

# SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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## CLUBS

**Handball Club will not run** on Tuesday as Mrs Cunningham is away on a course

### Clubs run until Friday 7 July

The last Thursday cookery club is 13 July.

## THIS WEEK:

Weds 5 July	Mufti Day (Summer theme)
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Friday 7 July	Y5 Theme Day: Saltash.net
Sunday 9 July	SW Youth Games – Netball

If your child is attending the **SW Youth Games** on Sunday, you need to have completed the online consent, or they will not be able to compete.

## Summer Theme MUFTI – Wednesday 5 July

Wear something summery – shorts, summer dress etc (sensible shoes needed i.e. no flip flops or open toed sandals) - **for donation of £1.**

As you are probably aware, we were really pleased to be the final stop for the Master on his charity cycle ride last week. In recognition of this achievement, and to support the charities the Master was raising funds for, the children have asked if we could raise money for the Alzheimer's and Ironmongers' Charities. In this day and age Alzheimer's disease affects many people and money for research is always important.

## Musical Extravaganza

Thank you to Mrs Suckling who prepared the children for a wonderful evening of music. They sang and played with great enthusiasm and entertained a big audience.

## The Gala Night

Do support the friends and get your ticket for this entertaining evening. Please pledge support and sign up!

## Playhouse Theatre Performance

The tickets for year 5's Playhouse Theatre performance on Thursday 6 July are available in the office to collect.

If you haven't paid for them yet, please do so ASAP – you can pay on ParentPay or by cash. (Tickets will not be released until paid for.)

## Reporting to parents and learning reviews

We are looking at our systems and want to make it work for all involved-the learners, teachers and parents.

### Reports

This year we have changed our report format (following pilot projects) to make them more meaningful. The children have also spent time with an adult to record their ideas in a similar manner. The more the children are involved in conversations about their learning, the more responsible they will become.

Our report this year will comprise of the child's version and the teacher's version. We have used pictorial representation showing effort, progress and attainment. There will be a separate attendance sheet showing the information for this year and the percentage.

### Parental Consultations

We would like to review these and are open to ideas. I know that some schools have a learning day when parents come and see work in the classroom and have time with the teacher, some have ten minute sessions during the afternoon and continue until 6pm and some do something like we do.

We introduced an online booking system this year and this has really helped the office workload, so we intend to use this next time. As part of our review, if you have ideas about how we can improve the way you gain information, please could you jot it down and hand it into the office. I am also suggesting a meeting to discuss ideas and this will take place early next term.

## Team Photos

Class Photography took team photos last week. Because it is so late in the school year, the easiest way to take a look and order these is online: [www.class-photography.co.uk](http://www.class-photography.co.uk)

Ask School Office for Passcode

The deadline for free delivery to school is Wednesday 12 July.

## Speech Day – Friday 14 July

Please come and help us celebrate another year of learning at SRG in the Marquee on Friday from 9am onwards.

### Reminder:

Smart school **summer** uniform should be worn:

#### Girls

Green summer dresses or white school polo shirts and green skirts with white socks and black shoes. Hair should be tied back.

#### Boys

Grey shorts or grey trousers, white polo shirt and grey socks and black shoes.

No jumpers in the marquee as it will be hot.

#### **Awards**

All children will perform and then be presented with a certificate by the Master of the Ironmongers.

It is a longer event and if you have young children who may get restless, think carefully about where you sit, because we want to be able to celebrate the children's year with as little distraction as possible.

#### **Parking**

The playground will stay open, but please consider parking out of the village and walking or park below school and walk up through the nature trail.

#### **Lunch**

Light refreshments will be served at 12 for adults only. School dinners booked will be a packed lunch, or children can bring a home packed lunch.

#### **Signing out**

If you need to take your child out of school after the event, they must be signed out – however this is a choice for you to make.

This arrangement was started after parent requests, but does not mean that you have to make arrangements, as staff will be running activities during the afternoon.

#### **Safety Warnings for Snapchat**

Please see link below for recent police warning for a new feature on Snapchat app:

<http://m.plymouthherald.co.uk/warning-over-new-snapchat-feature-which-reveals-your-child-s-exact-location/story-30408411-detail/story.html>

Follow link below for parents' guide to Snapchat

[https://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/snapchat\\_guide.pdf](https://www.connectsafely.org/wp-content/uploads/snapchat_guide.pdf)

## AWARDS

Accelerated Reader	Theodore Melody
Art	Jayson
Be the best you can	Hazel
Dinner Hall	Ryan J
Effort	Arthur B
Excellence	Science: Millie J Maths: Isabella M
Good Manners	Jack K
Growth Mindset	Jasper
Helpfulness	Oliver B
Kindness	Joseph O'K
Literacy	Oliver S Merryn H
Mathlete	Sam A
Maths Progress	Albie C
Phonics	David B
Playground Pal	Tom H
Progress	Shea W
Reader of the week	JJ H
Resilience	Archie H
Responsibility	Merryn B
Role Model	Hayden W

Piano Award  
Singing Award

Jack K  
Melody



## Farm Rota

Please come and put your name on the rota to water the plants and feed the animals. Many families enjoy coming and feeding up and spending time on the farm. You are welcome to use the grounds while you are there, Polly loves visitors in the holiday time.

All the instructions are on the whiteboard and telephone numbers are available if there is a problem. If every family took a turn then it would fill quickly. Will and Phil can meet with you beforehand should this be helpful, they will also provide a sheet of information.

The rota is in the office and will be circulated by Email so please let us know the best Email address for you.



Deuteronomy 6:5

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

### Our Christian Ethos

Our vision statement underpins all our work:

**Our aim is to provide a living Christian school environment where we strive for each child to develop a passion for learning and a sense of excitement in their own achievement and that of others.**

We are often told that the living Christian school environment stands out as we recognise the uniqueness of each individual and encourage friendship, love for one another and forgiveness. The children are encouraged to be the best they can and with God's help anything is possible.

Our assemblies refer to the values that we feel support our ethos and are shown through our special ten bible stories. The banners that display our values are displayed in the hall above the stage doors. These banners like our special 10 were carefully designed, planned and sewn by our learners.

Mr Hambly wrote our school anthem last year and this is another way that the children remember our values.

In case you have forgotten the values and stories we discuss, I thought it would be appropriate to share these with you once again.

### Values

Love                                      Forgiveness

Service                                      Peace

Thankfulness                              Trust

Creation

### Our Special Ten

- Joshua - Be Bold Be Strong
- David and Goliath Standing up for what is right and being brave as well as trust in God
- Noah's Ark – God's Promise
- Creation- celebration of God's world
- 10 Commandments – Rules to live by
- Feeding of Five Thousand – miracle to provide for all
- Good Samaritan – Caring for one another
- Parable of Sower – Planting the seed
- The Widow's Coins – Giving to charity whatever we can
- Christmas and Easter Story
- David and Goliath - Making a difference by trusting in God

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### NEXT WEEK:

Thurs 13 July	Yr 4 trip to Cotehele Menu Change: Fish & Chips
Friday 14 July	Speech Day
Saturday 15 July	Summer Gala
Thurs 20 July	Yr 3: Cotehele Yr 5: Hay Farm Yr 6: Lantallack
Fri 21 July	Children's EOY Party (Friends)
Tues 25 July	Year 6 Leaver's Service Menu Change: Fish & Chips
Weds 26 July	Inset Day
Thurs 27 July	Summer Holidays

### SCHOOL WORD OF THE WEEK

#### **Unfazed**

This is an informal expression indicating someone is not all concerned about something, especially something unexpected. The expression can be replaced by **unworried, unconcerned, untroubled, not bothered or not disturbed:**

- There was a lot of media interest when the teenager won the pop song competition, but she was completely **unfazed** by all the attention.
- There was a lot of media interest when the teenager won the pop song competition, but she was completely **untroubled** by all the attention.
- There was a lot of media interest when the teenager won the pop song competition, but she was not at all **bothered** by all the attention.

### **ParentPay**

**Please check ParentPay to ensure you're paid up for school dinners and school trips, so not in debit for the start of the next school year.**

**Year 6 parents, all debts need to be cleared by Friday 21 July.**

Word  
of the  
Week

Solar Meter Reading this week: 57,918 kWh