing light to the world and all its creatures. Thank you to Reverend Emma, who joined us to lead the service, and to Claire-Louise (Tesco champion) for providing the symbolic oranges, raisins, sweets and toothpicks.

## ⇒ Christmas Dinner

Our school Christmas Dinner took place on Wednesday. Children had their festive lunch complete with crackers and they looked great in their Christmassy jumpers! Thank you to the kitchen staff; Mandy, Jane and Tracey, who worked so hard to ensure that the first Christmas dinner under new management was a success.

## ⇒ Parents Forum

Wednesday 6th December was the final Parents' Forum of 2017. Thank you to all the parents who attended and made this forum one of the best attended yet and allowed for lots of helpful debate and suggestions. A copy of the parents forum notes is available on the school website and in our entrance area. Topics for discussion were Parent's Evening and whether it may be preferable for the whole event to take place in the school hall rather than in classrooms, the success of the half term holiday club and changes to tuck. Parents reported on issues with the eSchools app (which will be investigated), resolutions to speeding on St George's Road, and suggested that the school should have a PTA...

## ⇒ Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

*Would you like to see more fun events taking place at our school for your child?* If so, please come along to an information session where we can talk about how we could set up a PTA. This session will take place on **Wednesday 10th January at 9:00am and 5.30pm** and will take no longer than 30 minutes. If you are able to commit to playing a key role in our school as part of a PTA, please let Mrs Wicks know.

## ⇒ Elves required

As we do not currently have a PTA in place, organisation of this year's Christmas Fair has fallen largely on admin staff. As we have just gone through a staffing change, this has added additional pressure to an already busy time. So we are asking if any parents/ carers/ family members would be available to come in and assist with Christmas Fair preparations or during the afternoon itself (we are always short of face painters). We will be having an afternoon preparation session on Friday 15th December from 2pm and a set up session on Monday 18th December from 11am. If you can help, please inform Miss Dash in the office.

## ATTENDANCE

w/c 4/12/2017		<u>Karslake</u>	<u>100%</u>
Eden	95.83%	Melbur	97.22%
Hendra	93.75%	Drinnick	97.92%
Prosper	93.53%	<u>Rosemellyn</u>	<u>100%</u>

**Head Ted will be shared between Karslake and Rosemellyn, as they both had 100% and one late each.**

⇒ **Key Stage 1 Nativity**

On Tuesday 12th December and Wednesday 13th December, Key Stage 1 children (those in Reception, Year 1 and 2) will be performing this year's Nativity: A Wiggly Nativity. Tickets, including additionally requested tickets, have all been sent home. We still have a small number of tickets available for the performance on Wednesday 13th December at 2pm. Please note that siblings/children under primary school age will not be permitted at the 5.30pm performance on Tuesday 12th December or the 2pm performance on Wednesday 13th December. We have arranged a special performance for younger children to attend on Tuesday 12th December at 2pm, and tickets are still available for this performance too. Please contact the office if you would like to request any additional tickets for these performances. Entry for all performances will be via the main hall doors. For the 5:30pm performance on Tuesday 12th December, please can children be dropped off at their normal class entrances at 5pm, so that they can get changed and ready for their performance. Children will then need to be collected from their normal class exits after the performance. All of our KS1 pupils have been putting a lot of effort and practice into their performances, and we can't wait to see it!

⇒ **Non School Uniform Day ~ 15/12/17**

We will be having a Christmas themed non school uniform day on **Friday 15th December** and we ask in return that parents/ carers donate boxes of mince pies, prizes, cakes or baked goods, or £1 towards the cost of running the Fair. We will be accepting donations at any point from now until the morning of the Fair and will be grateful for any and all contributions.

⇒ **Christmas Fair ~ 18/12/17**

Our Christmas Fair will be taking place on **Monday 18th December from 1.30pm**. Class teachers will release all children from usual end of day exits to permitted adults at 1.20pm. Please note that children who are on our unaccompanied list, will not be released until 3.10pm unless they are collected by an adult. The Hall doors will open for the Fair at 1.30pm. Children not collected at 1.20pm will be supervised by school staff in Karslake classroom, so if you are running late, please walk around to the Year 3 classroom to collect your child. These children will still have the opportunity to visit the Fair, in small groups under the supervision of school staff. Once you have collected your child from the classroom at 1.20pm, staff will no longer be responsible for your child, and so you are free to leave once you have browsed the Fair. We will have face painting, glitter tattoos, stocking and decoration decorating, raffles, tombola, other games and competitions, and Santa's grotto. We will be selling Nanpean Calendars throughout next week, for collection at the Fair, and are hoping to make school tea towels available for pre-order at the Fair. All children have contributed to the creation of these items and they make lovely, useful keepsakes. Calendars can be pre-ordered by either school entrance and in reception. There will be small number of additional calendars available at the Fair, but so that we have an idea of numbers, please do take the time to request yours in advance. We will be running the teddy bear stall this year, and so if you have any teddies at home that are in good condition but need a new home, please drop them into the office. If you would like to run your own stall at our Fair, please let Miss Dash or Mrs Wicks know. We charge £5 per stall, payable in advance of the Fair, and you get to keep your profits. Again, we ask if anyone can help with the prepping or setting up of the Fair.

⇒ **Lost Ring**

A ring was found at the back of the school hall after last Friday's achievement assembly. If it is yours, or you know who it may belong to, please let the office know.

⇒ **Office Changes—Next Week**

Mrs Sewell will be starting as our new administrator on Monday 11th December and is very much looking forward to it! She has visited us before to get to know some of our pupils, parents/ carers and procedures but will be learning as she goes. Mrs Sewell is a very experienced administrator so we don't anticipate it taking too long to adjust to our particular ways and work with Miss Dash to ensure that our admin team work super efficiently (hopefully for a long time to come), but please bear with us until the end of term. Thank you!

⇒ **Brighter Smiles Initiative**

Nanpean School has approached Brighter Smiles to assist us as part of our commitment to the health and wellbeing of our pupils. Brighter Smiles is a campaign set up by the Smile Together Dental Community Interest Company; Cornwall's leading providers of emergency and access dental care. The campaign has been launched as a response to the fact that more children in Cornwall need to be hospitalised and require a general anaesthetic for tooth extraction than for any other reason. 20 children a week currently go into hospital for teeth extractions, missing on average at least 4 school days, that could have been prevented through education. This campaign involves Brighter Smiles working closely with our school to educate our pupils on the importance of correct dental hygiene and provides a dental nurse service across the year. We will be able to provide more information on this collaborative project in due course. In the meantime, if any local business owners or volunteers would like to find out more about how they can contribute to this campaign, please contact Vikki Bendle: [vikki.bendle@brightersmiles.org.uk](mailto:vikki.bendle@brightersmiles.org.uk).

**Autumn Term**

**12th December 2017**—KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal (2pm)

**12th December 2017**—KS1 Nativity (5:30pm)

**13th December 2017**—KS1 Nativity (2pm)

**15th December 2017**—Christmas themed non school uniform day

**18th December 2017**—Christmas Fair (1:30pm)

**20th December 2017**—LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM

**Spring Term**

**Thursday 4th January 2018**—FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM

**10th January 2018**—Parents Forum/ PTA information meeting

**5th February 2018**—Celebration of Learning event (no clubs)

**6th February 2018**—Safer Internet Day

**7th February 2018**—Parents Forum

**w/c 12th February 2018**—HALF TERM HOLIDAY

**6th & 7th March 2018**—Parent Consultations

**9th March 2018**—Year 6 Transition Day at Brannel School

**16th March 2018**—SNELL CUP

**23rd March 2018**—Sport Relief

**28th March 2018**—Easter Service (led by Karslake & Drinnick)

**28th March, 5pm**—Y4/5 Easter Disco at Brannel School

**Thursday 29th March 2018**—LAST DAY OF SPRING TERM

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs C Wicks

Head teacher

