



8th December 2023

Dear Families

What a fantastic Christmas Market! There was a steady stream of visitors all day - we were particularly pleased to welcome so many people from the wider local community. Everyone had great fun and the 'Friends' made more than £800 which will be used to create future opportunities for our children.

Operation Binbag was amazing! Thank you all for coming - it was great that the children were supported by a huge crowd of parents, grandparents, relatives and friends. The children (and adults) did an amazing job. I thought it was lovely to see how supportive the children were of one another - St Levan values on the stage for all to see!

This afternoon we will hold our last Little Levans session of 2023 - it's been lovely seeing little people enjoying their time here. We will let you know when we have more dates pencilled in - so you can spread the word!

There won't be a newsletter next week - as we will be enjoying a whole school trip to the Hall for Cornwall - so you will have to wait until the following Monday for the next gripping instalment.....



Stars of the Week

This week everyone was a star!

You all performed amazingly on the stage - and you also represented St Levan School beautifully - you were kind, considerate & helpful to your fellow actors - you also left the Acorn Theatre spotlessly clean. We are all so proud of you!

Attendance (YTD)

Whole school = 95%

Choughs = 91%

Puffins = 96%

Term	Autumn
Term Ends	Tue 19/12/2023
Event	Date
Christmas lunch (children and staff)	Wed 13/12/2023
Whole school trip - Penzance Gymnastics Club	Thu 14/12/2023
Whole school trip - Hall for Cornwall (Peter Pan)	Fri 15/12/2023
Choughs - alien tea party	Mon 18/12/2023
Last day of term (finish at 1.30pm)	Tue 19/12/2023

Term	Spring
Term starts	Thu 04/01/2024
Term Ends	Thu 28/03/2024
Half term starts	Mon 12/02/2024
Half term ends	Fri 16/02/2024
Event	Date
INSET day	Thu 04/01/2024
INSET day	Fri 05/01/2024
Back to school	Mon 08/01/2024
Parents phonics session	Thu 18/01/2024
Last day before half term	Fri 09/02/2024
First day back after half term	Mon 19/02/2024
World book day	Thu 07/03/2024
Multi-skills event @ St Just Sports Centre (year 3/4) 1.45pm-3pm	Fri 08/03/2024
Family lunch day	Fri 08/03/2024
Parent consultations	Wed 13/03/2024
Parent consultations	Thu 14/03/2024
Red nose day	Fri 15/03/2024
School camp starts	Mon 18/03/2024
School camp ends	Wed 20/03/2024
Community duck race	Tue 28/03/2023
Last day of term	Tue 28/03/2023

Term	Summer
Term starts	Mon 15/04/2024
Term Ends	Wed 24/07/2024
Half term starts	Mon 27/05/2024
Half term ends	Fri 31/05/2024
Event	Date
Back to school	Mon 15/04/2024
INSET day	Fri 03/05/2024
Bank holiday	Mon 06/05/2024
KS2 SATS week starts	Mon 13/05/2024
KS2 SATS week ends	Fri 17/05/2024
Last day before half term	Fri 24/05/2024
First day back after half term	Mon 03/06/2024
Multi-skills event @ St Just Sports Centre (year 1/2) 1.45pm-3pm	Wed 07/06/2023
Family lunch day	Fri 14/06/2024
Year 2/3 sleepover	Thu 20/06/2024
Sports day	Thu 27/06/2024
Sports day backup	Thu 11/07/2024
School reports issued	Fri 12/07/2024
Whole school transition day	Mon 15/07/2024
Parent consultations (if required post school reports issued)	Tue 16/07/2024
Lafrowda day	Sat 20/07/2024
Leavers assembly	Mon 22/07/2024
Last school day!	Tue 23/07/2024
INSET day	Wed 24/07/2024

St Buryan Church trip

We visited the church in St Buryan. We helped to make a knitted nativity scene and talked about how the church was decorated in purple for advent. It was very special lighting the candle on the advent wreath and seeing how the different windowsills were decorated by members of the local community. We really enjoyed going up the steep spiral steps into the tower and ringing the bells. Everybody had a go, even the teachers! We did a round by clapping and then shuffled down the steps on our bottoms or went backwards. Finally, we looked at all the beautifully decorated kneelers and chose our favourite to sit on so we could listen to a special Christmas story.

Thank you to Caroline, Julia and Miranda.



This is a picture of the tenor bell (left) compared with an orange so that you can see the size (about 2 o'clock on the picture). This bell, known as 'Solomon', is just over 37 cwt - i.e. the same weight as a large car/small tractor and is the heaviest bell in Cornwall (beating the tenor in Truro cathedral which is only 33 cwt). We hope to hear the bells featured on BBC radio 4 sometime in the new year. We'll keep you posted!

Well done everyone!

We are so incredibly proud of every single one of our performers. You absolutely shone at yesterday's performance. Thank you for your hard work and dedication!



Photos to follow next week. In the meantime, if you were among the audience yesterday and could give some feedback to our performers, we'd greatly appreciate it. It was lovely chatting to you all after the show but the actors themselves missed a lot of this (too busy eating mince pies!). I'm sure the children would love to hear your thoughts and we can add your feedback to their books along with some photos as a reminder of the event.

We have included several feedback slips. Please send them in and we will add them to their books. Thank you in advance!

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Performer:

Your relationship to the performer:

Comments:



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