

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

THIS WEEK:

- 24.07.17 5.45pm:** Curriculum meeting for new reception parents
6.30pm Saltash - Yr 7 parent's eve (at Saltash.net) *info on page 3*
- 25.07.17 1.15pm** Year 6 Leaver's Service
Menu Change: Fish & Chips
- 26.07.17** Inset Day
- 27.07.17** Summer Holidays



Thank you and have a great holiday

This will be the final newsletter of this year, so on behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you for the support we have received in so many ways during the year. We wish year 6 good luck for the future and although we will miss them, we know they have strong foundations to build upon in their next school. We hope that they will take with them so many good memories of their primary years.

I know that you will also want to join with me in wishing the staff that are leaving the best of luck. Lorna is moving with her family and will be sorely missed as she has given so much of her time to SRG and also supported the development of ICT so well.

Becky Phelps will be joining the School Direct programme in September, having placements at SRG and in our partner schools, so we will continue to see her in the future.

Grant Walker will be joining the staff at Carbeile next term, having successfully completed the School Direct programme this year. Thank you for all you have done so professionally during your time at SRG.

Thank you

Thank you to all staff, who have given so much of their time and energy over the past twelve months to enhance learning opportunities at SRG.

ParentPay

Please check ParentPay to ensure you are 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 please.

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 KS2 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.

Farm and Grounds

Our School and Community Farm is a resource for all at the weekends and do feel free to visit the animals. We do ask that children are always supervised by parents. We also have no objection to parents bringing their children to learn to ride their bikes, have a picnic or use the trim trails in the holidays, if they are accompanied. Please supervise at all times and take rubbish home with you etc.

I know that Polly will enjoy seeing you if you have five minutes to spare.

Thank you to all who have offered to help with the feeding rota. We only have a few dates left to go!

If you are helping out on the farm for the first time, or need a refresher, we have copies of the farm feeding instructions in the office.

CHANGE OF MENU

Tuesday 25 July – last day of term

1. Fish and Chips
2. Jacket Potato

Home Learning

Projects are due in when we return to school. If you have opted to undertake the menu of activities, do send in the evidence in the project book provided. This will act as a record of learning over the summer term.

Home Learning next year

A menu of activities for the term will be given linked to the topics and season.

We hope that it will reinforce the topic work and also give opportunities for family experiences

INTERNET SAFETY

This year we have tackled many issues related to children accessing material or using social media inappropriately. We live in a technological world but we know children make mistakes and can cause upset to others. Please make sure you know what your child is doing so they are safe.

If you have concerns the following can offer guidance:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

School Uniform

You are now able to order school uniform directly from Wovina – there is a shipping fee of £2.50 on orders less than £20.

Items available (embroidered with SRG logo) are:

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| V neck sweatshirt | White polo shirt |
| PE polo shirt | Fleece |
| Coat | Bookbag |
| PE Bag | Rucksack |
| Name labels | |

You will need to go to www.wovina.com

Click on the Schoolwear tab and scroll down until you find Sir Robert Geffery's – click on the school and the clothing items will appear.

Reading

Children will be expected to read a book each week, or if a longer book at least a fortnight. The Accelerated Reader quiz can be undertaken at home or school. Do log in with your child so you can see their book shelf and how they are developing and extending the range they are reading.

We have many new books on the system for next term.

Maths

Mathletics

We do expect children to complete the courses for their year group and homework is monitored. All should get a certificate a week and this can lead to two gold badges a year. Set your child a challenge. They can keep doing it in the holiday.

Tables hold a key and tables grids are a great way of developing fluency expected. We celebrate progress and achievement at having instant recall. Some children take longer but all can succeed.

Some year groups will have paper homework activities to reinforce skills developing

Spelling

These will be given and tested each week. The words will also feature on Spellodrome that can be used as a tool to practise. This does not mean they cannot learn by writing them down as well.

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.



Lost Property

Do come and claim back any of your child's possessions so our school is free of lost property in the holidays – there is a lot of it!! It is on display in the corridor outside the Hall.

SCHOOL WORD OF THE WEEK

Warrant

This is a formal word meaning to make something necessary or appropriate. It can be replaced by a reference to **necessary** or **appropriate**, or by an expression such as **call for**, **demand** or **require**:

- Liz dressed far more formally than the occasional **warranted**.
- Liz dressed far more formally than the occasional **demanded**.

Word
of the
Week

Solar Meter Reading this week: 58,385 kWh

Psalm 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God

Summer Reading Challenge

The library's summer reading challenge has started:

ANIMAL AGENTS

Visit your local library to join and collect your first book.

Saltash.net New Year 7 parents' evening

At 6.30pm today, there is 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 timetable for the first day.

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.

School Dinners next year

From September, the cost of a school dinner will be the same as this year, £2.30 for KS2. If your child has a school lunch every day and you're in credit on ParentPay by the end of the week, you will be credited for Friday's meal, as **Chartwells have their 'Buy 4, Get 1 Free' offer on again – over the course of a year, this could save you up to £78 per child – well worth doing.**

Chartwells have a further offer this year, if you are paying (KS2) for school meals for siblings, you will be charged a rate of £2.00 per meal and will still qualify for the Buy 4, Get 1 Free offer.

First day back - Change of Menu

1. Pork sausage, chips, beans and peas
2. Veggie sausage, chips, beans and peas
3. Jacket Potato

Dinner menus for the first half-term will be coming home tonight, but if you miss your copy – it's the same menu as the current one, up until October half-term.

Well Done!

Well Done to Owen Gurney, who recently competed in a RN/RM club swimming championship – he came 1st in the 9-10 yrs 50m freestyle, 2nd in 50m backstroke and 3rd in 50m breaststroke.



Well Done also to Alice Rickard who passed her grade 1 singing exam with a merit and to Immy who passed her grade 2 flute exam with a distinction – congratulations to you both!

2017-18 Term Dates

Autumn Term

5 September – 19 October

Half Term: 23 – 27 October

30 October – 20 December

Inset:

Monday 4 September

Friday 20 October

Spring Term

5 January – 9 February

Half Term: 12 – 16 February

19 February – 29 March

Inset:

Thursday 4 January

Summer Term

16 April – 25 May

Half Term: 28 May – 1 June

4 June – 20 July

Inset:

Monday 23 July

Tuesday 24 July

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| Mon 4-Sep | Inset Day |
| Tue 5-Sep | First day back at school |
| 2-4 Oct | KS2 Residential - Bath/Bristol |
| Thu 12-Oct | School Photographs |
| Fri 20-Oct | Inset Day |
| 23-27 Oct | Half Term |
| Tue 7 Nov | Hi-5 Netball League (3.30-5pm) |
| Thu 16-Nov | Flu vaccinations (R,1,2,3,4) |
| Tue 5 Dec | Hi-5 Netball League (3.30-5pm) |
| Fri 15-Dec | Yr 1 Hearing Screening |
| Tue 19-Dec | KS1 Theatre trip |
| Wed 20-Dec | Last day of Term |
| 21Dec-3Jan | Christmas Holidays |
| Thu 4 Jan | Inset Day |
| Tue 9-Jan | KS2 Panto trip |
| | Hi-5 Netball League (3.30-5pm) |
| Wed 17-Jan | Hi-5 Netball League (3.30-5pm) |