

# SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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## URGENT

### Secondary School transfer closes tomorrow, Tuesday 31 October.

Please make sure you have completed the online form – even if you are choosing a Plymouth School, as you have to apply through the county in which you live.

## THIS WEEK:

Tue 31 Oct Homework Exhibition  
Wed 1 Nov 2.45pm Friends Meeting  
re: Christmas Fair

## Friends AGM

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

## 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.

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

## Remembrance Sunday – 12 November 2017

### Reminder

We would like as many children and families as possible to join us to remember those who died in the wars. We always remember those from the village at the Village Cenotaph at 11am. Last year nearly 40 attended this service and joined in with the other groups from the village. The service starts at 10 am at St Michael's Church.



## SIAMS Inspection Report

Please find attached our Church School inspection report.

Although it was a long day and a rigorous process, it is great to read that Sir Robert Geffery's remains an outstanding Church School. Thank you to those who played any part in the day:

- The many parents who came and met Mr Hatrey or wrote to him
- Miss Appleby and Mrs Clark who taught lessons
- All the staff, who made sure that although early in the term, the school and displays were complete and the school both inside and outside was ready and looked amazing
- Sue S and Carolyne W who represented the Church as Rev Cathy Sigrist was away on a course
- The teachers who worked hard to find so much evidence to support the judgements made
- Mrs Cunningham who attended many long meetings with me and came in over the weekend to make sure that we were fully organised for the day
- The governors who once again gave their time to meet with Mr Hatrey
- And of course the children who once again represented us so well in many ways from attending meetings, to giving tours of the school and generally being themselves around the school.

As you can see it was another team effort...

## EXCITING NEWS

We are very excited to share the good news that our Year Two teacher, Mrs Clark and her husband Patrick are expecting a baby in April!

We know that you will join us in congratulating them both.

## Landrake Messy Church

Cake and Craft Circus  
Saturday 4 November 1-4pm  
Craft Stalls | Lovely tea and cakes | Games Face painting | Circus Activities | Raffle

### **Operation Encompass**

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Devon and Cornwall Police.

Operation Encompass reports to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police. They are also trained to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Website <http://www.operationencompass.org>

### **Poppies**

We have poppies for sale in the office, but this year we do not have the school pack of reflectors and snap bands.



Old pound coins are also being taken – so if you have any you'd like to donate to a good cause, please bring them in.

### **Parental Consultations**

It was great to see such a high number of people attending the evenings.

So much good learning has taken place over the past few weeks.

### **Swimming**

We would appreciate any feedback from the year five parents regarding swimming in the last week before half term.

### Change of Dates for year three

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Life Centre has had to change our dates for year three swimming sessions. They will now be either side of the Easter Holidays.

The quality of the lessons and the progress that year 5 made was really good.

### **Friends of SRG**

#### Christmas Fair

The Friends Christmas Fair takes place next Friday, 10 November from 2.30 – 5pm.

If you are able to come and help either man a stall or sell tea/coffee, please let us know – they are having a meeting to discuss the Fair on Wednesday 1 November at 2.45pm in the meeting room.

If you're able to donate cakes to sell at the Fair, please bring them in on the morning of Friday 10 November.



#### Woodland Animal Competition

The Friends are holding a competition for children to make a small woodland animal (rabbit, squirrel etc.), no bigger than a shoebox. The competition closes on Friday 8 December and the first prize is a craft box.

The animals will be used to decorate the Christmas Grotto.



Solar Meter Reading this week: 60,860 kWh



1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

### **New Intake – September 2017**

For the new intake, we will have places available so if you know of children who are due to start school this September, please let their parents know.

### **Reading**

We are reorganising year two books so that they can easily quiz on their colour coded books. We have found that Accelerated reader is having a really positive impact on progress in reading. It is better if they can quiz within 24 hours of completing the book. The children gain rewards for: progress, word count, points and improvement. If you log in with your child, you will see suggested books and TOPs reports that tell you about your child's reading.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

### **THIS WEEK:**

Tue 31 Oct Homework Exhibition 2.45 - 3.15  
*Last Day for Secondary School entries*

Wed 1 Nov 2.45pm Friends Meeting

### **NEXT WEEK:**

Tue 7 Nov Hi-5 Netball League (3.30-5pm)

Fri 10 Nov Friends Christmas Fair (2.30 – 5)

Sun 12 Nov Remembrance Service-St Michael's

Mon 13 Nov Orienteering - Brunel

Thu 16 Nov Flu vaccinations (R,1,2,3,4)

Fri 17 Nov Children in Need

Mon 20 Nov KS2 Gym Competition

Thu 23 Nov Cake Sale in aid of Hillside School

Tue 28 Nov Authors Abroad

Wed 29 Nov Bikeability Yr 3/4

Swimming Gala

Thu 30 Nov Grass Track Cycling (new date)

Tue 5 Dec Hi-5 Netball League (3.30-5pm)

Fri 8 Dec Maths Masterclass

11-15 Dec Booster Swimming Lessons

Thu 14 Dec Christmas Lunch

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

### **2018**

Thu 4 Jan Inset Day

Fri 5 Jan Back to School

## **CROSS COUNTRY NEWS!**

Twenty four children from the cross country club took part in the first cross country league race for the 2017/1018 season. The race was held on 13 October at Great Trethew. Well done to all the children. Here are their results:

**Yr 3/4 Girls:** Alice P (14) Ruby F (45) Seren W (59) Merryn B (77) Olivia J (109) Lillie A (110)

**Yr 3/4 Boys:** Tom H (12) Tom R (32) Edward P (52) Shea W (56) Mackenzie P (69) Jamie D (118)

**Yr 5/6 Girls:** Ruby D (3) Emily A (17) Apryl I (54) Abbie C (56) Rachael S (58)

**Yr 5/6 Boys:** Harry A (60) Euan L (65) Owen G (81) Jamie H (83) Johan C (86) Ollie B (122)

### **Christmas Plays**

Mon 11 Dec 09.15 KS1

Tue 12 Dec 09.15 KS2

13.45 KS1

Wed 13 Dec 13.45 KS2

17.45 KS1

Thu 14 Dec 17.45 KS2