



**St Newlyn East**  
Learning Academy

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*'Growing Excellence Together'*

**Date: Friday 8th December 2023**

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Dear families,

We have had a brilliantly festive week, thanks in large part to the **Friends of SNELA** and all of their efforts to make this time really special for our children—you really are the best team ever. Last night's Christmas Fair was a huge success and we really appreciate all the hard work from Nicola, her team and school staff. We have also been embracing Christmas spirit in class too with our Christmas lunch and decorations afternoon. Particular thanks to the Trenance Kitchen team for making Christmas lunch so special.

### Parent drop-ins

Thank you to all the families who have been in to see the learning that we have been doing over the last half term. I know that the children have been feeling really proud to show-off their hard work. Don't forget, there are more open afternoons planned for next week. Due to the positive parent comments, these sessions will now become a regular feature for every half term. Thanks once again for coming in and sharing these special moments with your children.

### Wet plays—any donations welcome

Unfortunately, we are having more wet plays at the moment. The children love building **Legos** and **playing games**. If anyone has any spare Lego kits or packs of cards, *Top Trumps* etc, we would really appreciate them.

### Staff gifts

In this season of giving, we would like to ask that, instead of potentially bringing any gifts, you may instead like to bring in a couple of well-loved, but no longer needed, books for others to enjoy. Or, as mentioned above, potentially donate some spare Lego or Duplo!

### Community sponsorship

If anyone in our parent community knows of local businesses that may wish to support with elements of school life such as sporting equipment, play equipment, trips and books, we would all be really grateful. If you know of anyone I could approach for sponsorship, please come and speak to me on the gate.

Have a great weekend.

Andy Watkins, Headteacher



## Our Persevering and passionate Citizens:

### Friday 1st December

Holywell - Enys

Tolcarne - Poppy

Porth - Elsie

Fistral - Hattie

Watergate - Reid

Crantock - Jack

### Friday 8th December

Holywell - Herbie

Tolcarne - Florence

Porth - Ella

Fistral - Eddie

Watergate - Alex

Crantock - Scarlett



## Attendance

Thank you for everything you are doing to get children, **'In school, on time, every day and learning ready.'** Our whole school attendance this week is

**95.4%**. Thank you for everything you are doing to help us reach our target of 96%. Well done to **Year 1** for achieving our highest attendance at **100%** this week! Please continue to fill out an Absence request form (available from the office or on our website) if you wish for your child to take

an absence. We are 2nd in our Trust overall for attendance, let's aim for 1st!



If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of

# What's on at SNELA and in the Community

## Coming up at SNELA

Please take a look at our website under the **Our School Day** page for a comprehensive calendar of school events all the way until January. This will be updated regularly.

Year 5 are looking forward to their trip to the **Eden Project** on **Monday 11th December**, this will extend the learning they have been doing about Climate Change.

Year 2's Musical performance for parents will be on Monday 11th December from 2.30 - 3pm. Holywell's parent drop in session will follow at 3 pm.

Year 4 will be showing off their Science learning at 3 pm on **12th December** and Year 5 will treat parents to a musical performance on **Thursday 14th** from 3pm.

The EYFS/ Key Stage 1 Nativity *Everybody Loves a Baby* will be on **Thursday 13th November** at 9.30 am and 2.30 pm. Tickets are bookable via the MyEd app (2 tickets per performance per child). Siblings and the rest of the school will watch it on Tuesday 12th December.

Our whole school pantomime trip to see Peter Pan will be on **Thursday 14th December** — we can hardly keep our feet on the ground, we're so excited!

Year 3 and 4 will be taking part in a Christmas Service on Friday **15th December** at the Church from 1.30 pm. Parents from both classes are welcome to watch.

## Reminders

Please can we ask that you **continue to book your children's school lunches** via the **MyEd system**. Currently lunches are bookable up until Friday 1st December. We are awaiting confirmation of School Christmas lunch day. As soon as we have this information, December lunches will be bookable.

**Parking:** Please can we ask that you park considerately in the areas on the approach to school particularly along Parknoweth Close and Station road to help maintain access to school. Thank you for your support with this.

**Term dates:** As a reminder, the last day of Autumn Term 2 is Tuesday 19th December. Spring Term 1 will commence on Thursday 4th January.

## News from across our Trust



We're looking forward to playing The Bishop's Academy in a friendly football match with our Girls team today. Good luck everyone, you're amazing!

We want to say a huge thank you to all the schools that have sent Christmas cards to us via the Kernow Learning Christmas Card Exchange. It's been lovely to see all the messages of joy and good cheer that have been shared and we hope that our fellow schools have liked receiving our cards too!



## Friends of SNELA...

We want to say a HUGE thank you to our brilliant Friends of SNELA. This week they have funded our REAL Christmas tree in reception, hosted our Christmas Market, provided end of term treats for ALL children AND.... Run our Christmas Fair which was a roaring success. Special thanks to Nicola and her team of elves... we mean parents... who work tirelessly to support our school. We are blessed.

We're so looking forward to our whole school trip next Thursday—thank you PTA for funding this too. Thanks also for buying 10 Minecraft for Education licenses for our iPads.



# Here's what we have been learning...

## Holywell

We've had an exciting couple of weeks in Holywell as we gear up for Christmas. We loved our Winter Wednesday and made beautiful decorations, cards and Christingles. Our RE topic has been all about advent, so this tied up the topic really nicely! We're so looking forward to sharing our Nativity with you next week (13th), the children have been working so hard on this and you're in for a real treat. We've been learning about the Christmas Story and listening to different versions. The Year 1 children have been writing their own versions and we're so proud of their progress in Literacy.



## Tolcarne

Wow - we have had a great festive week in Year 2! In RE, we finished off our Advent learning making Christingles. We want to say a huge thank you to Deborah who has inspired us this term. We made decorations for our class tree and went shopping for our family at the Christmas market. In literacy, we are really proud of our finished wow writes about the famous Bear and his Piano. We are really looking forward to seeing you all at our Nativity play next week - we can't wait show you our performances.



## Porth

In Year 3, we have had another super busy and exciting week. We have been learning Christmas songs to sing at the church and we were able to perform them to parents on Tuesday afternoon. We loved having parents and carers come into our class on Tuesday and having the opportunity of sharing our amazing work with them. It was great to show our Wow write books and also our D.T work, evidencing our designing and making of our fantastic cereal bars. We continued the Christmas theme by sewing Christmas decorations and making Christmas cards, another great week!



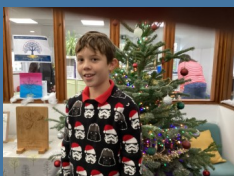
## Fistral

Fistral class have had a very productive week. Adrian from blast from the past visited us to explore Anglo Saxons. In literacy we have now defeated those pesky varmints from destroying everything green! The students researched and wrote fool-proof step by step instructions to repopulate the planet with flowers and plants after those pesky varmints destroyed all things green - a job well done. The class is now excited to begin a new theme about Vikings and Valhalla. During Maths we have been calculating perimeters for quadrilateral and rectilinear shapes. We have started a new book in guided reading, an exciting story where our hero's farm is taken from him leading him to travel to the Amazon a bid to save it! The Christmas festivities have started, and we are getting creative with Christmas designs and decorations - exciting stuff!



## Watergate

Year 5 have had an excellent fortnight, they have started reading "Hidden Figures" and learning about racism and sexism in NASA, which became NASA. They have also been learning about how shadows change dependent on where the sun is in the sky and started developing their doodlers in technology. They have been hard at work getting ready for their performance to parents and carers next week, you're in for treat.



## Crantock

Year 6 have had a wonderful couple of weeks. Firstly, it was brilliant to welcome so many of our grown ups into our classroom on Monday afternoon, where the children were able to share their Norse Myths. We look forward to more of these opportunities throughout the year. We were lucky enough to welcome Luke Spurrell this week, where he led a mindfulness soundbath using a range of different instruments and meditation techniques. Finally, we enjoyed our decorations day and Christmas dinner this week. It has set us up perfectly for the last couple of weeks of learning and different Christmas celebrations to come.

