

SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER
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Thank You!

CLUBS

No **karate club** until after Easter holidays (first week back).
No **KS1 Art** tomorrow as Mrs Clark is on a course

Farm and Country Day tomorrow

Years 3 and 4 are off to Wadebridge tomorrow, please return any outstanding forms and £1 contributions towards the cost of the coach. Please remember to supply your child with a packed lunch, unless previously ordered.

The coach leaves at 8am, please ensure children are at school promptly at 7.50am.

London/Barton Hall Residentials

Please remember to return medical and consent forms this week.

Meetings tomorrow:

5.45pm Barton Hall

6.45pm London

School Disco

Wednesday 22 March

KS1: 5.30pm – 6.30pm

KS2: 6.45pm – 8pm

£1 each – there will be a tuck shop and tattoos available at additional cost.



Piano Lessons

There are a number of changes to lessons this week. Please check with your class teacher as your lesson might be on a different day. Your teacher has a list.

Thank you.

Bath/Bristol Residential – October 2017

Please return your slip this week. Payment for this trip is due by Monday 18 September 2017.

The Child Assault Prevention (CAP) workshop for parents is Wednesday 19 April (not March as stated in last week's newsletter).

LANDRAKE RUN

Once again Helen Ralph deserves all our thanks. Without her it would not be possible to organise such an event. She organises every last detail and works so hard for our community. Thank you Helen. Thanks also to all who marshalled and supported in so many ways. Please see Helen's report at the end of the newsletter.

Wear Red for Red Nose Day Mufti

This Friday 24 March is Red Nose Day. We're having a 'wear red' mufti day. Please bring a contribution of £1 per person, all proceeds raised will go towards Red Nose Day Charities.



The Big Dig - A huge thank you

Thank you to all who came and made the Big Dig so successful. I have never seen so many families come together to help. The weather helped and I am sure so many will have aching muscles. A tonne of soil and a load of bark was transported to the allotment areas and bottom paths. A new raised bed was created, the poly tunnel cleared, manure taken to the beds and the yearly compost transported to the farm. Animals were looked after and cleaned and the day's work has made such a difference.

Thank you to Kathy and Cat who helped coordinate refreshments. It was good to see people coming from the community and beyond.

Do join our rota, as if all do a little it means nobody has to do everything. This is emailed out on a regular basis - please give your email address to the office, or email:

secretary@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk.

Cake Sale this Thursday



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 Uniform

Depending on the weather we will return after the Easter holiday in summer uniform. As some have already asked and I am sure others will be purchasing things over the holidays, I thought we should remind everybody about what is acceptable and will be expected all summer.

Girls' summer uniform is either green skirts and white polo shirts (preferably with school logo) or green gingham school dresses. Both should be worn with white socks and school cardigans or sweatshirts. Please make sure all items are named!

Boys can wear grey school shorts or trousers with white polo shirts again preferably with school logo. This year having listened to parent views **grey socks** should be worn!

Reminder for trips and visits children need to wear yellow PE tops and hoodies for safety reasons. We can spot our children in any large group as they stand out! This is part of our risk assessment and we have found it works really well even in London crowds! Whatever year they are in, they need to have a hoodie and yellow shirt-please recheck names as they sometimes fade.

Shoes – sandals for health and safety reasons must not be open toed. School shoe colour remains black in the summer as well.

Safeguarding

A reminder that Mrs Curtis is the designated safeguarding lead, Mrs Cunningham is the named deputy and Mrs Clark is also trained. All other staff have an annual tier two update. In September 2016 a new Keeping Children Safe in Education was issued and our child protection policy updated in light of this. The prevent and the radicalisation agenda, along with e-safety has meant that we need to make sure we keep well informed and educate not only the children but inform parents as well of the potential risks. Do follow up by looking at websites and talking to your child about how to keep themselves safe.

Next term we will have our annual Health and Safety Week and also have CAP workshops for the KS2 children.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Miss Couch and Hello to Mr Pearce.

Miss Couch will be moving on, having secured a position at a secondary school. Her gym clubs have been particularly popular recently and from the responses from our learning forum and our observations, the expertise she has shown with our children will be missed.

We welcome Mr Pearce who will be joining us and we look forward to a summer of sport outside.

E safety

Do you know what your child is doing on the computer? Always be vigilant – our curriculum revisits e-safety precautions regularly. However we do know that there are children in our school with Facebook accounts that can be accessed by any members. Facebook accounts are not designed for under 13 year olds, but it is strongly recommended that the security settings are set to minimise risk.

We have also had examples of children not using internet chat rooms in the most appropriate way. We have always spoken to parents if we are made aware of inappropriate comments etc. Please do make sure you are monitoring your child's use and talk to them about the sort of information shared.

If you want to find out more, do access information from following websites.

<http://www.kidsmart.org.uk/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Amnesty

Awards

Have you got an award lurking at home? We are some class project awards, class role model and class kindness awards missing. We also have a few outstanding school awards that need to be returned. It is disappointing when they are not back as the next child misses out. Please do return if you find one, as it does make a difference.

Books

Can you check your shelves for our school reading books - send them back as it keeps us being able to plough money into new books not just replacing those that are missing.

AWARDS

Accelerated Reader	William W
Bookworm	Isabella M
Consistent Effort	Ollie Y
Courtesy Award	Katie D
Creative Thinking Effort	Abi P
	Erin R
	William B
Excellence	Isaac B
Friendship	Ruby D
Good Playtimes	Erin S
Great Progress	Bob T
Growth Mindset	George K
	Connor P
	Pippa H
Helpfulness	Sam B
Kindness	Emily A
Literacy	Hayden W
	Abi L
Maths	Kamora K
Needlecraft	Sienna B
	Finley S
	Layla E
Netball	Isabelle E
Perseverance	Tilly G
Positive Attitude	Rosie G
Reader of the week	Libby P
Reading Progress	Melody E
Resilience	Rosie S
Responsibility	Meredith T
Responsibility for own learning	Sol M
Role Model	Hope R
School Grounds	Dulcie N
Science	George G
	Oskar D
Spelling Bee	Shiloh S
Spelling Progress	Leo M
Thinking	Ethan B
Writer of the Week	Lily P

Piano Award
Singing Award

Erin St
Sienna Ho

Violin Lessons

There are spaces for violin lessons from the summer term, please contact the office if you're interested.

Songfest

The children sang and behaved beautifully and were complimented on having so many boys singing positively in the choir.
Well done.



Uniform

Have you got something that belongs to someone else? Children are good at picking things up and unless you check labels every now and again it can go unnoticed. Do check and return.

Headlice

Please can we make Easter the time that everybody tries to eradicate these pests! If all of our pupils had their head checked by combing with conditioner over this time we could break the cycles. It is apparent that they like some hair more than others and it is really difficult to get rid of it. Everybody needs to be vigilant and check heads regularly. I know it is frustrating for parents when they eradicate it only to get another outbreak days later!

Dinner Money payments

Please check ParentPay and pay for your child's lunches – dinner money reminders will be coming home this week.

Lunch at school costs £2.30 each day, however if you're in credit on ParentPay at the end of each week and your child has had a school lunch every day, you will be refunded for Friday's lunch.

SCHOOL WORD OF THE WEEK

Cumbersome

This is a formal word which is similar in meaning to **burdensome** except that it also carries the suggestions that something is awkward to carry. It can be replaced by the word **awkward**, **unwieldy** or **unmanageable**:

- The musicians had difficulty in carrying their **cumbersome** luggage to the airport check-in desk.
- The musicians had difficulty in carrying their **unwieldy** luggage to the airport check-in desk.

Our Solar Meter Reading this week: 54,475 kWh

1 John 3:23
Love one another

Lost Property

- Cardigan – Tesco with embroidered logo. Named Gracie Ford
- Elasticated tie – named Ruby Chapman
- Hoody, PE shorts and shirt – named Hanson

*Please look out for the Clubs Letter for Summer Term, coming home with your child tonight.
Please return completed form asap*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday 21 March Yrs 3/4 Farm & Country Day
5.45pm: Barton Hall info
6.45pm: London info
Weds 22 March School Disco
Thurs 23 March Cake Sale
Friday 24 March Able Maths – Saltash
Red Nose Day Mufti



NEXT WEEK:

Weds 29 March Homework Exhibition
Stage Club Easter show
Thursday 30 March Hi-5 Netball Final
Friday 31 March Easter Service (9.15am)
Final residential payments due

3 – 17 April

Weds 19 April

Friday 21 April

24-28 April

Thursday 27 April

Friday 28 April

Wednesday 3 May

8 – 12 May

Wednesday 17 May

22 – 26 May

29 May – 4 June

Monday 5 June

Thursday 15 June

Tuesday 20 June

Friday 14 July

Saturday 15 July

Tuesday 25 July

EASTER HOLIDAYS

CAP workshop 5.15pm

Biathlon - Truro

Year 5 – Barton Hall

Year 6 festival

Family quiz night 6pm

Tag Rugby at Saltash

SATs Week

Sports Day

Yr 6 – London residential

HALF TERM

INSET DAY

Summer Fair

Team Photos

Speech Day

Summer Festival

Year 6 Leavers Service

