

# SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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## CLUBS

**Handball** – is cancelled tomorrow night  
**Dance Club** – is cancelled on Friday  
**KS1 French** has now finished (Mondays)  
**KS2 Chess** starts this week (Tuesdays)  
All clubs finish during the week ending 24 March.

**Guitar lessons** will not happen tomorrow as Clive is ill and not able to come in – the lesson will be made up later in the term.

## Meet the Governors

If you would like to come for an informal meeting with the Governing Body do come on Thursday 2 March for a cup of tea and cake at 4pm. The governors are always pleased to hear about your child's learning journey at Sir Robert Geffery's. So we can cater for the right numbers please give your name to the office.

## SRG Half Marathon

In March we will be hosting the legendary Landrake Run, however from now we will also be encouraging every child to develop their fitness. They can do this by collecting miles that go towards participation in the Fun Run at Saltash Half Marathon, which can result in the children gaining a medal.

The final mile will be run at Saltash and if the children take their card then they will be eligible for the special award marking their half marathon completion. Jack will be completing cards and Alex Robinson will oversee this work.

Following our very successful collection for cancer research we are going to open a Just Giving Page where donations can be made in a form of communal sponsorship for the children taking part. This is entirely optional, but we feel we would like to continue to raise money in light of the challenges that some of our families and members of our school community are experiencing at present. This way gift aid can also help to add to the total.

The page is...

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/SRG-halfmarathon>

## Trip Letters

Look out for letters coming home today about the year 4 multi-sports festival and Netball.

## Rainbows and Brownies

### World Thinking Day - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Girls will be able to wear their Rainbows or Brownies uniform on Wednesday to celebrate this important day in the Girl Guides calendar.

## More sad farewells

Our two apprentice teaching assistants Megan and Laura have both successfully completed their apprenticeships and leave the school at the end of this month.

They have been with us for two years and have made a big impact on the children they work with each day and will be greatly missed. We wish them both all the best for the future.

## Gym Success

Congratulations to our KS1 Gymnasts who participated at the Saltash Gymnastics Competition. We were the winners of both the floor and vault section with Isla winning the individual floor and Poppy the individual vault.



Thank you to Miss Couch who prepared the children. It is great to see a positive result already from our new arrangements to ensure high quality PE sessions.

## Reading support

Do speak to one of the teachers if you have a few minutes to spare to hear readers. Help is always appreciated and the more children are heard the better.

If you'd like to volunteer, please come and ask in the office as you will need a DBS check first.

## Collaboration

Over the past few weeks we have enjoyed training sessions that have been attended by staff from our partner schools. These have included drama sessions related to improving writing skills and literacy run by staff from the Theatre Royal, and phonological awareness and spelling run by the County Dyslexia Team. A common approach and sharing of expertise and practice is really positive.

Staff have visited all three schools working in triads on common areas of school improvement. This half term we will be hosting extension maths, writing and reading workshops that children from all three schools will attend on Monday afternoons.

## Head lice

Thank you to the parents who did comb hair in an attempt to eradicate our school of these unwanted visitors.

Having spoken to the school nurse she confirmed we have given all the right advice. She is going to organise a display for our waiting and parents' area to help guide parents if they are unsure about this. The good thing is as children become more involved in doing their hair they are less likely to get outbreaks. They do seem to like some hair more than others. It is really difficult to break the cycle but many have recommended:

- 1) The Nitty Gritty comb that can be bought in many supermarkets or chemists
- 2) If combing is used it must be repeated every three days
- 3) Plait long hair tightly and some suggest hair spray to prevent
- 4) Make sure all hair is tied back at school

We will notify you if we have been told there has been an outbreak in the class but we cannot look in hair. Sometimes we do spot them wandering across the foreheads and if this happens we will tell you as it is not always possible to see them.

Over the years I have become an expert in these creatures my husband used to liken me to a gorilla as I removed eggs from hair in the past! I can really sympathise with families whose children get repeated outbreaks as it is time consuming and difficult to deal with. Children often stop scratching as they become used to it

so do comb each week with conditioner to check. If we are all conscientious then we can help further problems. If you would like further information, the school nurse will give guidance to individuals.

## Mumps

Just to let you all know that mumps is in the locality – the sibling of a pupil at SRG has had it recently, so please be aware.

Our Solar Meter Reading this week: 54,083 kWh

## SCHOOL WORD OF THE WEEK

### kid

The word **kid** in the informal context of the passage means to say something that is not meant to be taken seriously. It can be replaced by a word such as **joke** or **tease**:

- I was nervous when Jane told me that the boss wanted to see me in his office, but she was only **kidding**.
- I was nervous when Jane told me that the boss wanted to see me in his office, but she was only **teasing**.
- I was nervous when Jane told me that the boss wanted to see me in his office, but she wasn't **being serious**.

## Big Dig Sunday – 19 March 11am-2pm

Would you like to come and help?

Pasties and Cake for all who come – please wear your wellies or boots as it can be muddy.

Please let us know if you'll be coming to help so we can ensure we have enough pasties and cakes for all.

If possible, can you please bring any spare digging tools along?

Please complete the tear-off slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return to the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

We also need help to feed our donkey, Polly and her friends at weekends and during the school holidays. Full instructions will be given, just Email or call into the school if you can or want more information about 'Big Dig Sunday'.



**RESIDENTIALS**

The residentials are coming up fast – year 5 go to Barton Hall on 24 April for a week and year 6 are off to London on 22 May.

If your child is going to a residential, please ensure that you’re making payments towards it, if not already. We need to have received some money to ensure your child has a place, otherwise they won’t be able to attend.

**Dinner Money**

Please check ParentPay and make regular payments for your child’s school lunches.

Buy 4, get 1 FREE

If your child eats a school dinner every day and you are in credit at the end of the week, you will be credited for Friday’s meal. If you do this over the course of a whole school year, it can save you up to £75.90

James 1:17

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

THIS WEEK:

Thurs 23 February Cake Sale

NEXT WEEK:

Mon 27 February	Hi-5 Netball
Thurs 2 March	Yr 4 Multi Sports Festival
	4pm: Meet the governors
Tuesday 7 March	Class/Team Photos 1.30pm
Monday 13 March	Orienteering – St Germans
Friday 17 March	Landrake Run
<b>Sunday 19 March</b>	<b>Farm: Big Dig and Clear Up</b>
Weds 22 March	School Disco
Thurs 23 March	Cake Sale
Friday 24 March	Red Nose Day
Weds 29 March	Homework Exhibition
Friday 31 March	Easter Service
3 – 17 April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
24-28 April	Year 5 – Barton Hall
<b>8 – 12 May</b>	<b>SATs Week</b>
Wednesday 17 May	Sports Day
22 – 26 May	Yr 6 – London residential
29 May – 4 June	HALF TERM
Monday 5 June	INSET DAY
Friday 14 July	Speech Day
Saturday 15 July	Summer Festival
Tuesday 25 July	Year 6 Leavers Service



**Cake Sale Date on Thursday 23 February**

We will be having a cake sale this Thursday raising 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.

**SCHOOL FARM: BIG DIG AND CLEAR UP**

I/we will be coming along to help.

Name/s: .....

Number of  beef pasties

veggie pasties

child’s pasties

**SUNDAY 19 MARCH 11AM – 2PM**

Please return to the office as soon as possible.