

SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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CLUBS

The following clubs will not be running this week due to Parents Evenings:

Tuesday: Art | Handball | Tag Rugby
Thursday: Art | Netball
Friday: Dance

THIS WEEK:

Mon – Fri Yr 5 Swimming: Life Centre
Tue 17 Oct Rec and Y6 Child Health Checks (Height and Weight)
Wed 18 Oct Parents Evening
Thu 19 Oct Cake Sale – Hillside School
Menu Change
Parents Evening

**Fri 20 Oct Inset Day – No pupils in School
As Staff Training Day - Maths**

Residential Payment Reminders

The first payment date for the £50 deposit for both Barton Hall (Yr 5) and London (Yr 6) is this Friday 20 October. Please ensure that you've either paid by ParentPay or cheque, or brought cash in by the end of this week.
Many thanks.

Parental Consultations

Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 October

We are going to review how we run parental consultations, but for this time we will run as before. Please make your bookings online. This system helps reduce admin time quite considerably.

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Enter event code number

Appointment with KS1 Teacher - 9yed6 (Including Foundation Class)

Appointment with KS2 Teacher – qsvcg

Please refer to letter sent home for full instructions (spares available from office). If you have problems booking your time slots, come into school and someone will help.

Thursday 19 October – Change of Menu

1. Fish fingers/salmon, chips and beans
2. BBQ Quorn and Bean Wrap
3. Jacket Potato

Homework Exhibition: Tuesday 31 October

This is a new way of celebrating learning that has happened outside the school environment. The children have been challenged to gain points making selections from the grid. They may have completed several shorter activities or a few that were longer in relation to their topic. Talking about their learning is always good and so the exhibition will give them such an opportunity.

Please remember that the exhibition is after half term, so that will give time to make sure everything is in the folder to come in. All children from Year One upwards need to have brought their learning in on the Monday so we know how much space we need. It can be in any form to share. Last year's projects or learning will also be on display. Those who did not do a project last year in the traditional format need to also bring the pictures or scrap book etc. of their activities.

The children talked enthusiastically about things they have done so it will be good to have the opportunity to share. The children will also share with children from other classes during the afternoon.

We are inviting parents to come and wander at 2.45 - 3.15 before the end of school as all classes are involved. It will be classroom based, not in the hall.



Cake Sale Thursday 12 October
Thank you to everyone who baked delicious cakes – we raised £112.02.



The final total raised for Shelterbox was £500. We raised the entire amount needed to send a Shelterbox.



On 21 September, we also raised £67.84 from another cake sale for Hillside School in Uganda.

We have another cake sale in aid of Hillside School this Thursday.

SIAMS

We are still waiting for our report.

Swimming

Year 5 will be swimming this week at Plymouth Life Centre; they will have a lesson every day for the week. This will take them from where they are and develop their skills accordingly.



We have a booster group booked before Christmas for those who need it.

Next term, Year 3 will be going every day for three weeks. They will be split into two groups – the other group will be covering a literacy project at that time and then swapping over for the following three weeks.

We have entered a Year 5 and 6 swimming competition at the end of November.

Humanities and Culture Week

This week the children will be doing a map work day, a chronology session, a day focussing on France and in Key Stage Two, follow up work from the Romans. Maths and reading activities will be continuing as normal, except when maths is covered in map work.

Uniform

After half term, all children need to be in full school uniform – this means collar and ties please.

School hoodies are not part of school uniform but fleeces can be worn as an additional layer or instead of a sweat shirt.

Our children do look smart and are encouraged to take a pride in their appearance.

Please do remember that hair accessories should complement the uniform and extreme or experimental styles are better in the holidays!

Thank you for your support - it really makes a difference.

WANTED

If you have a stack of newspapers in your recycling bag, please could you bring them in for Cat. Thank you.



Attitudes to Learning

It is great to walk around the school and see how engaged children are in their learning. The level of discussion and sustained focus has really developed well over the term.

We are working on children becoming more independent in their thinking and problem solving.

It is surprising how many older children blame their parent for not having packed their homework or reading book, etc. Do encourage them to take responsibility for their possessions as they go through the school. Unpacking and packing their bag is a good way to start.

I know there has been a problem with getting book bags which I hope is now resolved, but every child does need one or an equivalent.

Hopefully you have managed to find the one that they already had through Key Stage One!

They have boxes in the classroom to avoid the need to return to school bags which wastes time and often results in books and records being left around.

It is easier to monitor reading when everything is together and in front of the children in the classroom.

Grand Theft Auto

Please, please, please be aware – many children know all about this game and try to play it as part of playground games.

As a computer/Xbox game, it is an age 18 – the content is totally inappropriate for primary school children.

They also watch YouTube where they can see adults playing the game and describing what is happening. Please monitor your child's use of YouTube - you may think they can't access it, but believe me; it is surprising how enterprising they are!

League Run

Well done to all those who took part in the league run at Great Trethew on Friday. Full results and report will be in the next newsletter.

1 Thessalonians 5:17
Pray without ceasing

AWARDS

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| Accelerated Reader | Sophia C Che |
| Be the best you can | William D |
| Class Kindness | Jacob T |
| Consideration | Merryn H |
| Courtesy | Millie |
| Creative Thinking | Ruan |
| Demonstrating Values | Lauryn R |
| Determination | Sophia C |
| Dinner Hall | Mia |
| Drama | Ruby W |
| Effort | Finley S Ruby D Poppy T |
| Growth Mindset | Millie BC Jamie D |
| Helpfulness | Ruby F |
| Learner of the week | Ashton B |
| Literacy | Oliver S |
| Mathletics Points | Kate B |
| Maths Progress | Ben C Matthew S |
| Needlecraft | Aiyah D Jake K Megan D |
| Perseverance | Sophie S |
| Phonics | Callum C |
| Positive Attitude | Melody E David B |
| Progress | Ethan H Sidney W Stanley D Sienna B Gracie O Nathaniel K Abbie-Mae C Tamika Owen G |
| Reader of the week | Gracie N |
| Reading Progress | Alfie B |
| Resilience | Dougie B |
| Responsibility | Joel T |
| Role Model | George K |
| School Grounds | Oliver M |
| Science Progress | William B |
| Spelling Bee | Mia S |
| Spelling Progress | Adam C |
| Supporting Others | Alfie G |
| Thinking (Maths) | Meredith T |
| Writer of the week | Gwen H |

MUSIC AWARDS

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| Piano | JJ D |
| Singing | Maddie T |

URGENT HELP NEEDED!! Farm Rota for Half Term



Help needed for feeding the farm animals for half term from Saturday 21st to Sunday 29th October

If you can help on any of these days, please let the office know ASAP or email Debbie:

secretary@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk

Whole School Word Count

As a school, this year to date, we have read:

11,100,488 words.



Encouraging Independence

Please remember that we are encouraging independence from Year 3 upwards, and they should not need an adult to bring them in. After 8.30am the side doors should be used and children, apart from those on the bus, should not be coming in the main door.

Lunch/Snack/Cake boxes

If you're missing a box of the above type – please look on the brown trolley at the bottom of the slope – we have a collection!

Friends AGM

Tuesday 7 November, 7pm.
All welcome to attend.
Nominations are needed for: Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.
Please complete the slip below and return to the office.
New members to the Committee will be made very welcome.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

AFTER HALF TERM:

Tue 31 Oct Homework Exhibition
Last Day for Secondary School entries
Tue 7 Nov Hi-5 Netball League (3.30-5pm)
Fri 10 Nov Friends Christmas Fair
Sun 12 Nov Remembrance Service-St Michael's
Thu 16 Nov Flu vaccinations (R,1,2,3,4)
Fri 17 Nov Children in Need
Thu 23 Nov Cake Sale: Hillside School
Wed 29 Nov Bikeability Yr 3/4
Tue 5 Dec Hi-5 Netball League (3.30-5pm)
Fri 8 Dec Maths Masterclass
11-15 Dec Booster Swimming Lessons
Fri 15 Dec Yr 1 Hearing Screening
Tue 19 Dec KS1 Theatre trip
Wed 20 Dec 09.15 Christingle in the hall
13.00: Christingle in the Church
Last day of Term

Consent Forms

Please return any Consent Forms and Image Consent forms ASAP.

Pork

Pork will be available for purchase in November – if you'd like any cuts/sausages in particular, please let the office know.

New School Meals Menu

The new menu starting after half term w/b 30th October, which will run until the Easter holiday next year.

Copy available on School Website – Documents –General

Printed copy will be sent home this week when we have received them from Chartwells.

LOST PROPERTY

PE Bag and hoody – named Jack
Black and grey Trespass coat – named Amos
School hoody – named George

Solar Meter Reading this week: 60,763 kWh



FRIENDS COMMITTEE

I would like to nominate:

- For the post of:
- Chair
 - Vice-Chair
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary

Name: