



Friday 14th January 2022

No 16

For term time absence
text us on:
07731 842640

St Michael's Matters

A note from Mr Hirani – We are halfway through the month and two weeks into another busy term. The children have settled well in to their routines and we continue to be impressed with their engagement and enthusiasm. It was a delight to be met by some very friendly animals in Year 4 this morning!

Last week saw 5P have their first swimming lessons, it was lovely to hear the positive feedback on how much they enjoyed their time learning and developing their skills.

This half term the value we are promoting within school is Respect. It is one of our core values and we would welcome it if you could spend some time thinking about how we can demonstrate and practice this in our everyday lives.

We will be looking at attendance in the weeks ahead. The last two years have been challenging for all and school attendance, during the pandemic, has not been robustly challenged externally. However, attendance is an area of focus once again for schools. We do need to work with parents where attendance becomes an area of concern. If your child's attendance falls below 90% it is classed as 'persistently absent'. We have no concerns where low attendance is due to cases of Covid-19 or other serious illnesses. However, where there are a significant number of unauthorised absences, we will contact you so that we can work together to improve your child's attendance. The DfE and the Education Welfare Department do require schools to take actions where attendance of individual pupils is a concern. A target of 96% is a measure of good attendance. Attendance at the school has been historically good but it has been an area of concern in the last few weeks. I would like to thank all those families who ensure their children attend school every day and are punctual.

Year 4 Topic Launch - Today in Year 4, the children all came to school dressed as an animal, as part of their topic launch. With the money the children donated, they are hoping to raise enough to be able to adopt an endangered animal through the WWF Charity. Brilliant effort year 4!



Census Day

Next Thursday (20th January) is Census day, when our school meal numbers will be used to capture data for future funding. The Department for Education will use this figure to adjust our funding based on whether our uptake is above or below a set percentage. Therefore we hope that you can help to ensure the uptake of meals is as high as possible. We would be grateful if as many children as possible could have a school dinner next Thursday.

The menu for Census day is below and can be booked via Parent Pay.

Build a burger with potato wedges.

Or

Veggie Hot dog with potato wedges.

Followed by:

Chocolate Brownie.



Director/Trustee Vacancy

Do you have professional or business expertise you'd like to share in a strategic role within our multi-academy trust? Celtic Cross Education has a vacancy on its board of directors, and this challenging and rewarding position could be just for you.

Directors (also known as trustees) are volunteers with a range of skills and their main responsibilities are to:

- Hold executive leaders to account for the educational, safeguarding and financial performance of the trust.
- Set the strategic direction of the trust.
- Ensure the trust's financial success and probity.

If you have worked in HR, law, risk management, finance or communication, or have skills in problem solving, critical listening or leadership, we would welcome an application from you. This is a fantastic opportunity to help shape the future of our trust for the benefit of all our pupils.

Please email recruitment@celticcross.education for an application pack and further information or click [here](https://www.celticcross.education) to visit our website.

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Attendance

Below is a class by class breakdown of attendance from:

Tuesday 10th January - Friday 14th January:

RR - 95.65%	RD - 99.13%
1C - 94.4%	1S - 96.73%
2M - 93.31%	2S - 95.8%
3HN - 94.44%	3HY - 89.57%
4DC - 92.41%	4J - 89.84%
5G - 93.23%	5P - 94.16%
6T - 86.81%	6M - 97%

Overall school attendance average is: 93.69%

CALENDAR DATES

What's on this term?

Go to www.st-michaels-helston.org and click on CALENDAR DATES

Mon 17th Jan	Gymnastics Finals
Tues 18th Jan	Rugby Tournament
Tues 18th Jan	Y5 - RAF virtual rocket building
Thurs 20th Jan	Census Day
Friday 21st Jan	5P - Swimming
Friday 21st Jan	Catch up Flu Immunisations

HOUSE POINTS

Tuesday 10th January - Friday 14th January
2022

This week's House Point Totals:

Blue (Fal) - 392

Red (Hayle) - 611

Yellow (Helford) - 453

Green (Cober) - 344

Well done this week to the Red
House!!!

Star of the Week W/C 10th January

These children have received the
Star of the Week award:

- 1C - Cody C for good listening in lessons.
- 1S - Edward C for amazing instruction writing.
- 2M - Kaibie W for his confident contributions in class.
- 2S - Mike S for fantastic Maths work and for working so well independently.

These children received the
Star of the Week
award in KS2:

- 3HY - Lillie B & Daniel S
- 3HN - Kieran L & Isaac D-F
- 4DC - Ethan T & Callum O-H
- 4J - Kiera W & Imogen M
- 5G - Louie M & Maddie W
- 5P - Jorja F & Lennox G
- 6T - Zach H & Tyler-Leo O-H
- 6M - Poppy F & Ashley M

Accelerated Reader - Home Connect

As you are aware, the children have been using computer software known as Accelerated Reader. The children have familiarized themselves well and are now independently accessing the reading software in school.

All children regularly complete quizzes upon completion of their home reader book and they are confidently moving up within their personalized ZPD range.

The next step in our journey is to implement 'Home Connect'. This allows the children to access their account outside of school, where parents will be able to view key information regarding their child's progress. You should have received an email about this earlier in the week and your child has now been given their log in details to access this at home. If you are having any problems logging in or have any questions please email:

stmichaels.advice@celticcross.education

Thank you for your continued support.