



Friday 7th January 2022

No 15

For term time absence  
text us on:  
07731 842640

# St Michael's Matters

**A note from Mr Hirani** - Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break, celebrating with family and even possibly some friends. The children have certainly come back raring to go again. It has been pleasing to see so many children return back to school with enthusiasm for the term ahead. There has been excitement this week with the launch of the new topics.

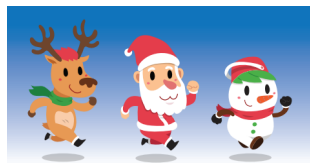
As a school, we try to communicate all activities going on in school through the newsletter, school website or our Facebook feed. Please check one or more of these regularly for any new information regarding the school. We are getting to grips with the new website, so do bare with us as we complete training on using it effectively.

The advice for testing and isolating for Coronavirus in schools keeps changing. Please see our contingency plans which are on the website [https://www.st-michaels-helston.org/web/covid-19\\_support/579154](https://www.st-michaels-helston.org/web/covid-19_support/579154)

One of the most frequently asked questions is what to do if a household member tests positive. The advice is that children aged 5 upwards are expected to lateral flow test for 7 days following contact with a positive case. If this is negative each day, they can attend school. If for any reason a child cannot test, they should still attend as long as they have no symptoms. If you are travelling back from abroad families can take a PCR or a lateral flow test. If these are negative, they can return to school. There is no requirement for quarantine upon return if the family take a PCR test on return.

The transmission rates are currently rising in Helston and it is imperative that we take small measures to mitigate the risks. Please do continue to wear face masks when entering the school site and keep a safe distance. We will continue to operate the extended drop off period to enable a staggered approach to the school site to avoid congestion.

**Reception Area** - Reception children have been really enjoying using their new outdoor area this week. The two existing outdoor shelters have been revamped to enable children to use them in any weather. As well as a building yard/ art shelter there is now a fantastic large sand pit, complete with pulleys and buckets. These improvements will help support children's learning across the curriculum as well as enabling them to have lots of fun playing together.



**Fundraising** - We had an amazing response to the Santa Fun Run and raised over £1500. Thank you very much for your contributions and we hope to utilise the funds in a purposeful manner with consultation with the Friends of St Michaels.



**Weather** - The weather has turned and is more like winter now so please ensure children are coming school with the appropriate clothing, such as coats. If the school needs to be closed for any reason, it will be communicated via the channels listed below.

## Emergency closure information

During bad weather, there may be occasions where the school may have to close. If the school needs to close during the school day, information will be communicated to parents via Radio Cornwall, Pirate FM and Heart FM. Information will also be posted on Facebook, Twitter and the school website. Wherever possible we will aim to text all parents as well. If it is decided that the school cannot open we would aim to communicate this information to parents by 7:30am, again using the communication channels listed above.



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### 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](mailto:recruitment@celticcross.education) for an application pack and further information or click [here](#) to visit our website.

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## Attendance

Below is a class by class breakdown of attendance from:

Tuesday 4th January - Friday 7th January:

RR - 91.54%	RD - 92.61%
1C - 96.2%	1S - 96%
2M - 95.4%	2S - 93.14%
3HN - 93.07%	3HY - 92.44%
4DC - 91.37%	4J - 95.17%
5G - 93.76%	5P - 93.95%
6T - 92.82%	6M - 93.64%

Overall school attendance average is: 93.53%

### CALENDAR DATES

What's on this term?

Go to [www.st-michaels-helston.org](http://www.st-michaels-helston.org) and click on CALENDAR DATES

Friday 14th Jan	Year 4— Dress as an Animal Day
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Friday 14th Jan	5P—Swimming
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## Admissions Information

Do you have a child born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018? If so you will need to apply for a place in Reception class in September 2022 for your child by **15th January 2022**.

Visit <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions> for more information and to access the online application system.

## HOUSE POINTS

Tuesday 4th January - Friday 7th January  
2022

This week's House Point Totals:

Blue (Fal) - 314

Red (Hayle) - 495

Yellow (Helford) - 318

Green (Cober) - 237

Well done this week to the Red  
House!

## Star of the Week W/C 4th January

These children have received the  
**Star of the Week** award:

- 1C - Jago J-H for being extremely brave and sensible.
- 1S - Amy C in 1S for a great first week back after the holidays.
- 2M - Morgan H for a mature start to the new year.
- 2S - Piper C for settling in brilliantly.

This week the Junior assembly was about: **Respect**

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

- 3HY - Josie M & Rudi W
- 3HN - AJ P & Casper G
- 4DC - Billy C & Mason G
- 4J - Lex T & Madison K
- 5G - Harry K & Starla E
- 5P - Quinn W & Ryan W
- 6T - Archie S & Millie B
- 6M - Jacob B-H & Josh B



# PE



Some of the classes have changed PE days this term. Please see below for the day your child now does PE (Some classes may still be doing it on the same day as before) Please can children come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day.

RR - Friday  
1S - Friday  
2M - Thursday  
3HY - Wednesday  
4J - Tuesday  
5P - Friday  
6M - Friday

RD - Friday  
1C - Monday  
2S - Wednesday  
3HN - Wednesday  
4DC - Tuesday  
5G - Monday  
6T - Friday

## Citizens advice

Please see the attached winter edition of the Citizens Advice Cornwall newsletter, which may be of interest to you. It can also be found on their website at <https://www.citizensadvicecornwall.org.uk/citizens-winter-2022-newsletter/>