

SIR ROBERT GEFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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ALL CLUBS HAVE FINISHED

The clubs list for January will be coming home this week.

THIS WEEK:

Mon 11 Dec	Booster Swimming Lessons 09.15 KS1 Christmas Play
Tue 12 Dec	09.15 KS2 Christmas Play 1.30pm KS1 Christmas Play
Wed 13 Dec	Booster Swimming Lessons 1.30pm KS2 Christmas Play 5.45pm KS1 Christmas Play Change of Lunch Menu
Thu 14 Dec	Christmas Lunch and Jumper day Booster Swimming Lessons 5.45pm KS2 Christmas Play
Fri 15 Dec	Booster Swimming Lessons Children's Christmas Bazaar Yr 1 Hearing Screening

Christingle

Children will be taking part in a Christingle Service on the last day of term. The KS1 service will be at 9.15 in the hall and the KS2 service is at 1.15pm in the Church.

Please note that children can only be signed out after KS2 service.

Please can you start collecting small change to go in the class candle for the Children's Society.

Thursday 14 December – Christmas Lunch

When we will be enjoying plenty of food and a brilliantly prepared meal by Claire and her team, we would like the children to dress festively in Christmas jumpers or Santa hats, etc. Please bring in something to put in a hamper that we could take to the food banks to distribute.



Menu Changes

Wednesday 13 December

1. Chinese Chicken
2. Vegetable Biryani
3. Jacket Potato

Wednesday 20 December

1. Fish fillet and chips
2. Veggie Chilli
3. Jacket Potato



Children's Bazaar

Friday 15 December 1.45pm- 3.15pm

Every year, we have a DT and technology focus week and children make things that they sell at their own fayre. This is a mini business enterprise and also is part of Christmas preparation and build up.

The children can buy their gifts as presents for family on Friday. Spare things will be made for others to buy, as often there can be disappointment. The Friends will sell tea and coffee. Year 6 would like a gift stall where they can recycle unwanted or unused gifts. If you have any lurking in cupboards, please do drop them off in the office.

Parent Governor Elections – December 2017

Votes for the Parent Governor election were counted and verified by members of the Governing Body after voting closed on Monday 4th December.

We would like to thank the parents who put their name forward. The results were very close, but we can confirm that Mrs Helen Daniels and Mrs Ali Wills have been elected as Parent Governors.

Thank you also to everyone who voted.

Christmas Plays

If you are able to help the Friends out at any of the plays selling tea, coffee and cake or raffle tickets, please write your name on the list situated on Mrs Curtis' door. All help welcome.

Also, if you are able to bake/donate any cakes, biscuits or mince pies to sell, please bring them in to the office.

Christmas Parade – Monday 18 December

If you would like to take part in the Christmas Parade, please meet at 1.30pm at the pub dressed either as an angel, shepherd, or a stable animal and join in the festivities.



Thank you

Thank you for the great support you have given this term. Our school is the school it is because you work with us.

We have had a flurry of prospective parents looking for places in September which has been good, as numbers in the locality for that cohort look lower. Being full helps us plan, even with a dwindling budget (due to other factors). It is good to know that the amount based on numbers is consistent and not reducing because of pupil numbers led funding as well.

Your support and the positive conversations you have with others certainly help. No school will ever be perfect and children will be children and make mistakes. However, working together with an open door policy and committed, hardworking staff, I know the children have a great all round primary education. In some schools, the curriculum has been narrowed and many staff we interview share their examples of this.

Our foundation subjects being taught in the afternoons by different teachers in KS2 and our half-termly theme weeks mean that they are always valued and take place. The enrichment afternoons that children really enjoy offer a wide range of experiences and creativity as well as teaching new skills. Again, this demonstrates our commitment to a broad and balanced approach to the learning at Sir Robert Geffery's.

Cold weather arrangements - just in case!!

Reminder of procedures

- ❄ Look at website for closure update. Information will also be given to local radio and council for their websites.
- ❄ School will remain open as far as possible.
- ❄ Meet and greet at layby will take place to avoid parking in the mornings and evenings.
- ❄ If your child is off, please maximise learning by using the websites, encourage additional reading or research for topics this term, so they do not fall behind in anyway.
- ❄ In the case of freezing conditions after dark then clubs will be cancelled and Club 3.30 will not take place to enable staff to get home safely. Hopefully this will not happen too often.

RE

In the classrooms, the children will be undertaking the activities that Giles has planned related to our RE scheme.

Drama, music and dance will take place over the week in varying degrees as both Key Stages will bring alive in a musical format the Christmas Story.

On Monday 18 December we will be having a day looking at finance maths activities, as well as receiving Father Christmas into his grotto following a parade and short service.

Congratulations

Well done to Isla, who competed in the Trampoline Cornish Cup competition in Newquay on Saturday 9 December. Not only did she win the under 9's group, she also won the Cornish Cup for the highest score in the morning's competitions.

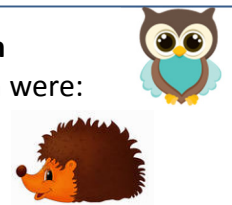


Woodland Animal Competition

The winners of the competition were:

KS1 Florence W's hedgehog

KS2 Dulcie N's owl



Well done to everyone who entered – there are some wonderful woodland animals in the display at the entrance to school.

Kindness Elves Ideas...

Take a colouring book and some crayons to the waiting room at the local doctors' surgery!

Parties- December 19th

We hope that all will contribute food for the party and lists are being formulated on the classroom doors.

Education City

All children have their new passwords. Do have a look as there are great activities to support French and computing as well as science, maths and English. It is the first time for many years we have home access for KS2 as well as KS1. The improvements and opportunities to enhance and extend learning are much better.

Rock Star Tables

An educational consultant recommended this approach to support tables development. The children have also a log in for this.

The site is:

<https://trockstars.com/login>

With the Christmas holidays approaching and longer winter evenings and wet weekends, a few minutes on educational sites would be of great benefit. We know many children have access to technology, so to encourage these sites will result in learning as they enjoy down time.

Accelerated Reader

Congratulations to Year 5 who seem to be highly involved in making sure the gap widens between them and Year 6. It is also interesting to see Year 4 extending their word counts quickly and pushing on the heels of Year 6. Quizzes can be taken at home during week days as children complete the books. We know that the more children read, the better their vocabulary becomes and the better their writing develops.

Do support your child by checking when they last completed a quiz and encouraging them to read daily and widely. We know not all books are on AR but we can email to ask if the book is not there yet!

Galatians 6:7

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap.

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NEXT WEEK:

Tue 19 Dec	KS1 Theatre trip Party day
Wed 20 Dec	09.15: Christingle in the hall 13.00: Christingle in the Church Last day of Term

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Thu 4 Jan	Inset Day
Fri 5 Jan	Back to School
Thu 9 Jan	KS2 Theatre trip– Peter Pan Hi-5 Netball League 3.30pm
Fri 10 Jan	Sportshall Athletics
Weds 17 Jan	Hi-5 Netball League 3.30pm
Thu 18 Jan	Help for Heroes fundraising
Wed 24 Jan	Yr 5 – Plymouth University
Thu 25 Jan	Cake Sale in aid of Hillside School
Mon 29 Jan	Stem Hub Visit (Yr 5)
Tue 6 Feb	Film Night
Wed 7 Feb	Parents Evening
Thu 8 Feb	Parents Evening
12-16 Feb	Half Term
Thu 22 Feb	Cake Sale in aid of Hillside School

Christmas Eve Crib Service

The Crib Service is a short service suitable for families and children of all ages.
4pm on Christmas Eve at St Michael's Church, Landrake.

Solar Meter Reading this week: 61,377 kWh 