

# SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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## CLUBS

### Violin Lessons

The violin teacher needs to change the day she teaches at SRG, so from this week Violin lessons will be on a Monday.

### Census Day – Thursday 19 January

#### Change of Menu

Build your own Quorn or Beefburger  
With Chips, Coleslaw and Baked Beans

### Census Day - Thursday 19 January

We receive all our funding for the KS1 dinners based on the dinners taken on two days. One of these is 19 January. Chartwells have a special meal on that day as a celebration and incentive. It would be really helpful, even if your child does not usually have a dinner on that day and they are in Reception, Year 1 or 2 that they have one booked. It is a silly system, but if they do not take it on that day we have no funding for all the others they take. This means that we have to take money out of the school budget to cover this, instead of it being given from a different pot. Last year it cost us several thousand as not everybody who had meals signed up. If your child doesn't like the menu that day, sign up and provide an extra snack box for lunchtime as well.

**PLEASE, PLEASE HELP BY BOOKING A DINNER ON THAT DAY, AND PASS THE MESSAGE ON AS NOT EVERYBODY READS THE NEWSLETTER**

### Project Updates

#### ICT

Last week five Clevertouch boards were installed in the classrooms and the quality of images are so much better. Hopefully by half term all staff will be using them confidently. We expect to be working with NCI on the whole of our grant work over the next few weeks.

#### Outdoor

This week our canopy outside The Qube, a stage area and a puppet theatre should be installed.

#### Mini Bus

I am still awaiting the date for delivery, but training and insurance is being explored now so it is all in place in time.

#### Learning Activities

After half term, staff from St Mellion and St Dominic will be visiting us and our staff will go there to share good practice and extend knowledge.

We are also running six workshop sessions after half term for some targeted groups of Year Six pupils. Mrs Curtis, Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Moore will be delivering these in writing, reading and maths.

#### **Cake Sale Dates**

Thursday 19 January

Thursday 23 February

Thursday 23 March



We will be having a cake sale each month, to raise funds for Hillside School, Uganda. Cakes are sold at 20p per cake.

***We do need donations of cakes to make this successful, which can be brought into school on the morning of the sale.*** Please make sure all containers are labelled and cakes are nut free.

#### **Severe Weather Arrangements**

Like last year, if the car park becomes too icy once again, we will be meeting and greeting the children from the layby to avoid parking issues. If you could have your children's things easily accessible and let cars pass along School Road easily, it will avoid congestion.

If we were to close the school, it would be posted on the website as soon as the decision is made. The local radio stations would also be informed so it would be a good idea to keep listening and accessing their website. Cornwall Council list the schools that are closed, but their updates take longer.

Closure will only occur in extreme circumstances, although we understand children may have difficulties reaching school early from outlying areas. If your child is going to be late, let us know. If, for any reason they could not get to school, then please encourage them to log into both Athletics and Spellodrome, as well as completing any homework and reading their books.

If you have any car seats that are no longer needed, please would you be able to donate them to school.

### **Sleep, sleep and more sleep!**

There are many children who appear to be very tired at the moment and getting into routine does take time. Please do make sure your child is ready to learn by ensuring that they are getting enough sleep. Children can lack concentration and focus in general but it is more difficult when they are over tired.

### **Story and text mapping**

Over the next few weeks, text and story maps will be coming home for you to share with the children. This will help them in the writing process as it helps provide a familiar structure and vocabulary. We will be encouraging children to use them outside and revisit them as part of drama on our new staged areas! Story maps will also be placed on the website for you to see.

### **Farm Rota**

Please consider helping on the weekend rota. At present it only takes about 30 minutes to complete the feeding and checking as there are fewer animals on site. On 23 January there is a meeting about farm activities, so if you are interested in supporting in any way do come. The meeting is at 2.30pm in the waiting room.

### **SCHOOL WORD OF THE WEEK**

#### **Aforementioned**

This is a formal word used to describe something that has been mentioned before in the same piece of writing or speech. It can be rather a pompous expression, although it is sometimes used humorously. It is sometimes a redundant word because it is quite obvious that whatever is being referred to has been mentioned already. In such a case you can simply omit the word:

- We found the purse on the street and looked inside for the name of the owner. We then returned the *aforementioned* purse to the grateful owner.
- We found the purse on the street and looked inside for the name of the owner. We then returned it to the grateful owner.

### **AWARDS**

Art	Connor P
Be the best you can	Sam B
Class Kindness	Rose C
Consistent Effort	(in maths) Eris B
Courtesy Award	Dan A
Effort	Daisy I
Enthusiasm	Sophie S
Excellence	Immy R
	Owen G
Friendship	Katie K
Great Progress	(in writing) Merryn H
Growth Mindset	Megan D
	Harry A
Gymnastics	Millie W
Helpfulness	Megan H
Kindness	Jacob T
Learner of the week	(writing) Josh S
Literacy	Shea W
Lunch	Oskar D
Mathlete Award	George G
Mathletic Points	Johan C
Maths	Hope R
Netball	Sophia C
Perseverance	Matt B
Phonics	Lucas C
Positive Attitude	Harri R
Reader	Rosie S
Reader of the week	Felicia W
Reading Progress	Ben C
Resilience	Taran H
Responsibility	Nathaniel K
Responsibility for own	
Learning	Morley M
Role Model	Gracie F
	Joshua G
School Ambassador	Alice R
School Grounds	Hannah D
	Jasmine S
Science	Jamie D
Spelling Bee	William R
Thinking	Ollie Y
VCOP	Axel B
Writer of the week	Sienna B
	William W

### **Photos**

Last term we used a new company for the school photos that many of you ordered. Please let us know what you thought by completing the slip at the end of this letter and returning it to school.

## Opportunity being explored for Autumn 2017 for KS2

As you know we have fitted in a night residential for all KS2 pupils in the autumn term and linked it to the topic. In September the topic is Ancient Rome but obviously a visit to Italy is not really practical. I have researched and negotiated with many places and now have what I think would be an amazing learning experience at the right price.

We would take Years 5 and 6 together on Monday 2 October and they would return on Tuesday. Years 3 and 4 would go on Wednesday and return on Thursday.

The coach would leave school and travel to Bath where the children will have a workshop and tour the Roman Baths. They will also visit the Fashion Museum and Art Gallery before spending the night at the Youth Hostel in Bath. In the morning after breakfast, the children will go to Explore at Bristol where they will spend the day on interactive science experiences and also watching the 3D Planetarium show. In the middle of the day they will go to ZAZA Bazaar the country's largest restaurant where every world cuisine can be tried. Further details and prices to follow once finalised.

### 100 Club

The 100 club is one of many fundraisers that the Friends support, to enable new and quality resources for the children within this excellent learning environment.

December's winners are:

1st place	Julie Pasco	£22
2nd place	Ruth Hughes	£16
3rd place	Julie Turner	£12
4th place	Peggie Aire	£10
5th place	Penny Maddever	£5

The more people that subscribe, the higher the prizes. Thank you to all who give to the 100 club, we really appreciate your continued support. If you would like to join, please see Tamsin Booth or Laura O'Keeffe for application forms, or the office has forms available.

Romans 3:23

All people have sinned and come short of the glory of God

## Board Games Club - REQUEST

We are short of games for our board games club after school. If you have any games that aren't being used and are complete, we would be grateful to receive them.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

#### THIS WEEK:

Weds 18 January	Friends Meeting 9.15am
<b>Thurs 19 January</b>	<b>Cake Sale</b>
	Swimming Lessons (yrs 3/5)
	Census Day

#### NEXT WEEK:

<b>Mon 23 January</b>	<b>Farm Meeting 2.30pm</b>
Thurs 26 January	Swimming Lessons (yrs 3/5)
Mon 30 January	Hi-5 Netball
<b>Tues 31 January</b>	<b>Yr 6 Lifeskills trip (morning)</b>
Weds 1 February	Sportsability Festival
<b>Friday 3 February</b>	Maths Masterclass – Saltash
	<b>Cake Sale and Mufti Day</b>
Mon 6 February	KS1 Gym Competition
13 – 17 February	HALF TERM
<b>Thurs 23 February</b>	<b>Cake Sale</b>
Mon 27 February	Hi-5 Netball
<b>Tuesday 7 March</b>	<b>Class/Team Photos 1.30pm</b>
Monday 13 March	Orienteering – St Germans
Friday 17 March	Landrake Run
Weds 22 March	School Disco
<b>Thurs 23 March</b>	<b>Cake Sale</b>
Friday 31 March	Easter Service
3 – 17 April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
Wednesday 17 May	Sports Day
Friday 14 July	Speech Day
Saturday 15 July	Summer Festival
Tuesday 25 July	Year 6 Leavers Service

### 2017-18

Autumn:	4 September – 20 December
Half Term:	23 – 27 October
Spring:	4 January - 29 March
Half Term:	12 – 16 February
Summer:	16 April – 24 July
Half Term:	28 May – 1 June

### INSET DAYS (not included in dates above)

Monday 4 September	Friday 20 October
Thursday 4 January	Mon 23 & Tues 24 July

**Madagascar Auditions**

Saltash.net are putting on a production of Madagascar - A musical Adventure Jr.

They are holding auditions on Wednesday 1 February from 4-6pm – the auditions are open to all students in years 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9.

Please take a song that you are prepared to sing and a backing track if you need one. No sheet music though.

The performance dates are Tuesday 6 to Friday 9 June 2017.

**Mufti Day and Cake Sale in aid of Cancer Research UK on Friday 3 February**



Taran and friends are organising a cake sale in aid of Cancer Research UK – we will also have a mufti day (£1 per person) in aid of this charity.

**Collection for Syria**

We’re collecting for essential items to be sent to the people of Syria.

All clothing and shelter items MUST be clean and in good condition – only items on the list can be taken.

**NO DUVETS, SHEETS, PILLOWS OR SHOES**

- Children’s Clothes
- Baby Items
- Shelter
- Adult Clothes
- Food Items

Please bring in to school on Friday 27 January.

**Cross Country Club News!**

Twenty four children from the Cross Country Club took part in the third Cross Country League Race held at Cotehele on 13 January 2017.

Well done to all the children who took part:

**Yr 3/4 girls:** Abbie C (13), Rose C (30), Isavella Ba (45), Erin S (49), Lily C (50), Ellie S (54)

**Yr 3/4 boys:** Tom H (42), Jamie H (43), Owen G (81), Johan C (82), Daniel B (86), Tom R (92)

**Yr 5/6 girls:** Immy R (8), Ruby D (30), Alice R (33), Rachael S (48), Pippa H (51), Abi L (52)

**Yr 5/6 boys:** Sonny P (35), Louis P (51), Euan L (52), Josh S (74), Oliver M (87), William H (100)

**Congratulations** to the 84 children who received their 100% attendance badges for the autumn term this week.

**Landrake Run Friday 17 March 1.30pm**

The school will be holding their annual cross country run on 17 March 2017. Please put this date in your diaries as we will need parents to help with marshalling and serving refreshments to the runners and spectators. Thank you

**Remember**, the Email address for your homework: [homelearning@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk)



**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS**

Please let us know if you have any comments about the use of a different school photographer.

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