

SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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CLUBS

It is great to see how many children have put themselves down for clubs and activities, and again I thank the staff and volunteers for making this possible.

However, to prevent splitting some large groups, we urgently need some willing parents to support the activities so that they run smoothly. Please come and give your name in at the office if you can help in any way – especially with the sports clubs.

Barton Hall

Thank you to Izzy, Mr Crudge, Colin, Becky and Mrs Watts for accompanying the children to Barton Hall and taking responsibility for them. The weather was kind and once again the children represented their school and families well. It was good to hear that their good behaviour and sportsmanship was commented on positively, by so many members of the PGL staff. So much good learning takes place during an outdoor activity week and the children learn about themselves and how to overcome challenges. I am sure we will all find out more about their week in the near future after they have caught up with their sleep!

Junior Ten Tors

Once again we have been able to enter a team to take part in this junior age version of the Ten Tors. Fortunately Mr Crudge holds the qualifications necessary to take the children onto the moors. Their overnight stay is in a safe place with all the other schools participating. I know the children who have taken part in previous years certainly benefitted from the opportunity and experience.

School Admissions

We are pleased that once again we will be welcoming thirty children into our reception class in September. We need to be able plan and with budgets as they are, it is good to have consistency in numbers.

SATs Breakfast for Year 6

Breakfast will be available for year 6 from 8.30am next week on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Year 6 Parents - Please look out for an important letter coming home tonight for those Year 6 pupils transferring to Saltash.net.

School Trips

For safety reasons, it is essential for all children to wear their yellow polo shirts and green hoodies when they go out of school. This is so we can easily count and see the children. There are not many schools who have similar colour clothing, so it helps our risk assessment. If your child is going on residential visits they will need more than one polo shirt.

School Dinners

Several months ago we were notified that Chartwells were not going to tender to Cornwall Council to provide dinners. It has come to our notice that bigger schools have been subsidising smaller ones and unfortunately with less schools using Chartwells, they did not see it was viable in the current format. Over the past months the governors have explored options and taken the advice of Cornwall Council, who have informed them of the need to go out to tender with other schools to secure a better deal. St Stephen's and Burraton have worked with us and have organised the paperwork so that a provider can be selected. It seems appalling to me that we have had to deal with this, and that so many hours have been taken from teaching and learning to organise this. However we are now in a process and will let you know when a decision has been made.

SCHOOL TRIP PAYMENTS

Reminder that all trips need to be paid for in full, before taking place. The final payment date for the Barton Hall and London residenceals was Friday 31 March, so can any outstanding payments be paid this week. Thank you.

Brain Tumour Research Fundraiser

Friday 19 May

Several members of our school community currently, or in the past, have had family members diagnosed with brain tumours. We have previously supported this charity and know of the vital work that they do. We will be holding a mufti and hat day on 19 May and hope that all children will participate and bring in a donation. There will be a coffee morning on this day at the same time.

The **BRAIN
TUMOUR
CHARITY**

SEN Review Meetings

Teachers will make contact with parents of pupils on the record of need, to arrange Parent Review Meetings (10 minutes long). These will take place during this and next week and involve reviewing Spring term provision and sharing Summer term provision.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

Please bring in your Active Kids vouchers and put in the special box (next to the red post box) as they are stopping in May and we need to start counting to see what we can buy.

Summer Fair - Thursday 15 June

If you have any books that you'd be willing to donate to be sold on a Friends stall at the summer fair, please bring in to the office. Thank you.

Jumble Sale and Cream Tea afternoon

Saturday 6 May at St Michael's Church 2-4pm
To raise funds for St Michael's and St Erney churches.



SCHOOL WORD OF THE WEEK

Glossy

This is an informal word used to describe a magazine which is printed on glossy paper with a lot of illustrations and photographs. You can replace it with the term **glossy magazine** or just **magazine**:

- Meg lent me one of her **glossies** to read on the train.
- Meg lent me one of her **magazines** to read on the train.

AWARDS

Be the Best you can	Chloe W
Bookworm	Layla C
Courtesy Award	Meela BT
Effort	Pippa H
Enthusiasm	Sam B
Excellence	Isla SH Penny B
Great Progress	Victor H
Growth Mindset	Megan HH Axel B Erin S
Helpfulness	Felicia W
Kindness	Rosie S
Literacy	Dulcie N
Lunch	Seren W
Maths	Tilly G
Needlecraft	Millie BC Emma D
Phonics	Erin BT
Positive Attitude	Jake K
Reader of the week	Mia S
Reading Progress	David B
Responsibility for own learning	Keira B
Role Model	Katie C
School Grounds	Matthew S
Science	Jarryd D
Spelling Bee	Theo B
Spelling Progress	Jess B
VCOP	Oskar D
Writer of the Week	Finley S Harris S
Piano Award	Owen G
Singing Award	Josh J

Speech Day Trophies

If your child was in receipt of a Speech Day trophy last year, please could you return it to school asap so we have everything in place for this year.

Confirmation Classes

There will be 6 sessions on a Tuesday from 3.15 – 4.30pm starting on 16 May until 27 June and will be held at Bishop Cornish school. If you are interested, please contact Cathy Sigrist, the Priest-in-Charge, directly. rev.cathysigrist@gmail.com or 01752 842323

Well done...

Well done to Gabriel from Year 6 who took part in a Cornwall Music Hub performance at the Hall for Cornwall on Monday evening. In front of 1,500 people, 'Hub Sounds' was a showcase of young musical talent from throughout Cornwall and featured a wide range of ensembles, bands and soloists from classical and jazz to music and rock. Gabriel played violin with the Caradon Junior Strings, which culminated in an orchestra of over 120 children as well as their take on Rule the World by Robbie Williams. Thoughts to Imogen Rickard who, after months of rehearsal was unfortunately not able to take part due to a last minute hand injury.

Based in Liskeard, Caradon Junior Strings welcomes children from beginners upwards aged 7-15. Please see Debbie for more info.

THIS WEEK:

Wednesday 3 May Tag Rugby at Saltash Rugby Club

NEXT WEEK:

8 – 12 May SATs Week
Breakfast 8.30 Mon-Thur

Tuesday 16 May Maths Masterclass

Wednesday 17 May Sports Day

Thursday 18 May Census Day

**Friday 19 May Brain Tumour Fundraiser
Mufti day**

22 – 26 May Yr 6 – London residential

29 May – 5 June HALF TERM and INSET DAY

Thursday 8 June Orienteering

9-10 June Junior Ten Tors

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

Well done to all those who completed the Half Marathon Challenge:

Axel B	Theo B	Lillie A
Lucas C	Jasper K	Oliver S
Oskar D	Finley S	Megan D
Ben C	Matthew S	Jack K
Eliza F	Joseph O	Alfie G
Tom R	Charles G	Ollie C
Hayden W	Ruby W	Kamora K
Merryn B	Katie C	Sarel D
Maisie H	Rosie S	Dulcie N
Rose C	Lily C	Rachel H
Ellie S	Theodore S	Abbie C
Taran H	Owen G	Amos C-C
Alice R	Olivia G	Sophia C
Katie D	Ruby D	Apryl I
Tamika K	William H	Immy R
Meela B-T	Josh S	Josh J

Solar Meter Reading this week: 55,844 kWh

Psalm 136:1

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.

Home Learning

Remember this term the children have the choice of filling their book with either one longer project or with a record of them completing:

- Learn a new skill
- Improve in an area of maths or literacy that you feel you would like to develop
- Design a farm for the future
- Grow vegetables at home
- Prepare and enjoy a picnic with family or friends
- Visit a place of interest and record your time there in some way
- Attend a Farm Open Day in June
- Make a poster about The Countryside Rules
- Go for a walk in the countryside following the countryside rules
- Make a model farm
- Write a poem about a farm or countryside
- Paint a countryside scene
- Go to and record your visit to a village show/ agricultural show etc.
- Create a picture or sandcastle village on the beach
- Create an animal on a plate or paint one on a stone
- Produce a fact file about crops or animals
- Read and quiz on some books about farms or life in the countryside now or in past.