


# SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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## CLUBS have now finished until September

The last Thursday cookery club is 13 July.

### THIS WEEK:

Weds 12 July Music Evening 6pm  
Thurs 13 July Yr 4 trip to Cotehele  
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**Friday 14 July  Speech Day**  
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### 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)

### Farm Rota

The rota for watering and feeding the animals on the school farm is up in the office – please, please come and write your name in against any dates you are able to help out, it's currently empty, so you can choose any date you like!



### Music Evening- Wednesday 12 July

Please ensure all slips are returned tomorrow. Please also ensure that all instruments are brought into school on Wednesday morning to allow for rehearsals.

### Book Amnesty

Please have a good look around and return any (accelerated reader or not) school books before the end of term, it would be good to be organised for the new school year in September.



### Speech Day – Friday 14 July at 9.00am

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 **(in advance)** 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.

### 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.**

### **Changes for next year**

Following our evaluation from staff, pupils and parents we are formalising our next action plan.

#### Breakfast Club 7.45am

Several have asked whether we can start a Breakfast Club at 7.45 to allow time for people to get to work. Sarah from Preschool has agreed that this facility will be available from September, in the school hall.

#### School Registration 8.45am

Our doors will open at 8.35am and registration will take place at 8.45am. This will mean that maths sessions will start at 8.50am. We ask for all key stage two children to come into the building independently in the mornings so that they are ready to learn at the right time.

#### Mornings and independence

We want to have an easy transition into school in the mornings. If you need to speak to a teacher in the morning, this needs to happen before 8.35am when they will be focussing on the activities that will be organised for the children.

We are encouraging children to become independent so after the first week we would like all KS2 children to come into the building by themselves and organise their own coats and possessions.

#### Healthy Snacks

From September only healthy snacks will be allowed to be eaten at playtime. These can be cereal bars, dried fruit or cereal, fruit etc. Some children are taking from their lunch boxes and eating other things at break time. If a child has an unhealthy snack, it will be kept by the teacher until the end of the day. Please help by making sure that the snacks given are the healthy ones.

#### Lunchtime

We are going to start lunch at 12 noon for reception, 12.15pm for KS1 and 12.30pm for KS2 so that all literacy and numeracy work can be completed. The literacy work will often link to the topic being covered. The afternoon sessions will then start at 1.25pm and finish as normal at 3.30pm

### **CHANGE OF MENU**

#### **Thursday 13 July**

1. Crispy Fish Fillet, Chips and Beans
2. BBQ Quorn and Bean Wrap with chips
3. Jacket Potato

#### **No cooked lunches on Friday 14 July**

#### **Tuesday 25 July – last day of term**

1. Fish and Chips
2. Jacket Potato

### **Our data**

Congratulations to year six, who have worked amazingly hard and have produced some good results. Every child is different and with a new curriculum and much harder tests, it is good to see that our standards are higher than last year. Children, like many adults, do not always perform well in tests and can be impulsive or can panic. Some will have made silly errors and this will be a part of their learning for when it matters. A few children were only one mark off the 100% score and we have found some marking errors, so we hope that a few will be credited this score in the future.

What we have seen is the positive impact of accelerated reader. Those children who read and quizzed and extended their skills made excellent progress and achieved well. However academic work is only one aspect of learning and I think as a class they have experienced so much and made great progress in many ways. The sporting and musical success and participation has been phenomenal.

### **Cross Country League Runners Team Photo**

Class Photography will be returning on Wednesday 19 July to take the Cross Country League Runners team photo – so if your child is in KS2 and took part in the League Runs, please ensure they have their PE kit with them on that day.

### **Washing Hands and Good Hygiene**

We have been notified of a case of threadworm, so please ensure your children are washing their hands thoroughly with soap, we will be reiterating in school as well.

## AWARDS

Athlete	Joel T
Be the best you can	Rosie S
Bookworm	Hazel S
Courtesy	Meela B
Dinner Hall	George G
Effort	Samuel M
Excellence	Louis P
	Emma D
Good Playtimes	Sol M
Growth Mindset	Harry C
	Jamie H
Helpfulness	Layla E
	Merryn H
Kindness	Millie W
Literacy	Jasper K
Participation	Ellie S
Perseverance	Archie W
Playground Pal	Harry A
Positive Attitude	Archie H
Progress	Shea W
Reader of the week	Robin S
Responsibility	Stanley D
Role Model	Gracie F
School Grounds	Charlie G
Spelling Bee	Isabella B
Thinking	Fleur B
Writer of the week	Caitlin E

Piano Award  
Singing Award



Eddie S  
Megan D

## Music Lessons

From September, the Music Service Trust will be invoicing parents directly for the music lessons taken at school (not piano or singing). Please ensure that you have registered with them to keep your child on their system – if you have any questions, please ask Tamsyn in the office.

The link you need to go to is:

<https://www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/signup/>

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*Tickets still available*

### NEXT WEEK:

Weds 19 July XC League Runners Photo  
Thurs 20 July Yr 3: Cotehele  
Yr 5: Hay Farm  
Yr 6: Lantallack  
Fri 21 July Children's EOY Party (Friends)  
Mon 24 July Saltash.net Yr 7 parents eve  
Tues 25 July 1.15pm Year 6 Leaver's Service  
Menu Change: Fish & Chips

Weds 26 July Inset Day  
Thurs 27 July Summer Holidays



## Saltash.net

### New Year 7 Parents' Information Evening

On Monday 24 July at 6.30pm there will be an opportunity for parents to attend the New Year 7 Parents' Evening and meet your child's tutor. On the evening, you will be given an information pack which will include details of Saltash.net's school uniform and the first day timetable.

With there being over 230 students joining in September, they ask that only parents/carers attend this meeting so that they are able to accommodate everyone in the Main Hall.

Solar Meter Reading this week: 58,186 kWh

## SCHOOL WORD OF THE WEEK

### Sopping

This is an informal word meaning very wet. You can replace it with an expression such as **extremely wet, soaking wet, sodden or drenched:**

- There is a leak in the bedroom roof and our bedclothes are **sopping**.
- There is a leak in the bedroom roof and our bedclothes are **sodden**.

Word  
of the  
Week

Matthew 22:39

You shall love your neighbour as yourself.