



ALL CLUBS HAVE FINISHED

The clubs list for January went home last week – we have spares in the office.
 Clubs start again w/b 15 January 2018

THIS 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

Happy Christmas

The staff and governors of Sir Robert Geffery's wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas. With the excitement and build up so far, we hope you enjoy family celebrations and have a chance to unwind and relax. We look forward to working together in 2018.



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.

Menu Change

Wednesday 20 December

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

Kindness Elves Ideas...



Parties on Tuesday 19 December

We hope that all will contribute food for the parties. Lists are being formulated on the classroom doors.

Thank you

Thank you for the contributions you gave for the food bank.



We have so many tins, packets, pasta and various food packs to take to the food bank. It's wonderful and will certainly be a big help.

For the support during the Christmas Plays - the children all did well.

To the staff for planning such a wide range of activities over the past term.

Thank you to parents and Friends for all their work at the Christmas plays and the Bazaar – it's all very much appreciated.

Christmas Dinner

Thank you to Claire and her staff for preparing and organising Christmas dinner last Thursday. It was enjoyed by all. It is a very busy day and Claire makes it seem so easy.

Raffle Prizes

We have two unclaimed raffle prizes from the raffle drawn at the KS2 play on Thursday 14 December:

Pink 571 and **Green 591**

If you have the matching ticket, please come to the office.

Clarinet/Flute lessons

Steve is back on Monday 8 / Friday 12 January so don't forget to bring your instruments in.

First Week Back...

Please look out for letters coming home on Friday 5 January:

Tues 9 Jan Peter Pan (KS2)
 Netball Hi-5 league
 Wed 10 Jan Sportshall Athletics

Hebrews 13:8

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today
 and forever.

Parents who live apart

We actively encourage all parents to be involved in their children's learning. If you need two copies of reports, to be set up separately for parent pay, or would like to receive an emailed copy of the newsletter, then do let us know. Sometimes when family circumstances change, not all are aware, so do update information with Debbie so that contact information is always correct – either pop into the office or email her: secretary@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk

Learning

Even though it is the holiday, do encourage your child to pick up books and read and try to gain mathematics and spellodrome certificates. The activities on the ICT sites they can access also have games that will support and extend their learning.

Coming up next term

In KS2 we are having a real focus on science and computing and their topic will be Germs, Germs, Germs.

- KS1 topic will be Pole to Pole
- Visits to The Apple Store for Year 1, 3, 4 and 5 (Year 2 and 6 are going in the summer term)
- Visit to the STEM hub for a day of science for Years 3, 4 and 5
- Plymouth University
- Pantomime on January 9th for KS2
- Two Science Weeks and RE week

Setting Admission Arrangements for 2019/20

In line with Cornwall Council guidance, admission arrangements for 2019/20 have to be reviewed and determined by the governing body, then agreed and published on the school website by 28 February 2018.

The policy's wording has been updated in line with the County guidance, but we have not made any changes to our admission arrangements or over-subscription criteria.

A copy of the policy is now available on the school website in the documents library, for a consultation period of six weeks.

Basic Skills Quality Mark

Having started the term with a SIAMS church inspection, last week Nigel Sparrow came to reassess our Basic Skills Quality Mark. He spent a morning looking at evidence, talking to staff, touring the school and discussing our standards and learning. We look forward to his report being published shortly and will share it with you then.

Visit from Simon Cade from Truro Diocese

Rev Simon Cade came and presented the children with a certificate for achieving an outstanding SIAMS report. He led the worship and talked to the children before making the presentation. We have now been recognised as an outstanding church school since 2009. This in itself is a real achievement. Mr Freathy's innovative approach to RE continues to be developed at Sir Robert Geffery's and was again recognised.

Schools Swimming Gala Results

The children swam really well and cheered each other on – it was very loud at the pool with lots of encouragement.

Yr 5 girls finished 2nd Yr 5 boys finished 4th

Yr 6 girls finished 2nd Yr 6 boys finished 6th

Well done to all who competed.

Whole School Word Count

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

31,958,478 words.



Service Pupil Premium

If you are in the Reserves, you may be eligible to claim Service Pupil Premium, please let the office know.

School Dinner Payments

Please check your balances on ParentPay and clear balances before January as Chartwells are concerned about the amount of children whose accounts are in debit.

Solar Meter Reading this week: 61,447 kW



Free School Meals

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you (or the child themselves in their own right) is in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an Annual income of less than £16,190.
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit

Please note that anyone claiming Working Tax Credit, Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance is NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed. However, you will be temporarily eligible to claim free school meals if you receive a Working Tax Credit run-on, which is the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative. **HOWEVER, if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed above, which would entitle your child to free school meals anyway, your school will be entitled to claim Pupil Premium funding to support your child's education, just by you completing an application form.**

In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding for your child, you will need to be registered by 18th January 2018 for the School Census – so can we please, please ask you to apply as soon as possible.

The easiest way to apply for free school meals is online at:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

Or collect a paper form from the school office, which should then be posted to Cornwall Council.

Applications will be processed within three working days of receipt. Cornwall Council will notify you of the outcome in writing of the date your Free School Meals will start. If your application is successful, your child's/children's entitlement will continue until the end of their school life or until you cease to be eligible – whichever is first.

KS2 Panto

If you are collecting your child from the Theatre Royal after the panto, or if someone else is collecting them (either at the theatre or from school), please let the office know beforehand.

Year 5/6 Residential Deposits

Just a reminder that the second £50 payment towards the Barton Hall and London trips is due by 20 December.

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.

LOST PROPERTY

Fat Face dark green coat – size 6/7 – named William B.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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 30 Jan	Able Writers – Bishop Cornish
Thu 1 Feb	Apple Store (Yr 4)
Tue 6 Feb	Film Night
Wed 7 Feb	Parents Evening
Thu 8 Feb	Stem Hub Visit (Yr 6) Parents Evening
12-16 Feb	Half Term
Thu 22 Feb	Cake Sale in aid of Hillside School
Wed 28 Feb	Apple Store Visit (Yr 5)