

SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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CLUBS

No **Cross Country Club** this week (Landrake Run)
All clubs (apart from Cooking Club) finish during the week ending 24 March.

LANDRAKE RUN - Friday 17 March 1.30pm

If your child is taking part, can you please ensure that you've sent in the £1 entry fee along with the consent form.

Sending biscuits or cakes in is a big help if you are unable to attend (please leave your kind donations in the meeting room on the morning of the run), or helping to marshall if you're around. Your help would be really appreciated – to make this mammoth event safe, it needs over 100 adults in different ways! This is a legendary event, as well as a good fundraiser.

If you have offered to marshall, please be at the school for 12.45 for a briefing. Thank you.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

Twenty three children from the cross country club took part in the fifth and final league race for the 2016/17 season which was held at Lanhydrock, Bodmin on Friday 3 March. Well done to all the children who took part.

Yr 3/4 Girls: Abbie C (10) Ruby F (34) Rose C (41) Erin S (66) Lily C (73) Rachel H (74)

Yrs 3/4 Boys: Owen G (34) Tom H (38) Johan C (40) Tom R (46) Jamie H (51) Che S (98)

Yr 5/6 Girls: Immy R (9) Emily A (20) Alice R (32) Rachel S (35) Pippa H (73)

Yr 5/6 Boys: Sonny P (14) Louis P (35) Euan L (36) Josh S (78) Jaydon W (91) William H (97)

Communication

We sent a test text message out to all parents on Wednesday morning of last week. If you did not receive it, please contact the office to update your contact details.
Thank you.

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 let the office know if you can help, and to order a pasty. 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'.

Safety

We have been reminding the children about keeping themselves safe. There are so many aspects of this but we have included: road safety, e-safety and fire-safety. During health and safety week many other aspects will be covered including: first aid, sun safety and farm safety.

We will be having visitors from Child Assault Prevention UK (CAP) in the summer term.
Their motto is:

Working with you to keep children safe, strong and free

Before they come in they run a session for parents and staff so everybody is aware of ways to support children. Our parent workshop will be on Wednesday 19 March from 5.15 – 6.45pm.

Summer Uniform

A reminder that children can return after Easter in summer uniform. We have a lot of second hand summer dresses in stock – for the cost of only £2 – available from the uniform shop on a Thursday from 3.30pm.

Our Solar Meter Reading this week: 54,398 kWh

School Cuts

Please do write and sign the petition, as our school will certainly lose out on significantly unless the current funding is maintained.

Clubs and Safety

We are so fortunate to have so many clubs running every day. This is due to the good will of so many staff and volunteers. This is a strength of our school and is not the same in many primary schools.

A new club list will be available in the next few weeks but I want to make sure that all are aware of expectations, and some new school procedures that we have put in place to keep pupils safe.

- 1) If children are signed up for a club they must attend.
- 2) If for any reason they cannot, please ring the office and speak to Tegen who will have a list so registers can be adjusted.
- 3) KS1 children are taken to clubs and year 3 are guided and reminded. Year four and up are expected to make their own way to the club meeting point.
- 4) If there is wet weather and the club cannot run outside it will not be cancelled, but there will be an inside alternative taken by the club's member of staff. This will happen especially on a Tuesday and Thursday when gym club takes place in the hall.
- 5) If parents are in school collecting, then they can take their child, but must inform the office so that when registers are returned we know the child is not on the premises.
- 6) We do not want to waste valuable time chasing non attendees so please do notify us of changes.
- 7) Homework club should be used by those who are booked in, so once again, do book your child in by giving their name to the office. A note in the letter box would be fine.

We hope that children really benefit from the range of opportunities and I am indebted to the staff who give their time to make the activities the best they can be for the pupils.

Ephesians 4:32 - Be kind to one another

AWARDS

Accelerated Reader	Jacob H
Courtesy Award	Matthew B
Creative Thinking	Freddie H
Effort	Josh S
Enthusiasm	Edie C
Friendship	Tamika K
Great Progress	Fleur B
Growth Mindset	Rosie S
	Alfie B
Helpfulness	William D
Kindness	Jess B
Literacy	James K
Lunch	Harry A
Mathlete Award	9 th Gold - Izaac K
Maths	Jamie D
Maths Progress	Joseph O
Needlecraft	Florence W
	Che S
Netball	Daniel A
Participation	William H
Phonics	Katy B
Positive Attitude	Stanley D
Reader of the week	Morley M
Reading Progress	Ellie S
Resilience	Phoebe H
Responsibility	Jamie D
Role Model	Layla C
	Isla S
School Grounds	Melody E
	Ruby P
Science	Shea W
	Eddie T
Spelling Bee	Shiloh
Spelling Progress	Jayden W
Writer of the Week	Albie C
	David B
Piano Award	Alice R
Singing Award	Hazel S

SATS

Year 6 have been working really hard in preparation for the externally marked tests held in May. This will be the second year for the new style tests.

Leaflets about assessments are on our website for you to read.

London/Barton Hall Residential Visits

Please send in consent and medical forms this week. Please also remember that the full balance is due on 31 March 2017.

Bath/Bristol trip October 2017

A letter is being sent home tonight, please return the slip ASAP.

Donations Wanted:

Sat Nav

Do you still use your Sat Nav? If not, are you willing to donate it to our new minibus? We thought it was worth asking before we spent any money on one.

Games suitable for under sevens

Have you any orchard games or similar that would be suitable for children to play? If so, please pass them to Cat who would be able to make good use of them.

Bikes for KS1 and pre-school

Any working bikes sitting in your shed unused? Our younger children would love to ride them at break times.

Multi Use Games Area, Seaton

The new multi-use games area (MUGA) in Seaton is being officially opened this Saturday 18 March (hopefully the weather will hold). There will be football, basketball, volleyball and tennis demonstrations – come along and try out your skills. The Pink Van travelling diner will be having a MUGA special menu too.



Thank you

We have received a lovely letter from Saint Petroc's Society thanking Sir Robert Geffery's school for the kind donation of Christmas boxes, along with money raised at a cake sale organised by Immy and friends.

Pre-School Fees

The pre-school will be increasing their fees from 1 April 2017 due to increases in expenditure and running costs. The fees will be:
£9.60 per half day £4.20 per lunch session
£23.40 per full day For any more info, please see Sarah.

SCHOOL WORD OF THE WEEK

Paraphernalia

This is a formal word that refers to a group of things that together are needed for a particular activity. It can be replaced by a simpler word such as **equipment**, **apparatus** or even **stuff** or **things**:

- The artist who is painting Mrs Harrison's portrait needs somewhere to store his easel and the rest of his **paraphernalia**
- The artist who is painting Mrs Harrison's portrait needs somewhere to store his easel and the rest of his **equipment**.

Pokémon Cards

We cannot take responsibility for personal items such as Pokémon cards being lost in school. If concerned about losing them, please leave at home.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEK:

Monday 13 March Orienteering – St Germans
Weds 15 March Yr 5: Maths and Bubbles
Friday 17 March Landrake Run
Sunday 19 March Farm: Big Dig and Clear Up

NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday 21 March Yrs 3/4 Farm & Country Day
5.45pm: Barton Hall info
6.45pm: London info
School Disco
Weds 22 March Cake Sale
Thurs 23 March Red Nose Day Mufti



Friday 24 March
Weds 29 March Homework Exhibition
Friday 31 March Easter Service (9.15am)
3 – 17 April EASTER HOLIDAYS
Weds 19 April CAP workshop 5.15pm
24-28 April Year 5 – Barton Hall
Friday 28 April Family quiz night 6pm
8 – 12 May SATs Week
Wednesday 17 May Sports Day
22 – 26 May Yr 6 – London residential
29 May – 4 June HALF TERM
Monday 5 June INSET DAY
Thursday 15 June Summer Fair
Tuesday 20 June Team Photos
Friday 14 July Speech Day
Saturday 15 July Summer Festival
Tuesday 25 July Year 6 Leavers Service

