

**SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER**  
**23 SEPTEMBER 2017 – Number 645**

**CLUBS**

KS1 Dance Club will not run on Friday as Mrs Hawkings is away.

**NEXT WEEK:**

KS2 are away on residential so the following clubs will not run:

- Monday Club
- Handball
- Worship Choir
- Netball

**PLEASE CLEAR CARS FROM THE  
PLAYGROUND QUICKLY SO  
OUTDOOR SPORTS CLUBS CAN  
START ON TIME.**

**THIS WEEK:**

Tue 26 Sep	Yr 6 – Jnr Lifeskills - Liskeard <b>Be at school for 8.15am</b>
Wed 27 Sep	Grass Track Cycling
Thu 28 Sept	Yr 6 Sports Festival (9.30-11)

**Bath Residential**

An information letter will be sent home this week.

Please note that children will only need to wear their yellow PE shirt, hoody and their own trousers, comfortable shoes, waterproof jacket, hat (weather dependent). This will be worn for the two days. Also need small overnight bag incl wash kit, change of underwear and packed lunch. Bedding is provided.

Thank you to the staff who will be accompanying the children to Bath next week. We have an exciting two days and it starts on Monday with Year 4 and Year 6. Years 3 and 5 will be off on Wednesday. Kathy and Izzy went to visit the youth hostel and they have been really helpful in every way. I have been to every one of the visits and have previously taken children there. St Mellion go to Bristol as one day trip and Bath as the second and I know they really gain from the learning.

**Census Day – Thursday 5 October 2017**

We receive all our funding for the KS1 dinners based on the dinners taken on three days. Chartwells have a special meal on those days as a celebration and incentive. It would be really helpful, even if your child does not usually have a dinner on that day and they are in Reception, Year 1 or 2 that they have one booked. It is a silly system, but if they do not take it on that day we have no funding for all the others they take. This means that we have to take money out of the school budget to cover this instead of it being given from a different pot. Last year it cost us several thousand as not everybody who had meals did sign up. If your child does not like the menu on the day, sign up and provide an extra snack box for lunchtime as well.

***PLEASE, PLEASE HELP BY BOOKING A DINNER ON THAT DAY, AND PASS THE MESSAGE ON AS NOT EVERYBODY READS THE NEWSLETTER***

**Thursday 5 October Menu**

1. Beef Burger, chips, beans and peas
2. Quorn Burger, chips, beans and peas
3. Jacket Potato



**Thank you for support - School is working well**

Uniform looks good – remember winter uniform is required after half term and that means proper shirt and ties for all. We are reminding children to tuck themselves in and to take a pride in their appearance. Thank you for making sure that their footwear is suitable as I know it is not always easy.

**Values**

Due to the connection we have with the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers, we were really excited to receive a phone call offering us a visit from the Grenadier Guards while they were in Cornwall. The children learned about their history and they were formed during Sir Robert Geffery's life time.

They then undertook activities outside that included dressing up and playing in camouflage shelters.

## AWARDS

Be the best you can	Esme H
Courtesy	Rosie S
Creative Writing	Nathaniel K
Demonstrating Values	Lily C
Dinner Hall	Hazel E
Effort	Joel T
	Jamie H
	Maisie H
Excellence	Millie B
	Alfie G
Friendship	Charlie O'
Growth Mindset	Apryl I
Helpfulness	Owen G
Literacy	George G
Maths Champion	Sienna B
Maths Progress	Effie S
	Isavella B
Needlecraft	Nina M
Polly	Rhys E
Positive Attitude	James S
Progress	Sam H
	Bethany B
	Ellie
	Katie C
Resilience	Ollie C
	Harri R
	Ruby D
	Lily P
	Sam B
	Jasper K
Responsibility	Rachel H
Science progress	Emma D
Spelling Bee	Joshua G
Supporting Others	Tom K
Thinking	Alice P
Writer of the Week	Oliver M
Piano Award	Emma D
Singing Award	Keira B



## SEN Parent Review Meetings

For parents of pupils on the record of need, teachers will have contacted you to arrange meetings. These meetings are an opportunity to review your child's progress in the summer term and to share new targets for the autumn term.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about your child.

Many thanks, Mrs Clark

## Money Raised from Cake Sales:

Thank you to everyone who made delicious cakes and then bought them back again to raise money for very worthy charities.

We raised a wonderful **£434.93** from the Mufti and Cake Sale on Friday 14 Sept for **Shelterbox**.

**We would like to make this total up to £500 by the end of this week,**

shelter  
BOX

**so we can send a whole**

**Shelterbox.** If you would like to send in a further donation, this would be most welcome. Please send in named envelope. Many thanks

For Hillside School, Uganda, we raised £78 from the cake sale on Friday 21 September.

Thank you to all.



## Flu Vaccination

As you are aware, children in years Reception up to Year 4 will be receiving their flu vaccination in school on Thursday 16 November.

Please ensure you have completed and returned the form as we need all forms back, regardless.

## CAP Workshops

We are welcoming back Ann Ferguson and her team to work with KS1 and year 3 in October. The children will be taking part in workshops. They will be covering internet safety, how to keep yourself safe, bullying and how to recognise and deal with situations that make you feel unsafe. The organisation will send home more information as well with the children after the workshops.

Psalm 1:6

The LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Solar Meter Reading this week: 60,374 kWh



### Home Learning Exhibition

Hopefully everybody has received the menu of activities for this term.

On 31 October, we will be holding an exhibition. In every classroom the children will be displaying what they have done and talking to each other and to you. We do not need to see the activities as they develop as long as the sheet that you complete is brought in. Photos can be emailed to [homelearning@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk).

We hope that by having an afternoon of celebration and sharing learning will be good. Home learning clubs are at school and the choice gives you a great selection.

### Head Lice

We have had a report of head lice in school. These visitors are easily spread and a common occurrence in all primary schools. We always notify parents, as the sooner they are dealt with the better. Head lice like clean heads and should not be seen as something to be ashamed of, or kept to yourself (we have all had them!).

To prevent further outbreaks, we are asking if you would be kind enough to check your children's heads.

If head lice or their eggs are found, please follow the 'wet combing' method: after washing your child's hair in the normal way, apply plenty of conditioner to the wet hair and comb through with a fine tooth comb. This should be repeated every day for 2 weeks so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed. If you wish to use a lotion as an alternative to this method, please would you speak to your pharmacist or health visitor, since treatments are changed from time to time to prevent head lice becoming resistant to the active ingredient in a particular product.

Head lice can re-infect those children from whom they have been disinfected and we ask you therefore to be vigilant. We do recommend that if your child has longer hair they wear it tied up for school - plaiting hair can help to prevent infection.

### Eco Council Correction

Apologies for the misprint of names for year 3, it should have read: Jack K and Eliza F.

### Parent Governors

We will be holding elections for Parent Governors in the near future – if you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor and have knowledge of education, business and the church school role of SRG, please let the office know so we can arrange a meeting to discuss the role.

### School Improvement Plan

Our new action plan is now in draft and will be displayed in the back entrance in the next two weeks. We are developing middle leaders to oversee our school improvement this year.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

#### THIS WEEK:

Tue 26 Sep Yr 6 – Jnr Lifeskills, Liskeard  
Wed 27 Sep Grass Track Cycling  
Thu 28 Sep Yr 6 Sports Festival (9.30-11)

#### NEXT WEEK:

2-3 Oct Years 4 & 6 – Bath/Bristol  
4-5 Oct Years 3 & 5 – Bath/Bristol  
Thu 5 Oct Census Day – menu change  
Fri 6 Oct Harvest Festival – 9.15am 

**Thu 12 Oct** School Photographs  
**Christian Aid Cake Sale**

**Fri 13 Oct** **Mufti Day**  
School Disco  
KS1 5.30 – 6.30 | KS2 6.45 – 8.00

**Tue 17 Oct** **Rec and Y6 Child Health Checks (Height and Weight)**

Thu 19 Oct Cake Sale – Hillside School  
16-20 Oct Yr 5 Swimming (every morning)  
Wed 18 Oct Parents Evening  
Thu 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

### **Learning Attitudes**

Our recent learning walk showed that children were engaged and focussed in the lessons. We are making sure that the lessons are well planned and exciting. We encourage children to rise to challenges and realise we learn from mistakes. At the beginning of the year the routines are being established and any low level concerns are tackled. It looks as though we have a good year ahead.

### **Admissions for 2018**

Year 6 children - Do make sure you fill the online forms by **15 October**.

### **Reception Children**

It seems that there are fewer children who will be looking for places next year in the whole area. As you know we usually are oversubscribed but it seems all over our area places are being predicted. If you know somebody who would be interested do get them to give us a call.

Your recommendations go a long way. I often hear people say that they won't get a place but this year with only a small group of that age in preschool there will be places!

### **MUSIC LESSONS**

Mrs Suckling will be away on Tue 3 October. Anyone with a lesson who isn't away on a residential will have their lesson on Wednesday 4 October.



#### Clarinet

Steve has three spaces for Year Ones if you would like your child to start clarinet lessons. If you're interested, please ask in the office.

#### Guitar

All guitar lessons will now take place on Tuesdays

### **Church School Inspection**

By the time you receive this newsletter Mr Hatrey will have spent his day in school. Thank you to all who came and spoke to him.

### **DRAMA HUB**

Saltash.net Community School run a Drama Hub in Partnership with the Theatre Royal, Plymouth. It is open to Year 6 students and held in Room 64.

It is held every Wednesday from 4.30pm to 6.00pm (starting from 27 September 2017).

For more information please contact Mr Oakes – 01752 843715 Ext 218 or

Email [moakes@saltashcloud.net](mailto:moakes@saltashcloud.net)

### **Clubs**

**Don't forget to inform us if your child is not attending so we do not go chasing them up unnecessarily. The staff freely give their time.**

### **SALTASH.NET Year 5/6 Open Evenings**

Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th October  
at 6.30pm

For further details:

[www.saltash.net](http://www.saltash.net) | 01752 843715  
[enquiries@saltashcloud.net](mailto:enquiries@saltashcloud.net)

Your child will bring home further information from Saltash.net this week

### **Education Sunday**

Thank you to Toby, Sophia, Hannah and their families who represented us at the service for Education Sunday last week. I was very relieved that Toby was able to quickly answer the questions he was thrown in the middle.