Nurturing God's gifts with compassion and drive, so that all of our children succeed, learn and thrive'

# Ladock Church of England School Newsletter



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## Students of the week

St Cuby

Katie-May Kingcome

St Keyne

Ella Enfield

St Ladoca

Freya Green

St Blaise

James Rogers

#### Stay Safe!

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With long summer days ahead of us and no school, the children will, no doubt, be spending lots of time outdoors. Please could you remind them that they should not be in the school grounds or climbing the trees around the carpark as a nasty accident could result and there may not be anyone nearby to help.

#### A message from Mrs Michell

I cannot believe that this is the last newsletter of the term and, possibly, the last Ladock newsletter that I will be directly involved with! It really does feel like the end of an era for me although I am trying not to think of it like this as I will still be very much involved. I feel very sad to think I will not be at Ladock as often but also very blessed to still play a part as I had been concerned that my role would not be sustainable.

I cannot thank you all enough for the support and happy memories you have given me over the last ten years. I know I am biased and will need to learn to be a lot more neutral in my new role, but I really do not know of another school that can compete with us in terms of community, love and happiness. Your passion for our school and support you offer is phenomenal not least from the PTFA who work tirelessly to raise funds and help out at so many school events. The children are fantastic and have given me a tremendous sense of pleasure and achievement over the last few years.

I must also praise the staff team and governors who are such a delight to work with. On many occasions I have spoken to colleagues and heard of difficult situations they have been in concerning staff and/or governors but I have never had to experience this in all my time at Ladock. I know that the school will be in very safe hands with Mrs Stevenson leading the fantastic team and I will look forward to seeing it continue to flourish and thrive.

Thank you for all of your support and have a wonderful summer. I might not be there so often but it will be like coming home when I am in in September and I will be looking forward to seeing you all.

#### **NOTICE**

Please note that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 will be an INSET day for staff, which means the children will not start back at school until **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.** 

#### **Class Structure September 2017**

Move up day was a great success a few weeks ago and helped the children feel more confident about the transition in September. Just to confirm, nursery and reception will be taught by Mrs Hayes for 3 days a week who many of you met at the EYFS social evening. We are hoping that Mrs Trotman will return in September to teach the other two days in St Cuby class. The class will be very ably supported by Mrs Rimmer. Mrs Denning will return to school for the first two weeks in September which will help the handover and the transition for the current reception. Mrs Denning will then start her maternity leave, hoping to return late spring/early summer.

Years 1 and 2 will be taught by Miss Harris who will be supported by Mrs Townsend, Miss Morcom and Miss Stanley. Miss Harris has spent a lot of time in school over the last two weeks getting to know the children who will be in her class and is very excited about her new post.

Years 3 and 4 will be taught my Mr Malham and supported by Mrs Milling and year 5 and 6 will be taught by Mrs Stevenson and supported by Mrs Gilbert.

We are also pleased to inform you that Mr Jarvis will now be working at Ladock school all day on Wednesdays and Fridays and on Thursday afternoons. This will ensure our children continue to receive high quality PE teaching. Mr Jarvis will also play a role in organising our teams in preparation for the Roseland festivals.

As has happened over the last few years, planning, preparation and assessment time for teachers which is now a statutory requirement, will be covered by a combination of teaching assistants, Mr Jarvis and Mrs Williams (modern foreign languages).

If you have any concerns or questions in the new school year, please speak to your child's teaching assistant or class teacher in the first instance as they are most likely to know more about the situation. If you need further help, then speak to Mrs Stevenson but please appreciate that she will be teaching a lot of the time so might not always be able to meet straight away. If you are still not satisfied then Mrs Michell will also be available at specific times during the week.

#### End of Term Treat

As a special treat, the PTFA have organised for the inflatable slide that would have been at the 150th anniversary celebration to be brought into school next Tuesday from 1pm along with archery. Both will be manned by professionals and there will be no charge to the children. Staff will supervise, and the children, in small groups, will all get the chance to spend time on each activity during the afternoon.

The PTFA will also be selling ice-creams so please send your child in with £1.00 if they would like to have one. If you have any questions or concerns, please come in and talk to Mrs Batchelor or Mrs Stevenson.

# special Achievements

St Cuby: Jonathon King, Ruan Michell

St Keyne: Dougal Adams, Bradley Pinnell

St Ladoca: Tommy Marsden, Rupert Meyer

St Blaise: Joseph Vickers, Isaac Nicholson, Harry Lutey

### **Dates for your Diary**

Mondays (Weds if Bank Holidays)—Piano, Fridays—violin tuition

21st July pm Year 6 level 2 Bikeability—please make sure your bikes and helmets are in school.

21st July Year 6 Leavers' Ball at Bishop Bronescombe School

24th July am Year 6 level 2 Bikeability—please make sure your bikes and helmets are in school.

24th July Year 6 Leavers' treat evening—3.15—6.00pm

25th July 9.00am Ladock leaver's assembly and awards service

26th July 9.00am Eucharist service in church.

Last day of the summer term 2017—school finishes at 1.30, there will be

no after school club provision after 3.15pm

First day of the Autumn term 2017—TUESDAY 5th SEPTEMBER

25th Oct NO STAY & PLAY 13th Dec NO STAY & PLAY

#### Weekly Attendance for week ending Friday 14th July 2017

St Cuby 94.8% St Keyne 99.1%

St Ladoca 93.2% St Blaise 99.1%

**Overall—96.6%** 

The Government advises that attendance should not fall below 96.1%

#### Correspondence by e-mail

We are aware that letters are still disappearing into the ether even though every family is given a named copy to deliver via their book bag or back pack. In order to try and ensure letters reach all parents, from September we will trial sending newsletters and whole-school correspondence by e-mail.

Earlier in the week, Mrs Batchelor sent a test e-mail message to all the addresses on our records. If you did not receive this, please could you supply us with your current e-mail address and we will amend our records. If you do not have access to an e-mail address or you would prefer to receive a paper copy via satchel post, please let Mrs Batchelor know before the end of term.

Letters with a return slip will be sent via e-mail and also as a paper copy so that you do not have to print off the return slip. Single class, small group or individual letters will be sent as a paper copy.

All correspondence will continue to be stored on the website in the correspondence file of the parents' section.

We will review this initiative after a few weeks and ask for your feelings as to whether this is a useful development. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Batchelor or Mrs Stevenson if you have any questions or concerns.

#### Leavers' Assembly and end-of-term Eucharist

Our Leavers Assembly and Prize-giving will be held at the Church on Tuesday 25th July starting at 9am. We would anticipate that we will be finished by 10.30 at the latest. Please do come to join us on this special occasion when we celebrate many successes and say a fond farewell to our Year 6s.

Our end-of-term Eucharist takes place on the following day, again in the church at 9am. All welcome.

School breaks up for the summer holidays on Wednesday 26th July at 1.30pm. Childcare is available until 3.15pm but there will be **no** afterschool club beyond that time.

#### **Back in Time!**

Thank you so much to all friends and family that came to watch the key stage 2 production last week. It was lovely to have you with us and great to hear such positive comments. We are all so proud of our actors and actresses who brought the story to life in such a professional manner! **Well done key stage 2!** 

#### Piano payments

Could you please ensure that any outstanding payments for piano tuition are forwarded to Tamsin as soon as possible before the end of the Summer term.

#### Thank you

#### Church Hill Clean Up!

Two weeks ago we contacted the Parish Council about Church Hill because it was a mess! So, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, some of St Ladoca Class, with the help from the Parish Council tidied Church Hill. Members of the Parish Council came in the morning and used strimmers and chain saws to cut the weeds and overgrown trees.

We wore gloves and picked up the brambles, stinging nettles, leaves and twigs. We filled four very large dumpy bags and had to pull them up the hill! We removed litter and bags of dog poo from the crevices in the hedge! Not very nice, especially as there are bins at the bottom of the hill!

It was fun, even though it was raining and we had help from Tiggy the cat!

Thank you to the members of the Parish Council and Mr Starkey who helped us. We hope you will agree that the hill is looking much better.

St Ladoca Cleaning Team.

**BEFORE** 



AFTER



#### **New school lunch caterers**

As you know, from September 2017, our new school lunch caterer will be Caterlink. Their new menus have been published on line, and the good news is that the price for a school meal will remain at £2.30.

Unfortunately, Caterlink do not offer the '5 for 4' option for meals, this means that the cost for 5 meals will be £11.50. KS1 children will still receive free school meals, but they still need to be booked via Parentpay.

# Parent Governor election

As reminder, more than one person returned an application to become a parent governor of Ladock School so a ballot has been arranged. You will have received two ballot papers per family with last week's Newsletter.

Each ballot paper, however returned to the school, should be in a plain sealed envelope, which in turn is inside a sealed envelope. **Please write your name and your child(ren)'s name on the outside of the outer envelope.** This 'double envelope' system is necessary so that parents voting can be checked against the school register as a way of ensuring only those entitled to take part in the ballot actually do so and the ballot remains secret.

Each parent of a registered pupil at the school is entitled to vote, including the candidates standing for election.

You may vote for 1 candidate by placing 'X' in the right hand column against your choice.

The ballot count will take place at 9.30 am on <u>25th July</u> at the school, so please ensure that your vote is returned to school before 9.00am on this date. You will find a sealed box in the reception area for you to post your votes.

# Parent Pay outstanding accounts

Could you please ensure that before moving into the next academic year, your accounts are paid on Parentpay, to enable you to book for further provisions in the Autumn term, ie. lunches, afterschool and breakfast club.

You will have received a text message today detailing your outstanding amounts to be paid as soon as possible please.

Tibby White is having a Bake Sale tomorrow after school in the Maori longhouse—see opposite for information.

Any donations of cakes would be gratefully received by Tibby White on Friday afternoon for the Bake Sale.









# Science Church Weekend Fun Tresillian Methodist Church

Fun, Games, Songs, Crafts, Videos and Science

For 7-13 year olds

Friday 28th 2-5pm

Saturday 29th 10-1pm

Sunday 30th 11-12pm Science Café Church

£2 each for the Friday and Saturday sessions.

Book your place in advance, please contact:

Helen Nicholson (07791 371933)

or Andy Dye (07951 428332)