

## New Diamond Sixes!

In order to ensure that our Diamond Rules are being followed and to help our school run smoothly; twice per year we elect six children from Year 6 to be our Diamond Sixes and two deputies. Earlier this term, the children in Davy Class had the opportunity to deliver a speech to the entire school to explain why they thought they would be a good candidate for the role. It is no easy task to stand in front of over two hundred people and speak about your qualities and suitability for such a prestigious position. However the children were very brave and did a brilliant job. In fact the speeches were so good, it gave the other members of the school an almost impossible task of voting for the people they felt would do the job best of all. On Wednesday this week, after all votes were counted (and counted again), the six candidates with the most votes were revealed in assembly. Perranporth School's Diamond Sixes for the first half of the year are: Lucy, George, Jaxon, Ruby, Paddy and Rosie with deputies Nelly and Grace. We would like to wish them all well in their new roles and congratulate them on their appointments!



## Open Air Theatre Performance - Perranporth School

Do you and your family fancy attending a fantastic open air theatre afternoon? Then come along to Perranporth School's new amphitheatre to see 'The Piskie in the Garden' on Sun 25th Sept. Tickets are available from the School Office for just £4!.

An old gardener is woken late at night by mysterious noises coming from the potting shed. If it's not a fox or a badger it can only mean one thing, he has a piskie in the garden. A mixture of puppets, music and wonderful storytelling John Brolly's new one-man show is full of mischief and fairy magic. All the family will enjoy this charming story as the hapless gardener is outwitted by the piskies.



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## Changes to Reading at Perranporth School

### Early Years and Key Stage 1

As parents will no doubt already know, reading is the single most powerful skill a child can learn at school. Reading unlocks the rest of the school curriculum and helps children to become better learners in lots of different subjects too- even maths!



This year at Perranporth School we have changed our approach to the teaching of early reading and phonics. We are now using a brand new phonics scheme called Read Write Inc. This comes along with new teaching and learning approaches and new books too. To fall in with the Read Write Inc approach and research, we will no longer be counting children's reads in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as we used to. To be absolutely clear, this does not mean that we value reading any less. In fact it's quite the opposite! We still need your help and definitely still want parents and families to read with their child as often as possible; ideally at least three or four times per week, if not every day.

Instead of counting the reads a child does each week, we'll simply be encouraging all children to develop a love of reading and to be reading at school and at home as often as possible. Class teachers will be on the look out for their 'Reader of the Week' and this person will be celebrated in our Friday assembly. Teachers will also still be checking children's reading records to ensure that children are reading regularly at home, so please do continue to help your child keep their reading record up to date. We'll also contact families to offer support where reading at home might be a struggle and isn't happening as often. We very much want to work in partnership with parents and families to make reading a pleasure and a priority for all of our children!

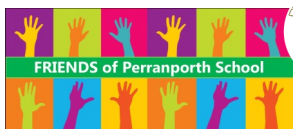
### Key Stage 2

For Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6), things are a little different. Most children in KS2 are using Accelerated Reader or 'AR' to help them track their reading, test their comprehension and make the right book choices too. The AR system has many sophisticated measures within it that helps teachers monitor and assess children's reading. In the past we have celebrated those children who read a million words. This year we're changing our approach.

In KS2 we'll now be taking a whole class 'team approach' to our reading rewards. The AR system allows us to look at how long children have spent reading by how far they are getting in their books and completing quizzes. So, each week teachers will be finding out which class has spent 'the most time engaged' with reading. We're all a little competitive, so children will be able to see how their class is doing with their reading engagement time compared to the other three on a display. At the end of the term, the class that has spent the most time engaged with reading will receive a reward. Once again, ultimately we want children reading for pleasure and because they can't put down a good book. But for those who aren't the biggest reading fan, we hope a bit of healthy competition will be a good motivator.



**So come on Perranporth School,  
grab a great book and start reading!!!**



### 50p Friday Cake Sales

A big thank you to parents and families in Year 2 for this week's cakes. The next class up for our 50p Friday Cake Sale is Year 1 on Fri 30th Sept. Thank you for your support.



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## Morning Drop Off



We're incredibly pleased with the positive start that families have made in adapting to the earlier start in the mornings, but as we should expect, we are experiencing a few teething troubles. In order to help children settle quicker into their learning, which starts promptly at 8:45am, we would like to request that parents and families don't take their child into the classrooms or cloakroom areas unless strictly necessary. We try very hard to develop each child's independence and to get the morning's learning started quickly. Several times over the last few weeks, parents have been still inside the school when the 8:45am bell has rung and learning needs to start. It helps our morning begin much more smoothly when children come into school independently, greet their teacher and get started on the day. Thank you for your understanding.

## Table Top Sale

St Michael's Church Hall

Saturday 24th September

10 am - 2pm

*Bric a Brac*

Plants

TOYS

Books

Cakes ...

Refreshments available.



## Perranporth Pantomime

The Perranporth Pantomime is returning in February 2023 with our version of Aladdin. There will be an open evening at the Memorial Hall from 6pm on Sunday 25th September for anyone who is interested in being part of the production to come and sign up. Front or back stage, adult or junior chorus, sets and costumes need painting or sewing, the list goes on.

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