

SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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CLUBS

Clubs start again on Monday 24 April.
Completed clubs lists are due back in to the office by Wednesday 19 April.

However, the following will not be running due to Year 5 being at Barton Hall:

Monday Club

Welcome back

I hope everybody was able to enjoy the sunshine and time to relax and unwind. We look forward to a new term full of learning that will be remembered as fun.

The Child Assault Prevention UK (CAP) workshop for parents is Thursday 20 April from 5.15 – 6.45pm.

Their motto is this:

*Working with you to keep children
safe, strong and free*

This Thursday, Year 5 are off to Plymouth Uni to watch Hamlet performed by Shakespeare 4kidz. Please remember to supply them with a packed lunch and also please return consent forms.

Half Marathon Reminder

If your child has run the 12 miles at school, you can enter them in the Saltash Fun Run to complete the half marathon and they will earn their special medal. Most children in KS2 are in that position and have brought home the sheet. Do ask if you have not seen one and you would like your child to enter.

We have an SRG Just giving site where children can be sponsored and money raised for cancer research a charity close to our hearts at present.

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

SATS WEEK for Year 6: 8-12 May

The children have worked really hard and made amazing progress in so many ways this year. We are really proud of the way they have taken advice and prepared for the assessments. This is the second year in this format.

We cannot authorise any absence during this week. If your child is feeling unwell that day please ring Mrs Curtis early to discuss the options.

Music Lessons

Brass Lessons start again this Thursday 20 April

Woodwind starts again this Friday 21 April

Violin starts next Monday 24 April

Guitar starts next Tuesday 25 April

Please do not use hand held mobile phones whilst driving – this is illegal. It has been reported to the office that two parents have been seen driving away from the school doing just this.

Please THINK! about children's safety.

Bikeability

Years 6 and 5 – Please return the reply slip ASAP if your child wishes to take part.

Uniform

Summer uniform can now be worn until October. We expect all to be in Summer Uniform by 1 May. Reminder that girls wear green skirts and white polo shirts or green gingham dresses with white socks. Boys are encouraged to wear grey shorts or can wear grey trousers with white polo shirts and grey socks.

Polo shirts should preferably be embroidered with school logo.

Sweatshirts and cardigans with logos are also part of summer uniform.

The uniform shop will be stocking white polo shirts with logos, which will be the same size/quality as the gold PE shirts. If you would like to order any, please complete and return the reply slip at the end of the newsletter.

KS 2 Home Learning Options

1 Complete a project book of own choice topic like in previous years

OR

2 Complete project book showing activities from the list below- how they are evidenced is up to you.

Pictures can be sent into school if you would like to do this during the term and they will be on display each week.

- a) Learn a new skill
eg. Could be to ride a bike/ tell the time/ learn to knit/ learn to swim etc.
- b) Improve in an area of maths or literacy that you feel you would like to develop
eg. Master tables/ crack long multiplication/ spell additional new words etc. - work can be stuck into book
- c) Design a farm for the future
eg. design animals , farmhouse buildings etc.
- d) Grow vegetables at home
- e) Prepare and enjoy a picnic with family or friends
- f) Visit a place of interest and record your time there in some way
- g) Attend a Farm Open Day in June
- h) Make a poster about The Countryside Rules
- i) Go for a walk in the countryside following the countryside rules
- j) Make a model farm
- k) Write a poem about a farm or countryside
- l) Paint a countryside scene
- m) Go to and record your visit to a village show/ agricultural show etc.
- n) Create a picture or sandcastle village on the beach
- o) Create an animal on a plate or paint one on a stone
- p) Produce a fact file about crops or animals
- q) Read and quiz on some books about farms or life in the countryside now or in past.

There are many by Michael Morpurgo: Out of the Ashes / Farm Boy etc. Arthur Ransome: Swallows and Amazons. Enid Blyton: Famous Five series. Lots by Dick King Smith: Sheep Pig. E B White: Charlotte's Web. Lucy Daniels: Pony in Porch etc.

Non attendance

If your child is off school because of illness or any reason, please let the office know, even if the class teacher has been informed. Thank you.

Attendance Figures

Following last term's attendance updates, here are the attendance figures for each class for the first two terms of this school year. Letters will be sent home half-termly to parents of children whose attendance falls below 95%.

Reception:	97.8%
Year One:	98.2%
Year Two:	97.9%
Year Three:	97.9%
Year Four:	97.3%
Year Five:	96.4%
Year Six:	96.1%
Whole School:	97.3%

Family Quiz Night – Friday 28 April at 7pm

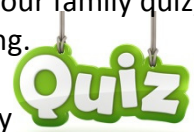
Come along and have a go at our family quiz, it's always an entertaining evening.

Tables of 4-6 people

£2 per person or £5 per family

Tea, coffee and soft drinks will be available.

Tuck shop for children and pasties also available for an additional cost.



SCHOOL WORD OF THE WEEK

Boast

In the context of the passage, **boast** is a formal word meaning to have something that is an advantage or something to be proud of. It can be replaced by **have**, **possess** or **contain**:

- The brochure said that the hotel **boasted** a large swimming pool, but it was, in fact, little more than a paddling pool.
- The brochure said that the hotel **contained** a large swimming pool, but it was, in fact, little more than a paddling pool.

Cricket for 5-8 year olds

All Stars Cricket, a brand new initiative from the England and Wales Cricket board aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket. The programme is delivered across Cornwall at 29 fully accredited All Stars Cricket centres. It is a fun and active way to develop your child's skills, and through our eight-week programme they will learn lots – as well as make new friends – in a safe and inclusive environment.

All girls and boys are welcome, and each registered child will receive a pack of cricket goodies including a cricket bat, ball, backpack, water bottle, personalised shirt and cap to keep so that they can continue their love of cricket when they go home.

The nearest course to here is:
Tideford Cricket Club
Mondays 4.30 – 5.30pm
£40 for an 8 week programme
22 May – 10 July

To register, go to: www.allstarscricket.co.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

THIS WEEK:

Thurs 20 April	CAP workshop 5.15pm Yr 5: Plymouth Uni – Hamlet Little Wise Owls
Friday 21 April	Biathlon – Truro JTT – Walking on Dartmoor

NEXT WEEK:

24-28 April	Year 5 – Barton Hall After School Clubs start
Thursday 27 April	Year 6 sports festival
Friday 28 April	Family quiz night 6pm
Wednesday 3 May	Tag Rugby at Saltash
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

Our Solar Meter Reading this week: 55,379 kWh

Psalm 118:24

This is the day the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

WHITE POLO SHIRTS WITH SCHOOL LOGO

I would like to order white polo shirts £7 each.

Name:

Year:

Cost:

Please write the number of shirts you would like against the appropriate size.

..... Age 3-4 XS (30-32")

..... Age 5-6 (£8 each)

..... Age 7-8

..... Age 9-10

..... Age 11-12