

SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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CLUBS NOT RUNNING THIS WEEK:

KS1 Art (Tue) Mrs Clark will be in a meeting

KS1 Dance (Fri) Mrs Hawkings will be out

All Clubs finish week ending Fri 8 December

THIS WEEK:

Thu 23 Nov Cake Sale in aid of Hillside School

Parent Governor Elections

Coming home today with the newsletter is the paperwork for the Parent Governor Elections. Do take time to read the covering information. We are lucky to have such a strong governing body and it is this that helps our school to continue to flourish and develop.

Christmas Play Tickets

To book: www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

KS1 Performances are:

Monday 11th December at 9.15am

Tuesday 12th December at 1.30pm

Wednesday 13th December at 5.45pm

Password to book KS1 tickets is j5a38

KS2 Performances are:

Tuesday 12th December at 9.15am


Wednesday 13th December at 1.30pm

Thursday 14th December at 5.45pm

Password to book KS2 tickets is 86f9r

Please note that due to limited space in the school hall and for health and safety, it is necessary to restrict tickets to a maximum of 2 tickets per family for the evening performance. Morning and afternoon performances have greater availability.

No children under the age of 11 will be admitted to the evening performance to help keep numbers under control. They will see their siblings perform during school time.

Solar Meter Reading this week: 61,156 kWh 

Psalm 150:6

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Accelerated Reader

Word Count

Year 2 136,217

Year 3 1,286,288

Year 4 5,814,523

Year 5 6,409,258

Year 6 6,259,035



Whole School Year to Date: 19,905,321

As you can see, it is very close between the classes. There has been some friendly competition between Years 5 and 6. We know that accelerated reader certainly aids their progress and helps the level that they reach in comprehension. One way it helps is it improves the speed that they read. KS1 children are expected to be able to read at a rate of 80 words a minute. Reading and remembering the content and taking quizzes helps them focus. Before, we found children flicking from book to book. The book shelf in accelerated reader gives children suggestions of other books. Teachers access data that shows how accurate the children are in answering different question types.

Borrow some story CDs

Children can improve their word count and extend their vocabulary by listening to stories. We have a large number that we are happy to lend to you. Have them in the car or use them at bed time. The children can quiz on what they have heard by ticking the box. Ask in the office if you would like one.

We have a variety of books on CD, including stories by Roald Dahl, Jacqueline Wilson, David Walliams and JK Rowling.

Play Pod

This week, I am meeting with a representative from the organisation who supplies the pods and trains the staff. I was lucky enough to see the new play pod at Burraton being used last week during one of my visits. The children were being creative and active and it was good to see the play mentors training staff. There are play pods in many schools in Plymouth and all the heads I have spoken to speak highly of the positive impact it has on the school and the enjoyment of lunchtimes.

AWARDS

Be the best you can	Bob T (maths)
Class role model	Holly G
Creative Thinking	Aiyah D
Demonstrating Values	Toby H Sophia C Katie D
Determination	Samuel M
Dinner Hall	Erin S
Eco	Pippa I
Effort	Jaida K Hazel S Thomas R Ava O Harry A
Enthusiasm	Isabella M
Good Manners	Olivia T
Growth Mindset	Poppy C Libby P
Helpfulness	Theo B William W
Literacy	JJ H Gracie F
Mathletics Points	Alfie G
Maths Owl	Bodhi W
Maths Progress	Hope R
Perseverance	William D Oscar M
Phonics	Alice G
Positive Attitude	Axel B Phoebe H
Progress	Lillie A Finley S Connor P Euan G (writing)
Reading Progress	Joseph O
Reading Achievement	Isaac P
Resilience	Ollie C Olivia J Jamie D Kamora K Lottie K Daniel B
Role Model	Eris B-T
Science Progress	Ava J
School Grounds	Dulcie N
School Role Model	Hannah D
Self-Belief	JJ H
Spelling Progress	Thomas W
Supporting Others	Gracie F
Thinking	William D
Writer of the Week	Erin R

Piano Award	Jacob H
Singing Award	Alice P



School Self Portrait Tea Towels

These wonderful tea towels are available to buy from the office – every child drew a self-portrait and these are all on the tea towel in year order. They cost £4 each and will be sold on a first-come first-served basis.

Pork Sale

We will be selling pork after school on **Thursday 30 November**. If you'd like to put an order in for a specific cut of meat, please let the office know.

Leg/Shoulder/Belly etc. or packs of sausages:
Pork and Leek, Honey Roasted or Plain sausages.

Congratulations

Well done to the following pupils who took piano exams on 16 November:

Ruby F: prep test

Lucy P-J: Grade 1

Rachael S: Grade 1

They were a credit and had worked really hard towards their exams.

Santa Fun Run In aid of CHICKS

Sat 2 December at 3pm Callington Bowling Club
CHICKS is a national children's charity providing free respite breaks to disadvantaged children. A festive fun-run suitable for all the family – entry includes a FREE Santa suit and medal!

All money raised goes to the charity CHICKS.

To sign up, go to: chicks.org.uk/santa

Or Email: mick@chicks.org.uk

Children in Need Mufti and Cake Sale

We raised £280.30 for Children in Need on Friday. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

THIS WEEK:

Thu 23 Nov Cake Sale in aid of Hillside School

NEXT WEEK:

Tue 28 Nov Authors Abroad

Wed 29 Nov Bikeability Yr 3/4

Swimming Gala

Thu 30 Nov Grass Track Cycling

Pork Sale

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

Wed 6 Dec Stage Club Show

Fri 8 Dec Maths Masterclass

11-14 Dec Christmas Plays

11-15 Dec Booster Swimming Lessons