

SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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PARENTS' EVENINGS

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February
Please see Page 4 of this Newsletter for
information on booking appointments

Fundraiser

On Friday 3 February, we will be raising money for this charity because several members of our local community have been receiving treatment over the past few weeks. Some of the children have asked to do something, so we are having a day that any of the things they have suggested, can happen.



How you can help...

Cake Sale

We are having an extra cake sale, please bring in cakes for the occasion and send your child in with money to buy some.

Mufti Day

Please send in a donation in lieu of school uniform, we have said £1 but if you can give more then please do so.

Coffee and Cake drop-in

Kathy will be hosting a coffee and cake drop in at 9am - 10am following the successful Macmillan Coffee Event, please stay and support if you can.

Hopefully as a learning community we can help the charity that is making such a difference, by finding the treatments to improve the life chances of cancer patients. Please give as generously as you can and support the children who are so keen and motivated to do something positive.

Swimming Lessons

Please ensure that if your child is in Mick's group (in the big pool), that they bring a t-shirt for lessons.

Please could you also make sure that all children bring a bag big enough to put all of their belongings in.

Thank you.

Let's Read

Are you a good role model – does your child see you reading? Do you discuss news items? Do you discuss books? Please do spend time listening to your child read and reading to them. Often starting off a book with a child results in them not wanting to put it down.

We are continuing to raise the profile of reading and are working hard to keep children motivated and engaged in Accelerated Reader. Children have more guidance through this, so they choose books that they will understand through assessments they take. The quizzes they complete earn them points so the more books read, the more points earned. We are rewarding the number of words that children read and books read. Certificates have been given out for passing the quizzes that are taken. We have seen great improvement in reading scores especially in children who are reading frequently and taking quizzes each week.

GREAT RESULTS

Millionaire word list

Louis P	Sonny P
Gabriel	Robin S

Half Millionaires

Meela	Isabelle E
Imogen R	Jacob H
Pippa H	Rose C
Sarel D	

Passed all quizzes

Ruby F	Rose C
Katie C	Lily C
Leila C	Sophia C
Alice R	Rachael S
Olivia G	Rosie B
Hannah D	Emily A
Millie W	Luke W
Josh J	Harry C
Morley M	Jessica A
Sol M	Oliver Y

Almost at half a million

Hazel S	Ruby F
Katie C	Archie W
Harry A	Lily C
Alice R	Euan L
Sophia C	Callum S
Archie S	Rosie G
Harry C	Josh J
Freddie H	Archie T

We often get asked how to make sure children enjoy and engage in books so here are Ten Top Tips for when you share books



- **Set aside some time**
- **Find somewhere quiet without any distractions** - turn off the TV/radio/computer
- **Ask your child to choose a book** - sharing books they have chosen shows you care what they think and that their opinion matters and they are more likely to engage with the book
- **Sit close together** - encourage your child to hold the book themselves and/or turn the pages
- **Point to the pictures** if there are illustrations and relate them to something your child knows. Ask them to describe the characters or situation or what will happen next. Encourage them to tell you the story by looking at the pictures
- **Encourage your child to talk about the book** - talking about the characters and their dilemmas helps children understand relationships and is an excellent way for you to get to know each other or discuss difficult issues. Give your child plenty of time to respond. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel
- **Don't be afraid to use funny voices** - children love this

And lastly and above all - make it fun! It doesn't matter how you read with a child, as long as you both enjoy the time together.



Cancer Research Coffee Morning Friday 3 February at 9.15 in the Waiting Room

In conjunction with the fundraising event being held by some of the children on this day, and in view of the fantastic response from our previous Macmillan Coffee morning, Kathy Jones is holding a coffee morning to raise funds for Cancer Research. If you are able to bring a cake or buns along to sell, all donations will be gratefully received. If not, please still come along and enjoy a cake and coffee/tea with us and all money raised will go to Cancer Research. Cakes and buns are also needed that day to be sold to the children, with all funds raised again going to Cancer Research. You are a very generous community and we are very grateful for any help you can give with this fundraising day.

Behaviour and manners

In general the behaviour of the children at our school is really good and when visitors come or children go out we receive phone calls telling us how impressed they have been. We all know that know what is expected and what exemplary behaviour looks like!

Over the past week however, we have noticed a very small minority children (who do know better) standing out in the wrong way. As a school we will not tolerate poor manners and poor behaviour. Whereas we are always keen to reward the positive, those children who let themselves down and make the wrong decisions receive sanctions and will continue to do so. These sanctions can be missing part of free time, doing additional learning tasks to make up for wasted time or learning in a different place than their peers. If this does not nip it in the bud then you will be informed, and from now on if it continues an action plan will be developed and reviewed regularly.

I wanted to make you all aware that we are having a zero tolerance approach to any rudeness, and will expect good manners and courteous behaviour from everybody at all times. Fortunately, the majority of children already display this behaviour and others only need a simple reminder. We know and accept that everybody can make the wrong decision at some point, so it will be only those who continue to let themselves down that will require an action plan meeting. However teachers work hard to prepare lessons and I am not prepared for good learning to be spoiled or their time wasted sorting out issues during free time.

On another point, I know you will agree that showing appreciation for what others do, from holding the door, cooking the dinner, helping with learning and running a club should be automatic, and to say thank you costs nothing but can mean a great deal. Adults in school role model this behaviour and it is also brilliant to see how many children are already great role models to others. We will be rewarding those consistent role models with badges – do celebrate if your child earns one of these badges, as having good manners and courteous behaviour will certainly help them throughout their lives.

How you can help

- Please make sure your child has enough sleep - there is a real link between lack of sleep and poor behaviour, irritability and concentration.
- Make sure they have a good breakfast so they are ready to learn.
- If a teacher speaks to you about your child's behaviour, do back it up at home. Working together achieves the best results and we have so many examples of how this has worked successfully.
- Remind children of the reasons why there are rules eg. to keep everyone safe

We expect children to:

- Walk quietly on the left around the school during the day
- Listen and follow instructions
- Use kind hands and words only – treat people as they would like to be treated
- Remember good manners at all times
- To be the best they can be

Having spent time reminding children of our expectations last week it is good to already see the positive changes and improvement.

Careers Day

We are hoping to have another careers day in the summer and would like to formulate a list of people who would be willing to talk to groups of children about their job and what it involves and the skills that are important. Over the years we have had many children inspired by listening to people who have come into school for these sessions. We have had farmers, builders, dentists, engineers, bank staff, chefs, doctors and nurses, surveyors, engineers and journalists to name but a few! If you would be willing to come in for a morning or a full day on 22 June, would you please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter and return to school.

AWARDS

Art	Alfie G
Be the best you can	Jayden W
Consideration	Eddie S
Consistent Effort	Daisy Ingram
Courtesy Award	Leo M
Eco	Sienna B
Effort	Hope R Josh J
Excellence	Layla C
Good Playtimes	Lily C
Growth Mindset	Harry F
Helpfulness	Ollie C
Kindness	Olivia T
Learner of the week	Izaak K
Literacy Progress	Victor H
Manners	Jake G
Mathlete Award	Ellie S
Mathletic Points	Harry A
Needlework	Sol Mc Sophie D
Phonics	JJ H
Playground Pal	Toby H
Reader of the Week	Ellie S
Reading Progress	Rosie S
Learning	Ruby F
Resilience	Tom W Ruby W Phoebe H
Role Model	Abigail L Ava O
School Ambassador	Isaac H
Science	Sienna H
Spelling Bee	JJ D
Writer of the week	Lauren G
Piano Award	Theodore S
Singing Award	Seren W

Also, apologies as these were missed off last week's newsletter:

Piano Award	Lucy P
Singing Award	Emily A

Remember, the Email address for your homework:
homelearning@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk

SCHOOL WORD OF THE WEEK

flora

This is a formal or technical word meaning **plants** and it can be replaced by the simpler word, or by the phrase **plant life**, in non-technical contexts:

- Mike is interested in botany and is looking for a book on the **flora** of Australia.
- Mike is interested in botany and is looking for a book on the **plant life** of Australia.



Reception Imaginative Play Area

As I'm sure you will have seen, Reception class have a new staging area and puppet theatre in their outside garden area. We are looking to resource this further, so if anyone has any dressing up clothes and hand/stick puppets that they would be willing to donate we would be extremely grateful! Please hand any of these to Mrs Hawkings. Many thanks.

SEN Parent Review Meetings

During this week, parents and carers of pupils on the record of need will be able to meet with teachers to review autumn term provision and hear about spring term provision. Please can these parents arrange a time to meet with teachers over the next week. Many thanks. Mrs Clark

Landrake Community Fundraising

Amy Newland, the new manager of the Bullers Arms is organising many events throughout the year to help raise funds for the School and the village.

She is looking to set up a new committee to come up with ideas and organise these events. If anyone would like to join, please contact her directly at the pub.

Easter Egg Hunt and Table Top Sale

Saturday 16 April

Easter Egg Hunt 10am – 2pm

Table top sale - £5 per table

All proceeds to go towards the school and the village.



Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th February

We are using the on-line booking system again for Parents' Evenings at:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

This time we have set up two separate logins for KS1 and KS2

KS1 login password – qqvmw

Classes have 10 minute appointment slots
Please book one slot with child's teacher

KS2 login password – jz6q9

Please make appointments with your child's Numeracy and Literacy teacher/s
Five minute slot per subject

Please ensure your leave enough time between timeslots to move from one teacher to another, if necessary.

We suggest you book as soon as possible.

Year 6 Appointments - Mrs Cunningham will see all Year 6 pupils for Literacy unless you are notified otherwise, and those in her Numeracy group. Mrs Curtis will see her Numeracy group.

All Year 5 parents will see Mr Crudge for Literacy, but some will see Mrs Cunningham for Numeracy.

The smooth running of our event relies on all parents keeping to the timetable. Please consider other parents and end on time. If you need more time with a particular teacher, arrange a separate meeting.

Matthew 5:14

You are the light of the world



Happy New Year!

We would like to invite you to join the Friends 100 club. For just £2 per month (or £24 for the year), each supporter buys a number, not only are you supporting the school you are increasing your luck for the coming year. Each month 50% of funds go to school and 50% is paid out in prize money. The more involved the bigger the prizes.

We have attached the 100 club application form to this newsletter for you to join this amazing opportunity. If you would like further copies or would like any further information please contact one of us.

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Congratulations to our January Winners

Lost Property

Please check your child’s uniform to ensure that their jumpers etc. are theirs and not someone else’s. Many thanks.

Cake Sale

Thank you to all who donated cakes for our cake sale – these are greatly appreciated and this time we raised £48.60 for the Hillside School in Uganda.

Next cake sale is Friday 3 February.



The **Summer Festival’s** theme is **Wellies**



Please can we have any old wellies you have to make plant pots and vases out of. Please bring into school/office for the attention of Kathy Jones.



Farm Rota

Please let us know if you are able to help on the weekend rota. It takes about 30 minutes to complete the feeding and checking as there are only a few animals on site at present.



We will also have the rota up in the office soon for February Half Term – please come and write your name against a day if you’re able to help.

Essential Items to send to the people of Syria

Just a reminder that on **Friday 27 January**, we will be collecting in any essential items that you are able to donate to this urgent aid appeal.

All clothing and shelter items **MUST** be clean and in good condition.

- Children’s Warm Clothes
- Adult Warm Clothes
- Baby Items (toiletries, vegetarian food etc.)
- Food Items (dried, tinned etc.)
- Shelter (sleeping bags, blankets, tents)

CAREERS DAY

Thursday 22 June 2017

Name

Telephone Email

Career you can discuss:
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