

St Levan Primary School
where all children SHINE...for life

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Dear Families

I think we're all ready for half term – well done to all our children (and staff) for keeping focussed until the end!

At school this week the weather hasn't held us back and the children have enjoyed getting out in to the playground - it seems there have been quite a lot of hoops and tennis balls flying around!

The bags to schools collection went well on Wednesday – thanks for all your donations. We raised £90 for Friends! Talking of Friends – please read the letter attached which details what Friends have achieved over the last year – it was a lot!

On Thursday the Education Library Service visited us to perform a book tidy of all the places in the school where we keep books. They were so impressed with the reading shed and the passion of the children who run it! They took lots of old books away, and rearranged what we have so that the children can find new books more easily. We hope you will see your children bringing home different books than they have before.

We look forward to seeing you back after the half term break. Don't forget that it's the Halloween Disco on Tuesday 31st October!

If you need holiday reading inspiration, you could try *The Hen Who Dreamed She Could Fly* by Sun-Mi Hwang – which will feature in our first Book Club on Monday 6th November.

That's all folks! Enjoy the holiday!

Stars of the Week

Choughs – Henry – for fantastic effort in Maths. You are focussing brilliantly & trying hard to achieve your best.

Puffins – Flora – Amazing determination with your spellings – trying them at home! Fabulous learning in maths finding the inverse!

Attendance (YTD)

- Whole school = 94%
- Choughs = 90%
- Puffins = 95%

Seasonal changes in Autumn: October

It has been a month since our last lesson on the seasons. What's changed? We predicted that the leaves would have fallen off the deciduous trees and some leaves might be greener and some trees would have more. We noticed leaves everywhere and most were brown and crunchy. Some were cold and slimy with worms and slugs on! The Christmas tree had new growth. All our predictions were true! Our temperature predictions however ranged from 1 degree to 19, 30 and even 89! We checked the thermometer on the playground and saw that it was 12 degrees. Brrr! A big change from 23 degrees in September. As there were so many leaves, it seemed only proper to throw them everywhere and sweep up the playground... so we did. What fun!



Persuasive leaflets!

As our half term draws to an end, Puffins have been busy writing persuasive leaflets for different attractions around Cornwall. Here are some excerpts!

Get your Delicious Desserts!
After you've finished your tour go to the Cafe and get some Delicious Desserts! Want something heavenly? Here are our large portions of beef Nachos. I think it's the best mine we ever been too in my whole life. Oliver, aged 7 and 10 months

Contentingly Kid-friendly Crafts ^{them ✓} (3) Additional 'stuff' ^{you find on leaflets ✓}
Our sensory crafts will delight even the most stubborn of kids, from designing magnificent monsters to sketching puppet show scenes, there's something for everyone. The kids will be begging you to come back!
Ice Skating Adventures! thoughtful

Location:
Located on the south coast of Cornwall, Sennen is just around the corner from Land's End. Additionally, just a mile away, you'll discover Gwynver Cove; an incredibly beautiful spot that will take your breath away!

Georv's Glorious Gems
Do your eyebrows drop at the simple sight of another boring museum? Do you desire to find a miner amount of happiness? Does your brain need a boost on mining knowledge?

Glorious Georv's Gem Gemmerity
Do your eyes roll at the thought of another boring mine? Do you need an amazing mine to visit? Do you want to dive deep into the depths of the earth?

say "see you later!" to super boring mines - Georv is here! Come over to see its authentic history. It is a nothing good time. Go for a mine tour at

Once you've finished your fabulous ^{four} and gal gantal fantastic gem, travel far and spread your marvelous, magic, mining knowledge round the world! Enbrightening exelence! Tired of rusty museum that leave you unknowledgeable?

The Friends of St Levan

Looking Back at the Past Year (and Looking Forward to the Next)

The *Friends of St Levan School* are parents and friends of school children past and present who work towards fundraising to pay for extracurricular activities and any other items asked for by the school. Everyone is welcome to be part of our friendly group (or help with events), and we meet about once or twice a term to organise these. Look out for meeting dates in the School Newsletter if you'd like to join in. All are most welcome!

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the parents, grandparents, extended families and friends of school pupils, we managed to raise over £3000 in total over the last year - quite amazing for such a small school - and all your support and efforts are hugely appreciated. After the various expenses incurred in mounting these events, we raised around £2,500 to help support the school. Here's an overview of how we all did it:

Back in September 2022, we welcomed everybody back to school with the *Welcome Supper and Ceilidh*. Because we had all missed out on this event for a year or two due to Covid, a decision was made that the costs of this event (around £500) should be financed by the *Friends*, and it made for a wonderful community event with food, dancing and music.

Last October, we initiated a new annual event, the *Halloween Fundraiser Disco*. This was a huge hit with the children and was also a very successful fundraiser. Conceived as a way of raising money to support music, theatre and arts-related projects within the school, the proceeds were used to buy 25 quality ukuleles, 25 ocarinas and a bespoke rack to hold them all in the Puffin's classroom. People donated to an internet fundraiser page, in cash on the night, and we also applied for a grant from the local council. All-in-all we raised £971.58, every penny of which was spent on the new musical instruments.

Before we knew it, we were heading towards Christmas, and time for our *Christmas Happening*, with Market, Winter Wonderland, Tombola, Arts & Crafts, Singing and General Seasonal Joy! The event cost around £150 to put on but raised an amazing £900. This is a very important part of our annual calendar.

In December the *Friends* were able to support the whole school to go by coach to the *Hall for Cornwall* to see Kernow King and crew perform *Treasure Island* – a great time (and ice-cream) was had by all!

In late winter and early spring, we managed to raise spirits with Vicky and Tristan's *Big Breakfast* and the annual *Duck Race*. These lovely community events, which are so important to building relationships in and around the school, were enjoyed by everybody. They cost around £150 to put on but managed to raise £300, so another £150 was added to the *Friends* account. Well done you eaters and racers!

The *Summer Fete* was a fabulous event, where the children were given a small kitty of money and were tasked with setting up a stall to make their money grow. What a fantastic job they did! To name but a few we had a coconut shy, a magic show, and of course the puppet show finale put on by our fabulous year 6's. After a few expenses, the event raised almost £400.

Now we are in the new academic year, and the *Friends* have already helped support this year's wonderful *Welcome Supper and Ceilidh*, which featured the very finest lasagne as

well as the usual joyous folk music and dancing. People kindly made donations if they could afford them, and the *Friends* met the outstanding costs. We will also be contributing towards the school play at the Acorn Theatre and the Christmas trip to see *Peter Pan* at the Hall for Cornwall.

As we come full circle, we are putting the finishing touches to this year's *Halloween Fundraiser Disco*, and preparations are well under way for the *Christmas Happening*. Please look out for details of this year's fundraiser page for the disco, and please do come and join us if you'd like to! Donations can be made in cash on the night if you'd prefer to support the event that way, and absolutely no donation is necessary if it is not possible. We know that times are tough financially for everybody, so nothing is compulsory. Please just help if you can because, in the end, it all goes back to the children one way or another. Just come and dance!

Thank you all again for all your amazing ongoing help and support.

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Halloween Disco

October 31st 3:15-6pm

Fancy dress fun (Come to school in costume if you like!)

Parents welcome from 3:15 to help transform the Puffins classroom into a spooky space for a daring disco, or please join us from 5pm for a bowl of hot pumpkin soup, fresh bread and a final hour of dancing!

Snacks for the evening would be much appreciated so if any bakers or creators out there can conjure up some creepy cakes, scary 'sand-witches' or frighteningly fabulous foods, please bring them into school in the morning, or at 3:15.

Bring in your most brilliantly carved pumpkins/warty gourds or squashes for a ghoulishly great

Jack O'Lantern Display

Raising money for the arts at St. Levan school -
Please donate generously- cash or on our Just Giving page
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