



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.

#### Head teacher Weekly Update:

It has been a lovely week at school, as always, and I always maintain that Christmas is such a lovely time of year, especially in Primary Schools. It is also a busy time of the year with extra productions and events.

This week started with us continuing our Monitoring Schedule on Monday, whereby Miss Morton, Miss Morrison, Mr Barritt and myself all visited every classroom, spoke to children about their learning, and viewed their work / books in relation to our roles in school. It is always lovely to speak to the children and see their work, and well done to all of the children who continue to produce some high quality work.

On Tuesday, we had our Christmas Art Day, where every child in the school made something to sell at our Christmas Fair next Wednesday (18th December). Hopefully parents and family members will purchase these things as this is one of our fundraising events where we raise money to be spent on school related things.

It was a lovely end to Tuesday as I immensely enjoyed our KS2 Carol Concert in the afternoon. The children read clearly to tell the Christmas story, and sang beautifully with songs related to the Christmas story. Well done to all of the children who took part and to Miss Brotherhood and Mrs Grindrod for planning and organising this. It was a lovely event that we hope to recreate each year.

Much of my day on Wednesday was taken up with meetings although it was nice to briefly visit each classroom and these were all extremely calm, despite it being such a busy time of year.

On Thursday, we were due to take part in a Cross Country event at Par. However, and this is extremely rare, but it was cancelled (again) due to the awful weather. We hope to attend the races planned for January and February if the weather improves!

Finally, hopefully many children and parents have noticed, but our previous Caretaker, Mr Pieniak (Mr P), kindly donated a wooden reindeer to our school which looks lovely and has been proudly displayed in our Reception Area. Thankyou Mr P for kindly thinking of us!

The Autumn Term finishes next Friday but I hope to see many of you at our Christmas Events next week (details elsewhere on the newsletter) and hope you are looking forward to these as I am.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend,  
**Mr M Nicholls, Head teacher**

#### REMINDERS

- ⇒ **There will be no clubs w/c Monday 16th December as it is the last week of term.**
- ⇒ **We finish at 3:10pm on Friday 20th December. First day back for children will be on Tuesday 7th January 2020.**

#### STARS OF THE WEEK

Each week, Nanpean School staff choose one pupil from their class who has shone to be their class star. **Star of the Week' texts will be sent home every Thursday. Please ensure we have the correct mobile number on record for you.**

This week our stars are:

**Eden - Toby** for excellent counting and participation in Read, Write, Inc.

**Hendra - Lexi** for her brilliant rhyming words in English this week.

**Prosper - Leah** for being extremely kind and helpful.

**Karslake - Noah** for excellent speaking during our carol service.

**Melbur - Connor** for tremendous efforts in all of his learning—great perseverance.

**Drinnick - Alesha** for superb problem solving skills in Maths.

**Rosemellyn - Alfie** for superb detailed drawings of birds in Art.

#### BUSY BEES

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



**Ellie (Rosemellyn)** for outstanding Maths work when plotting coordinates in the first quadrant of a grid.



#### SPORTS STAR AWARD

This weeks Sports Star award goes to:

**Olivia (Drinnick)** - for her excellent team effort in this week's PE lesson.

#### CITIZENSHIP AWARD

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

This week our Citizenship Award goes to:

**Chloe (Rosemellyn)** for being super helpful at lunchtimes and using her initiative.

#### ATTENDANCE

w/c 09/12/2019		Karslake	91.03%
Eden	97.73%	Melbur	98.77%
Hendra	97.50%	Drinnick	96.53%
Prosper	95.40%	Rosemellyn	99.17%

⇒ **KS1 Nativity Performances**  
Our KS1 Nativity will be taking place next week! The children have been working very hard at learning the songs, dances and words for 'Shine Star Shine' and are looking forward to performing their play for parents/ carers and family members, following their successful dress rehearsal today. The performances will be taking place on the following days and times:

**Monday 16th December 2019 at 2pm and Monday 16th December 2019 at 5.30pm**—Performances for parents/ carers and family members.

Our performance for parents/ carers with younger siblings and the rest of the school took place today so we politely request that young children are not brought to the performances on Monday.

Letters offering additional seats for the performances were sent out and you will have been informed by text as to whether additional seats have been allocated to you. Please note that there will be no tickets for the nativity this year.

Please can children arrive at 5pm to get ready for their evening performance.

⇒ **Parent's Forum**

It has been agreed that we will vary the time of one meeting per term. Therefore, the next Parents Forum meeting will be on Monday 13th January at 2.30pm. Hopefully people who regularly attend this meeting will be able to attend and some extra parents will be able to attend due to the variation of the day and time.

⇒ **Sports Kit**

We would like to give Imerys a huge thank you for funding the cost of our new Rugby kit. It has been ordered and we eagerly await its arrival. Next for replacement is our school netball kit, which has served our school well but is in need of updating. Would anyone be willing to, or know someone who would be willing to donate money to sponsor a new school Netball kit? Anticipated cost would be £400 and we are willing to add the sponsors logo to it and provide publicity if required.

⇒ **Netball Coaching**

Our children would really benefit from some extra Netball coaching. If anyone is willing to offer this, either as a lunchtime or after-school club, please let the Office staff or Mr Nicholls know and we can arrange this to begin asap.

⇒ **Christmas Fair**

Our Christmas Fair will be taking place from 1.30pm on Wednesday 18th December and all are welcome to join us for the afternoon! Children must be collected from their normal class exits by 1.15pm to walk around and enter the Fair through the hall main doors. We are looking for volunteers to help during the Fair, please let the office know if you are able to help us out. We will also be accepting donations of cakes/mince pies and teddy bears in good condition for the Fair. If you are able to donate any of these items, please drop them into the office. For those that have ordered, the calendars and tea towels will be ready to collect at the fair, payment will be required on the day if not already paid.

⇒ **Attendance**

We would like to remind everyone that at our school we place huge importance on the value of good school attendance in improving both a child's academic and social development. Not only this, but it is a parent/ carer's legal obligation to ensure that a child of school age receives an efficient and full time education. We would like to remind all parents/ carers of the following:

-If you take your child out of school without permission you will be committing an offence under section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

-A referral with our School Welfare Officer will be issued where a child has had 10 sessions of unauthorised absence.

-The Local Authority has the authority to issue penalty notices on behalf of the school if a child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence.

-As a result, if a child of school age has at least 5 days unauthorised absence during a 10 week period, we will be initiating the procedure that could result in penalty notices being issued.

Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in court action. No leave of absence will be authorised except for in exceptional circumstances and this is at the discretion of the Head teacher. Additionally, if you report that your child is absent due to illness, but we have reasonable reason to doubt the accuracy of this statement, we will be within our rights to request evidence from your child's doctor confirming the illness. If your child is having any problems that you feel are affecting their attendance, please speak with your child's class teacher or Mr Nicholls.

⇒ **Farewell**

Unfortunately, after almost 7 years of excellent service at Nanpean School, Miss Dash (in the Office) is moving to another job to further her career in January. Miss Dash is an excellent member of our team who is highly respected by staff, parents and children. Her presence in the office and knowledge of the school will be greatly missed. We wish Miss Dash well in her new venture at Cornwall College, and are delighted that she is remaining in her Governor role so will still be part of our school community. Thank you and Best Wishes Miss Dash - we will miss you immensely!

**DIARY DATES**

**Autumn Term 2019**

**Monday 16th December, 2pm** - Nativity performance

**Monday 16th December, 5:30pm** - Nativity performance

**Wednesday 18th December, 1:30pm** - Christmas Fair

**Monday 23rd December**—First day of the Christmas Holidays

**Monday 6th January 2020**—INSET day, school closed to pupils

**Tuesday 7th January 2020**—First day of the Spring Term

**Yours Sincerely,  
Mr M Nicholls, Headteacher**

