



St Hilary School Newsletter

"The Best we can be"

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Our 1000th Edition

When Dot reminded me that this week's newsletter would be our 1000th edition, it seemed like the perfect time to dig out the old newsletter files.

On the 7th January 1994, my predecessor Bill Mann, wrote St Hilary School's first weekly newsletter with the promise that this would be continued each and every Friday. I am delighted to say that 26 years and 1 week later this promise was kept and that every single one has been kept and filed. Whilst it is clear to see by looking at the early newsletters that we have much more flexibility with layouts, colour and font designs, I did find it amusing that 'Headlice' and 'Car Parking' was as much a feature in 1994 as it was in 2019 and that the offer of a 'Nit and Natter' meeting did make me smile!

Just looking at the first few newsletters it is evident that sport was a real feature of the school with many towerball, cricket and football match reports - some of these featuring children who are now parents at the school! There are a selection of cricket reports featuring Neil Edwards who later went on to play for Somerset in his teens. London visits were always a feature and another thing which has been maintained over the years.

In February 1994 the newsletter invites parents to pre-school sessions at St Piran's Hall. And then over the following weeks, the governors begin to meet to discuss having a pre-school on the school site - of course this is now Sunny Corner.

January 'Feast Concerts' were a big event on the school calendar, and the newsletters list the children who took part. I wonder which of our parents can remember us being 'mini-Spice Girls'? ;-). The PTA was still a driving force and disco's and Fayres were seen as much as community events as fundraising ones, as they are now.

Ofsted was still a part of school life (for better or worse) but done in quite a different way with half a term's notice. Looking at articles post-inspection, it appears that the process was no more looked forward to than it is now.

When trawling through the newsletters, I couldn't help being drawn towards the first one when I started teaching at St Hilary - 6th September 1996. In his welcome to myself and a fellow 'new recruit', Bill "hopes that we will be very happy here". I'm guessing the fact that I'm still here certainly means that this was the case! Reading through the newsletters has certainly made me smile and reflect, but to be no less proud of being part of such a great school community. Whilst we wouldn't want the old file to be removed from the school, if anyone would like to pop in for a look through then you would be very welcome!

Mrs K Butcher



Fabulous Full-Markers

Accelerated Reader

Prussia Cove

Azalia A
Florence H

Gwenver

Henry C
Daisy R
Flo P
Florence B
Savannah G-W
Teddy H
Millie L

Kynance Cove

Marley M
Lexi I
Josh T
Harriet W
Sikya C
Dan D
Joe McC

Perran

Violet S
Cecily W

Porthcurno

Loveday McM
Raffy M
Eloise B

Sennen

Tegan C
Caiden M
Jess P
Tallula D
Penny P

Gwithian

Lola F
Tilly-Rose S
Tiana W
Lilla P

Lamorna

Milky W
Adelaide T
Matt M
Grace S

Class Attendance

This week's attendance hot spot is shared between Gwithian & Porthcurno with 98.2% Well done all.

GWITHIAN & PORTHCURNO

Star Writers

This week's 'Star Writers' were awarded with their special stickers in this morning's assembly! Check out their amazing writing on our writing display in the main school corridor.

Perran - Bruno N
Gwenver - Arthur G-P
Sennen - Jesse P
Kynance Cove - India A

Huge well done children - keep up the fantastic writing! Miss J :-)

CLASS CERTIFICATES WEEK ENDING 10TH JANUARY 2020

Perran	-	Jowan H & Indie C
Prussia Cove	-	Bryher C & Magnus F
Porthcurno	-	Cohen R & Isla M
Sennen	-	Evie A
Kynance Cove	-	Ravi S & Harriet W
Gwithian	-	Zela I & Elsie S
Gwenver	-	Teddy H & Dom H
Lamorna	-	Toby P & Alfie H-D

MATHS SHED

Mathstronaut - Bella C (Sennen)
Top Class - Kynance Cove

SPELLING SHED

Speller of the Week - Stella R (Sennen)
Top Class - Sennen

SCHOOL MEALS 5 FOR 4

Chartwells, our school meal providers, are continuing with their promotion that if your child has 4 meals Monday to Thursday, then the 5th meal is free.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Since starting the 'breakfast club' we have become increasingly pleased with how successful it has become. The children seem to really enjoy themselves whilst in there and as a working parent myself, I know how important good childcare provision is! Thank you to Mrs Gardner and Mrs Bettens for doing such a great job running it.

However, we have noticed that parents are dropping children off earlier than 8 a.m. and so have decided to bring forward the opening time - this will take affect from Monday morning.

The timings and prices are now as follows:

7.45 a.m. - 8.45 a.m. £3.60 - breakfast included
8.00 a.m. - 8.45 a.m. £3.00 - breakfast included
8.30 a.m. - 8.45 a.m. £1.00

GETTING TO KNOW OUR GOVERNORS



Jo Atkinson (Vice Chair)

I've been a member of the governing body since September 2017 and have been joint Vice Chair since last year. I am a Parent Governor and have my eldest son in Year 6 and twins in Year 3. I have been a primary school teacher in a range of schools for over 20 years, fulfilling the role of Special Educational Needs Coordinator for the last 6 years in a local school. My role on the Governing Body includes a focus on the curriculum. I am passionate about meeting the needs of every single child and am honoured to be working alongside St Hilary School to ensure that every child can "be the best they can be".

David Sharp

Trustee and Chair of Governors

Born and educated in Nottingham, David trained and worked as a mechanical engineer before setting up and running a small plastic engineering company. David has lived in Cornwall for 19 years and joined the Governing Body at St. Hilary some 15 years ago in an attempt to "give something back" to the school and wider community. He was appointed to the board of trustees in August 2019. He enjoys walking in the countryside especially if it includes a golf course.



Marazion Messy Church

Sunday 26th January 4 - 6 p.m.

in Marazion Community Centre. We'll be hearing the bible story of Sheep and Goats – a story about helping others. We'll then be staying with that theme while we make things, sing, pray and eat together. Messy Church is for families who want a different sort of church. Find us on Facebook and at

www.mountsbayub.com



FOUND

We have had what looks like a FitBit handed in to school, so if you have lost one then please come in and enquire at the school office.



FUNZONE

Please could any parents who wish to book their child(ren) in to Funzone do this via the school office and not in the planners or via class teachers. Also if you have booked your child(ren) in and then find you are able to collect or have someone else collect at the normal time, please ring and cancel the booking to free up the space for other parents.

Thank you.

