

# St Petroc's Post



## Letter from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

The week began with a splash of Christmas shenanigans in each of the classrooms but it was in the Hall that the festivities got truly underway. The annual preparation of the display boards for the play and nativity audiences went splendidly and the finished boards look fantastic. The children do get very excited by it, so if you are able, please check them out when you get a moment. We have been enjoying the Dolphins preschool dress rehearsals, as they prepare for the 'real thing' next week, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the performances. I would just like to remind everyone to park both safely and considerately on the roads around St Petroc's. Please do not block any driveways, gateways or park on any yellow lines. I really appreciate it.

We have also been enjoying preparations within the Prep School for the annual Christingle service, for which we collaborate with Bude Primary Academy - Juniors. This will take place on Tuesday 3rd December, immediately after our Key Stage 2 choir perform at the Falcon Hotel, for the Rotary Club senior citizens dinner. We will also be visiting a number of the local residential care homes and it is especially rewarding to spread some festive spirit to those that can be left feeling lonely or isolated at this time of the year. This is a sad but very real situation faced by some local people and our children have recently been learning a little about those less fortunate than ourselves. It is wonderful for us to have such an active role in the community and for us to develop our partnerships and outreach work with other organisations. These choir events also offer us performing opportunities ahead of our annual Carol Service at Bude Methodist Church on 12th December. Please do come and join us; you are very welcome.

In addition to the Christmas vibe, we have also enjoyed seeing so many of our parents experiencing how the children learn Phonics. I must thank the staff and the guests (including our 'mini-teachers') for their attentiveness and support. We will look to have a workshop on the building blocks of Maths in the future too. It further demonstrates the partnership between us, to develop and support your children maximally. It is great to see and be part of. I would also like to say a huge well done to the Key Stage 2 swimmers, who ventured down to the Arena Gala in Wadebridge yesterday. A superb effort again from them and thanks to Mr Fox and Mrs Biddlecombe for accompanying them.

Please do rest up this weekend; there are many bugs doing the rounds and we all want the children (and ourselves!) to be 'match fit' for all the forthcoming festive build-up.

Ben Hilton  
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## Diary Dates

### Tuesday 3rd December

- 4pm Christingle Service at St Michael's Church

### Wednesday 4th December

- Fixture v St Joseph's (A)
- Dolphins Nativity\*

### Thursday 5th December

- Non School Uniform Day (Bottle donations for the Christmas Bazaar)
- Dolphins Nativity\*
- Prep School Play

### Friday 6th December

- Prep School Play

### Saturday 7th December

- Friends of St Petroc's Christmas Bazaar at An Mor

### Thursday 11th December

- Christmas Lunch

### Thursday 12th December

- 4:30pm Christmas Carol Concert at Central Methodist Church
- Last day of term (No Stay & Play)

### Monday 6th January 2020

First day of term



# Christmas

## BAZAAR

### SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

SANTA'S  
GROTTO  
12-1PM

An afternoon of festive fun for the whole family  
Amazing raffle prizes including a short break at a Park Leisure Holiday Park,  
£100 cash and 365 days of free coffee at Rosie's Kitchen

**12-3PM**  
**AN MOR HOTEL**  
**HARTLAND TERRACE**  
**BUDE**



- RAFFLE ★ FESTIVE FOOD AND DRINK ★ SILENT AUCTION ★ GAMES
- LOCAL CRAFTS AND GIFTS ★ PROMISE TREE ★ CAKES
- FACE PAINTING ★ SANTA'S GROTTO ★ TOMBOLA
- PRE-LOVED CHILDREN'S CLOTHES AND TOYS
- AND SO MUCH MORE!

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Little Turtles

**Ssshh! Secret crafts...**



This week has been another fun filled week in Little Turtles! We have been role playing in the home corner, making some secret crafts and exploring the sounds of the different musical instruments! Today we enjoyed doing some mark making.



Sea Lions

**Fun with friends**



The Sea Lions have been continuing with all things Christmassy this week, including Christmas tree threading and collages. We have enjoyed using playdough, practising using knives and forks to cut it and shape it. We have also had jelly play and sparkly gloop to explore. The children enjoyed welcoming some new friends, who have been getting to know the room and all of the things we have on offer. At circle time, we have focused on talking about how to be kind to our friends and families.





Dolphins

Star bakers



This week, the children have been busy baking star shaped biscuits and having fun decorating them with lots of icing.

Afterwards, they practised their skills of recollection and discussed the ingredients that they had used to make the biscuits.



The Dolphins put their creative skills to good use by designing their own Christmas cards, decorating them using a variety of shapes.

The children have also been working very hard to learn the songs and their parts for the forthcoming nativity play.

The Friends of St Petroc's



The 100 Club

# Join the 100 Club!

Each number costs £4 per month, with 50% of each month's donations supporting the work of the Friends of St Petroc's and the remaining 50% being the prize fund for that month's members.

Each month, three numbers are drawn at random and the lucky winners receive a share of the prize fund!

You could win one of three cash prizes every month!

Help raise valuable funds for the school and Early Years

Numbers currently available:

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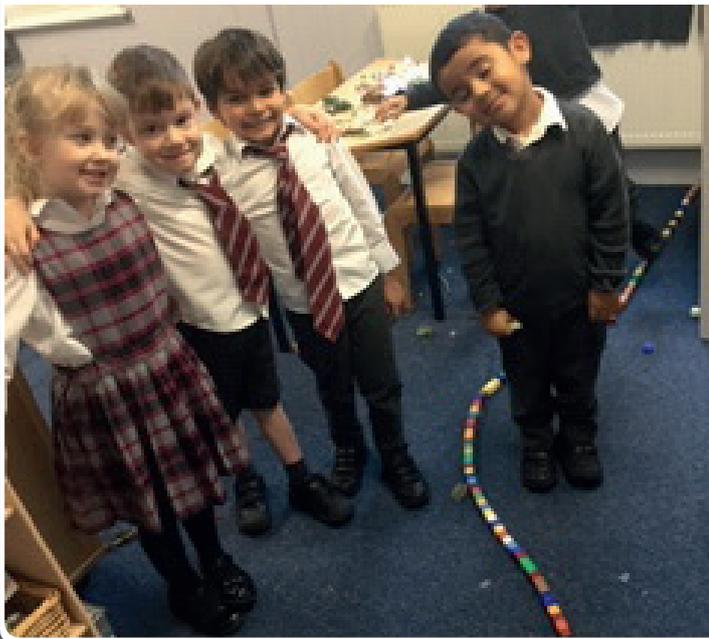
Contact Lindsay on [mail@lindsayhazeldine.com](mailto:mail@lindsayhazeldine.com) for more details and to get the ball rolling with your 100 Club membership!



Reception

**The long and short of it**

Christmas arrived in Reception this week! We have had fun decorating our class Christmas tree and the children have been learning about the nativity story, relating it to our forthcoming Christmas play.



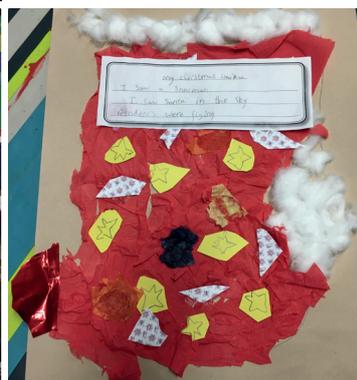
We have also been building a stable with the building blocks, creating pictures of the nativity using shapes and writing words in snow with candy canes. The children had a lot of fun exploring 'longer and shorter' when we made paper chains. They were comparing the lengths of their paper chains to find the longest and shortest, then the children made a giant cube train stretching the length of the classroom. Some of the children tried to count how many cubes long it was and there was some fantastic counting, all the way up to 100!

Years 1 & 2



**Santa's workshop**

This week, Christmas arrived in style in Years 1 and 2! Our English and Maths workshops took on a festive theme and the children loved wearing their Christmas hats. In between their academic pursuits, the children also had a busy week of play rehearsals and swimming. Today, they spent the morning exploring and writing Christmas Haikus, presenting them on wonderful Christmas collages. The classroom was full of seasonal rhythm as the children clapped their way through 5 and 7 syllable festive phrases. Each poem was personal to the children, expressing their favourite bits of Christmas. Well done Years 1 and 2!

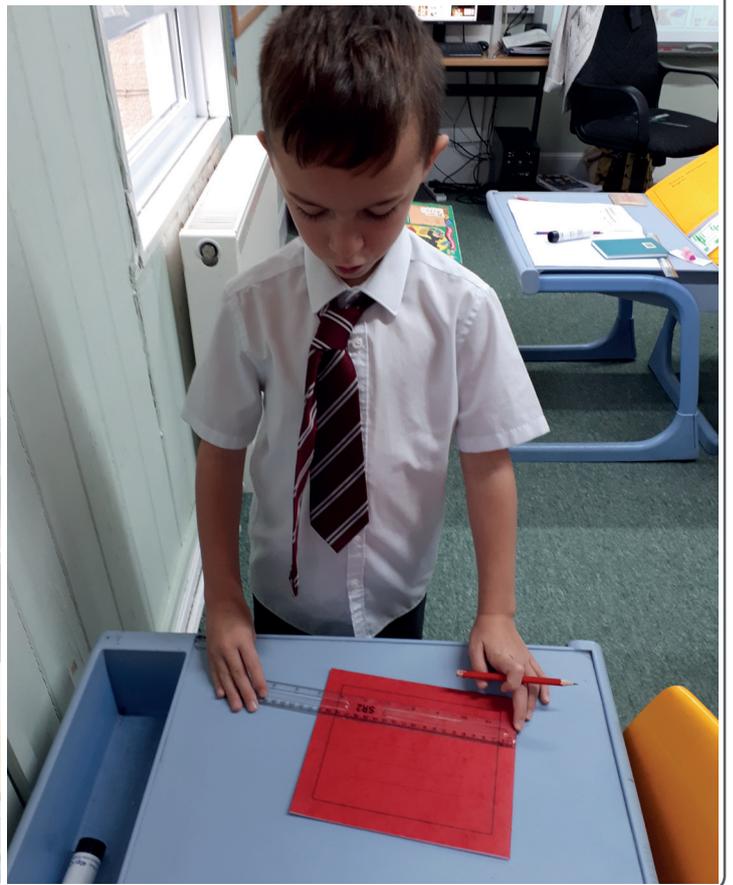




Years 3 & 4

**Measuring up**

The Year 3 and 4 children have been working with measurements this week. They have been learning to measure accurately with a ruler, taking note of how rulers are designed and the fact that there can be differences. They have also used rice and pasta to make estimates as to weight when compared to a kilo bag of marzipan.

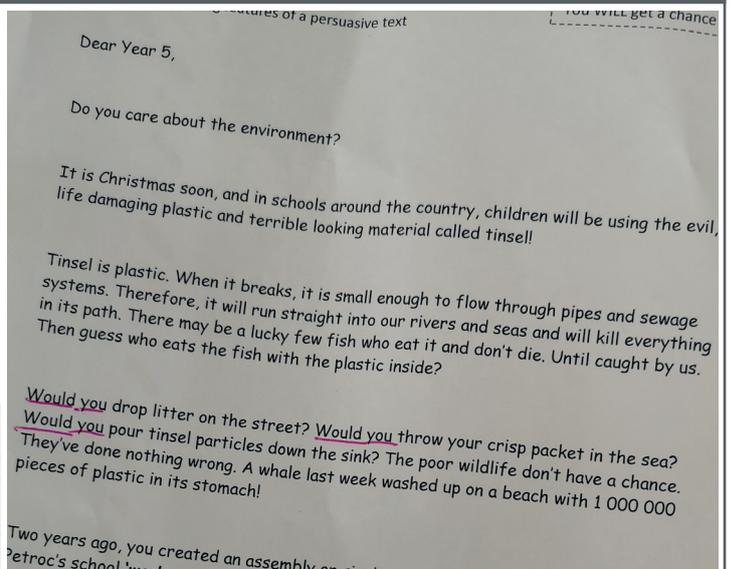
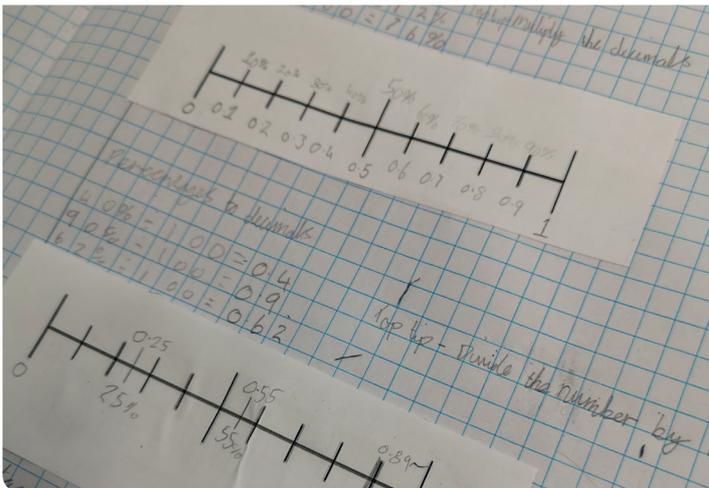


Year 5

**A (potentially!) sparkly cliff hanger...**

Year 5 have been busy finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. They found a rule for each and then applied their calculations and methods for solving their problems brilliantly. 100% effort!

In English, the pupils have been learning about persuasive techniques. Groups of 3, exaggeration, word play and rhetorical questions are just a few of the tools they learnt.



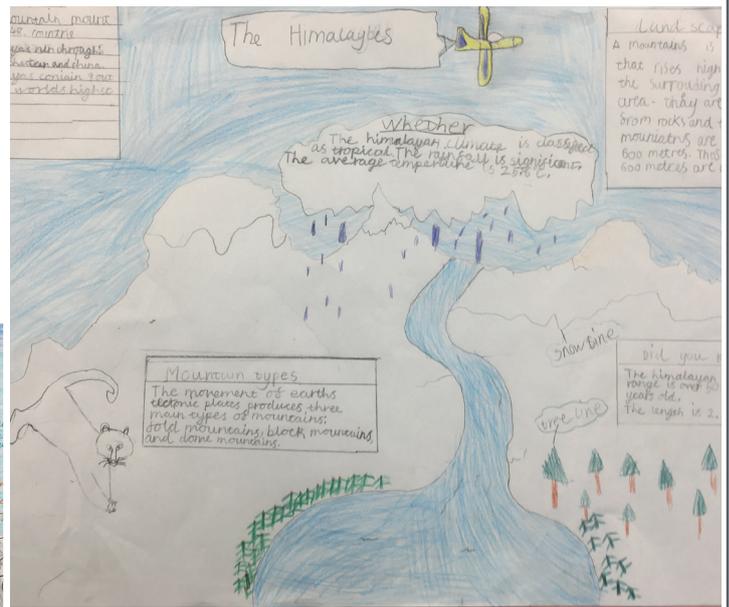
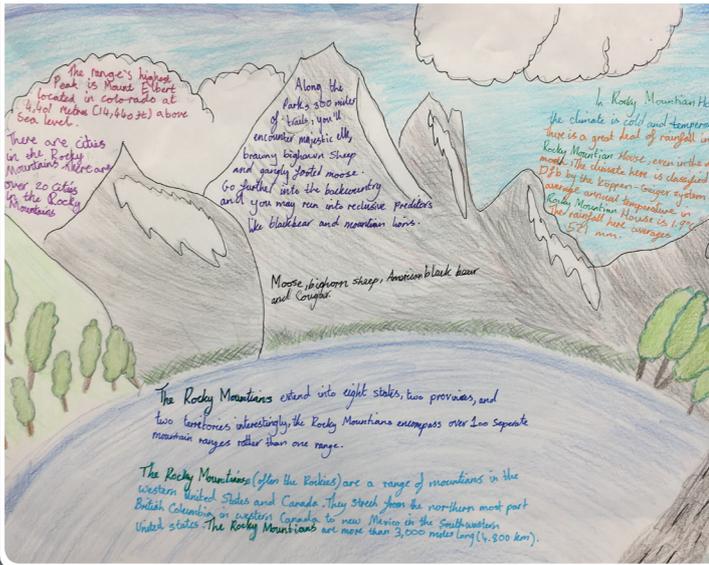
After installing the Christmas tree, the class were 'miffed' when Mr Fox said no to tinsel was to be added. This caused quite a stir! Mr Fox then wrote a long letter, explaining all of the reasons he believes tinsel shouldn't be used. Shocked and energised to argue back, Year 5 have begun to write their replies to try and persuade Mr Fox to allow tinsel. You'll have to wait and find out next week whether they were successfully persuasive!



Year 6

Promising performances

Year 6 have had a busy week on all fronts. Academically, dramatically and as sportsmen and women, they have given their all! In the classroom, they have been revising for next week's assessments, as well as exploring mountain ranges around the world and designing wonderfully informative posters from their research.



The feedback from the swimming this week was very positive, with the children presenting themselves very smartly and competitively in Wadebridge. They have also delivered very promising performances on the stage in preparation for next week's Christmas play performances. Top work Year 6! Enjoy a restful weekend as we approach next week's events with anticipation.

Swimming

Aquadynamic

Key Stage 2 travelled to Wadebridge on Thursday for a swimming gala. The results are still being tallied and will be out soon. Every pupil swam really well, with some heats and relays being won respectively. St Petroc's, as always, looked professional and behaved impeccably. This was even noted by teachers from other schools. This event followed on from some fantastic performances at the recent ISA regional swimming event, so well done to all our aquatic athletes for their efforts this term!



Phonics

Mini teachers

Thank you so much to all of the parents who attended our Phonics Workshop on Thursday morning. It was lovely to walk around and see the children so enthused about phonics and helping to 'teach' their parents while accessing the games.

I hope you found the workshop informative and the handouts useful. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4th December for our interactive information session for parents.

Please contact the office if you need any further details about next week's session.

Miss Calienda





Thank you in advance for helping support the Christmas Bazaar

**A week to go!**

Thank you very much to those of you who have already supported the Friends of St Petroc's Christmas Bazaar by donating pre-loved children's items, filling the reusable baubles and selling raffle tickets.

With a week left to go, there's still time to join in with the preparations so please do pop into the main school office if you are able to help further with any of the above.



**Charity Quiz Night**

A huge thank you from the Friends of St Petroc's Committee to everyone who attended and supported the charity quiz last Friday; you raised almost £500 for CLIC Sargent!

FRIENDS OF ST. PETROC'S



**CHRISTMAS  
OPEN DAY**  
Saturday 30 November 2019  
11am – 3pm

Cornwall Air Ambulance

Santa's Grotto • Storytelling  
Christmas crafts and activities  
See the helicopter • Meet the crew  
Refreshments • Pop-up charity shop  
Festive bangers and burgers from Rapid Relief Team

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