

SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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CLUBS

The After School Clubs run by the Sports Coach will start this week (from tomorrow), ie.

Tuesday – KS1 Multi-Skills

Wednesday – KS2 Basketball

Thursday – KS1 Funfit

All other clubs will start next week.

Please send completed Clubs Lists in by Wednesday.

THIS WEEK:

Wed 13 Sep Friends Meeting 9.15am
– all welcome

Fri 15 Sep **Mufti Day and Cake Sale**

Music Lessons

All music lessons start this week, **apart from Violin**, which will start next week (due to a change in teacher).

Monday Clarinet/Flute

Tuesday Guitar

Thursday Brass

Friday Clarinet/Flute

Violin to be confirmed



Shelter Box and Mufti – Friday 15 September

With hurricanes and floods in parts of the world, we know how essential the work of the local charity Shelter Box is. As a community, we have in the past funded several complete boxes.

Once again the children and some parents have asked if we can support and it is something that I had been talking to the children about recently. As such, we will be having a mufti and cake sale on Friday for this cause.

I do not want to say a particular amount of money, because depending on your circumstances it would be good to see our community being as generous as possible and let our target be a box.

Mufti, for those who are unsure, is when children wear their own clothes and bring in a donation for charity. We would also like to receive donations of cakes and children can bring in money to buy one at play time.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Parry, our new teaching assistant in year 4, Mrs Kowalski, the new TA in Reception, Sky Gascoyne, a TA apprentice in year 3 and Lee Robinson, our new sports apprentice. We hope you get to know them all over the next few months.

Farm Rota

Thank you to all who helped in the summer. We are now collating the lists for the weekends and half-term. If you are happy to help, do come and speak to Debbie and we will add you to the email list as well.

Thank you to all who do help, as it helps us keep the farm as a great learning resource.

Grant - exciting news

We have received a joint grant for the Pre-school, Farm and School to develop the bottom paddock in the farm for Forest Schools. The Pre-school have had plans drawn up and we hope that the work will be completed in the near future. We hope to hold some community events during the year when it has been finished.

School Dinner tasters

Every day next week in the school hall, there will be school dinner tasters for children who usually have a packed lunch to sample – please encourage your child to try them out.

Parking and School Road

Please, please, please can we make sure that everybody thinks about how and where they park. Please **do not** park across driveways or so close to doors that people cannot enter their houses. I would prefer to spend my time on supporting learning and teaching at our school not having to sit through meetings with people complaining, when this could have been avoided by consideration for others!

Please drive carefully along School Rd because the children are walking on the virtual footpath. There have been incidents brought to our attention of cars travelling too fast and close to those walking. The safety of all is paramount.

Worship

You are always welcome to join our worship sessions. As we establish our normal routine we will be having assemblies at 10.15 this year. Award and celebration assembly will take place on a Friday so do encourage children to bring in anything then. There is a tray in the office for certificates/awards. School awards will be given and can go home, but please return by the next Tuesday so that they can be reallocated the following Friday. Badges will be given and children who receive certificates will be recognised.

On Mondays Malcolm will continue to join us and link the worship with the value that we are discussing that week. Rev Kathy will be coming in and either sharing the value or one of our special 10. This will often be on a Tuesday but will happen once during the month. Phil Blunt, a local church youth worker is also booked to visit and lead worship once a month.

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays children in different key stages will have either class worship or key stage sessions. We follow the 10 basket approach linked to the SEAL approach underpinned by a biblical based in put at this time.

On Thursdays the children prepare and support Carolyne from St Michael's in our Open the Book session. All children actively participate in bringing the stories alive. It is good to see how their knowledge of the stories and the meanings behind them are embedded through this worship experience.

The children sing beautifully and we have already been extending the range of songs that they know to include so more contemporary music as well as our action, energetic and traditional repertoire.

We always include a prayer time and are encouraging the children to contribute to prayers in a variety of ways in worship, in the classroom and in the chapel.

Psalm 139:14

I praise you God, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

School Prayer

We have a new simple school prayer that is accessible for all and is said along with the Lord's prayer in our worship sessions

School Prayer

Be with us in our learning.

Be with us in our playing.

Be with us in our laughter.

Be with us in our tears.

Be with us when we get things right and when we get things wrong.

Be with us as we come to school and when we travel home.

We know that you will be here for us, Lord, at SRG and throughout our lives.

Our version of the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who is in heaven

Hallowed be your name;

Your kingdom come

Your will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

As we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For yours is the kingdom,

The power and the glory

Forever and ever

Amen

Values

For those who are new to the school, you will see our Christian Values proudly displayed in the hall. These were made in sewing sessions by a class of children as their year 3 project.

They are: Peace, Creation, Love, Trust

Thankfulness, Service, Forgiveness, Friendship.

Our Special 10

The stories we often revisit and use in different way that underpin our ethos are:

Christmas and Easter Feeding of 10,000

Good Samaritan Widow's Mite

Parable of Sower Noah

Joshua – Be Bold Be Strong

David and Goliath – We can make a difference with God's help

Moses – Ten Commandments Creation

Again, the banner is a focal point for worship and a new one is being created by KS2 this year in sewing sessions.

Uniform Shop

Please note that we have the uniform shop is open every Wednesday at 3.30pm.

Residentials

If you haven't paid for the trip to Bath, please could you do so ASAP – it's payable on ParentPay.
(Post-dated cheques will be paid in this week)

Minimum payment dates for:

Barton Hall (Yr 5) - £50 deposit due by 20 Oct
London (Yr 6) - £50 due by 20 December
Remainder due by 30 March

Transfer to Secondary School September 2018

We have leaflets in the office if you're yet to receive one from Cornwall Council, for parents of year 6 children – the deadline for applications is 31 October 2017.

Holidays and attendance

Please, please, please do try to avoid asking as unless there are truly exceptional circumstances then these have to be declined. As last year, anybody who wants to request that time is authorised in school time may need to meet with a member of the Governing Body and Mrs Curtis so that the exceptional circumstances can be considered.

We need every child to have attendance over 95% - anything under 90% is considered low and results in the involvement of the Education Welfare Officer. It was great that we could work together last year so no child in our school was under this threshold. I really hope we can say the same next year. You will get updated information about the data during the year.

Classroom Help

Do you have time to hear readers or help with enrichment activities or clubs? If you can help do pop in and speak to the teacher. If you have not had a DBS check then see Debbie, as we do need to do this.

Home Learning

This year sometimes paper activities will be sent home from the maths groups or linked to literacy. Tables grids will again be a regular activity to gain and then maintain instant access.

Every week...

Mathletics will be set and the completion monitored. Children will be guided to complete at lunch times if they have not completed at home. However if there is a reason for this do send in a letter as normal.

All children also have access to mymaths and KS1 have access to Education City to support their learning.

Accelerated Reader will be used to monitor reading and comprehension progress from year 2 upwards. Children need to be reading at least one book at their level each week.

All children can use the 2 Simple programs through Purple Mash-login

<http://www.purplemash.co.uk/sch/sirrobert-pl12> MAKE THIS LINK A FAVOURITE

If your internet access is more difficult, children can come into school at 8am, use the computers at lunchtime or go to homework club any day until 4.30pm.

Children will also receive a topic selection sheet that encourages them to undertake different activities to enhance their learning of Romans or Toys. We will be having a celebration of this work in all classrooms in November (date tbc) when you will be invited to see the activities undertaken and talk to the children about them.

Solar Meter Reading this week: 60,032 kWh

Roles and Responsibilities - Service Value

Every child at SRG brings different qualities and talents; as such we are always looking to create opportunities to develop these skills further. All children have the opportunity to take responsibility through school. They can put themselves forward to be a member of the Eco Committee and the class then votes following manifestos, however there are also places for those who are keen and would like the chance to help if they speak to Mrs Cunningham.

The School Council Representatives are elected and all children can put themselves forward for this role.

Through the school, interested children often become librarians, playground leaders, help on the farm etc. They also choose to run a club for others or take a class responsibility.

We talk about this when we are looking at our values as it shows their service and giving their time to help others.

Staff who do not have a connection with the children in year six meet to put forward all their knowledge of children to make some decisions about specific leadership roles. This year we have added a new role in light of the amount of money and priority the government is putting into sport. A new board is being made for the hall to hold the name of The School Games Captain.

In year six other roles are given in relation to the children's interest and desire. The House Captains are selected by the houses and this year there will be other competitions as well as PE. The house captains organise teams and entries making sure all in the house have the opportunity to participate.

Prefects through the school provide care and support for the group they work for and can help in so many ways. This gives them the opportunity to learn to organise others and build relationships with younger children.

Music Scholars

It is a pleasure to announce that this year Maddie T will be receiving the Ironmongers Singing Scholarship and Jayson the Piano Scholarship. Well done to both of these.

Year 6 Responsibilities 2017-18

Head Girl Katie
Deputies Lauryn and Sophia

Head Boy Toby
Deputies William and Isaac

School Games Captain Hannah

Chair of Eco Committee Lucy

House Captains

Tamblyn Apryl
Deputies: Jacob and Euan

Kinvig Sophie
Deputies: Olivier M and Luke C

Hawes Oliver B
Deputies: Jayson and Tamika

Brewer: Rachael and Will
Deputy Luke W

Prefects

Reception Ruby
Emily
Alice
Oliver

Year One Sophie
Tamika

Year Two Millie
Tom

Environment Olivia

ICT Jayson
Harri

Farm Rhys
Maddie

Cake Sale Rosie

Shed/Equipment Jamie

Eco Secretary Sienna

School Council Secretary Jasmin

Good Luck

Helen Ralph (Cross Country Leader) and Ruth Hughes (School Governor) are cycling from London to Paris (240 Miles) over three days in September 2018 to raise money for three Women's cancer charities. They have to raise sponsorship to go on this organised cycle and the majority of the money raised goes towards the three charities. They have organised a fundraising event on 14th October 2017 at Saltash Social Club where there is live music during the evening. There will also be a silent auction during the evening for various prizes. Tickets are £10 (£12 on the night). If you are interested in coming let Helen or Ruth know and they can reserve you some tickets. It's going to be a fun night. Tickets are on sale in the village shop and the school office.

**Live Music from Three's Company
Disco | Silent Auction Irish Bingo**

Date: Saturday 14 October

Time: 7pm - midnight

Venue: Saltash Social Club

Cost: £10 (£12 on door)

For tickets call/text Helen: 07968 515691
or Ruth: 07777 693196

**breast
cancer
care**

**ovarian
cancer
action**
**Jo's cervical
cancer trust**

100 Club

Welcome to this new school year. We would especially like to welcome all new families across the school.



Last academic year was fantastic for the children, families and school. Much of this is thanks to the contributions of our amazing families, with 100 Club being a wonderful part of this, for which we thank all those who are a part of this. July and August summer months, along with September cheques are on their way to the winners. The Friends, as a team, help organise many events, as I'm sure that any of you that attended the beautiful 'Alice in Wonderland' Summer Fair, or the extravagant Summer Gala will know. The Friends also often help behind the scenes with school events and raffles throughout the year.

We are very grateful to all the help from our amazing families old and new that support our school through our 100 Club. This is a fun way to raise money for our school. You don't even have to leave the armchair, plus there is a cash prize to be won each month for a minimal donation of only £2 per month.

Mrs Curtis always has a 'shopping list' on which to spend the money we raise. Your contributions mean that the children can do things in different ways with many up to date resources.

Anyone who would like to be a part of this wonderful opportunity, please refer to the application attached to this newsletter. If you have any questions please use the contact details on the application form or talk to the school office.

Tamsin Booth and Laura O'Keeffe

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

THIS WEEK:

Fri 15 Sep Mufti Day – Shelterbox

NEXT WEEK:

Thur 21 Sep	Cake Sale – Hillside School
Mon 25 Sep	Farm Mtg at 2.30pm-all welcome
Thu 28 Sept	KS2 Sports Festival (9.30-11)
2-4 Oct	KS2 Residential - Bath/Bristol
Thur 5 Oct	Cake sale – Christian Aid
Fri 6 Oct	Harvest Festival 9.15am
Thu 12-Oct	School Photographs
Thu 19 Oct	Cake Sale – Hillside School
16-20 Oct	Yr 5 Swimming (every morning)
Wed 18 Oct	Parents Evening
Thur 19 Oct	Parents Evening
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

Landrake Carnival Committee A.G.M.

Thursday 28 September 2017 at 7.00 pm
Geffrey Memorial Hall

If you enjoyed the carnival this summer and would like to help with the next one, or have ideas that would improve the day, please come and join Committee at the AGM.

The Committee will have to stand down and new people voted in... are you keen to be part of the team? We would love to have you aboard!

Everyone is welcome.