

# SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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## **CLUBS:**

All clubs start this week

## **THIS WEEK:**

Tue 16 Jan Yrs 2 & 4 – Zero Gravity  
Wed 17 Jan Hi-5 Netball League 3.20pm finish  
Youth Speaks at Saltash.net  
Thu 18 Jan Help for Heroes fundraising  
Census Day: Change of Menu

## **Census Day – Thursday 18 January 2018**

We receive all our funding for the KS1 dinners based on the dinners taken on two days. One of these is in October and another on 18 January. Chartwells have a special meal on that day as a celebration and incentive. It would be really helpful, even if your child does not usually have a dinner on that day and they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, that they have one booked. It is a silly system, but if they do not take it on that day, we have no funding for all the others they take. This means that we have to take money out of the budget to cover this instead of it being given from a different pot. Last year, it cost us several thousand as not everybody who had meals signed up. If your child does not like the menu on the day, sign up and provide an extra snack box for lunchtime as well.

**PLEASE, PLEASE HELP BY BOOKING A DINNER ON THAT DAY AND PASS THE MESSAGE ON AS NOT EVERYBODY READS THE NEWSLETTER.**

## **Menu Change: Thursday 18 January**

1. Cheese & Tomato / Ham & Pineapple Pizza  
2. Macaroni Cheese  
Served with Chips, Garden Peas, Fresh Salad and Garlic Bread

## **Homework Grid**

Sorry for any confusion caused – the Homework Grid in last week's newsletter (Germs – Science and Technology sheet) was for KS2 only. KS1 home learning went home with them on Friday and will be on the website later this week.

## **RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSIONS**

The admissions on the Cornwall Council website for children due to start school in September 2018 **closes at midnight tonight.**

If you know anyone due to start school this coming September, please ensure that they're registered on the website today.

## **Doors**

Please can you shut our outside doors in the mornings, the cold air can be felt in the corridors and we do not want to waste energy.

## **Parental Consultations**

**Tuesday 6 February and Thursday 8 February**

To book your slots, you will need to go online:

[www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)

Enter event code number

Appointment with KS1 Teacher – s2wax  
(Including Reception Class)

Appointment with KS2 Teacher – xmkvs

## **Parking and Language**

Please ensure that when you bring your children to and collect them from school that you respect those that live in the village. Parking spaces are at a premium, but please park how you would expect people to park outside your own home. Please do not block driveways and be apologetic, not confrontational when asked to move.



We will be having a **cake sale** on Thursday 18 January to raise money to send to the Help for Heroes charity. If you can, please send some cakes in on the morning for us to sell to the children at break-time. All proceeds will be sent and all donations welcome.

Many thanks.



### Free School Meals

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you (or the child in their own right) are 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 on line at:

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

Unclaimed Raffle Ticket from KS2 plays  
Green 591

### Free School Meals...

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.

### Staffing News

I am really pleased to be able to tell you that Mr Arundell, who previously completed an internship at our school, will be joining us again and sharing his expertise with us. He is a very experienced teacher and has previously been the Acting Headteacher at Landulph and Head at a Devon School. Mr Arundell has already spent several days getting re-acquainted with our school and team over the past week. He will be taking Year 5 on Friday mornings this term and then Mrs Clark's class in the summer term in her absence.

We will then be in a position to staff the school for the next academic year. This term, he is also doing some additional small group work with Year 6 and spending time in Year 2 in preparation for the summer. I know that Mr Arundell will be a real asset to the staff and I hope you will get to know him over the next few weeks.

### Teacher Training – School Direct

We have three students who have already accepted places on our training scheme. If you know somebody who has a degree and is interested in this programme, do ask them to contact us. Applications come through UCAS and all those with the right experience and qualifications are invited to interview. The programme runs from 1 September till the end of the summer term.

### Kindness Elves Ideas...

It could be a lovely idea to plant some seeds ready to grow in spring time

### Children's Behaviour

It was great to hear that so many people made really positive comments about the children's behaviour at the theatre. To take 130 children to a pantomime is a real organisational challenge and the fact that they stood out for all the right reasons makes the work worth it. Again, thanks to Izzy for the organisation and to the other office staff who supported the trip.

### Inclement Weather Routines

#### Poor Weather routines

If it is icy, we will not open the car park but have a meet and greet by staff from the main car park. We will collect your child from the car on these difficult days and escort them to building/classroom as appropriate. This eliminates the need for parking and traffic jams in the village. The same thing will happen at the end of the day; the children will all go to the hall and be brought to cars from the hall doors so we can keep cars flowing. Collection can start at 3.15pm on these days.

If the school needs to be closed, then you will receive a text. The information will be placed on the website and on the local radio stations. This will only happen in severe weather conditions and has only ever happened once in the past. If you need to collect your child early due to poor weather, then do come into school. Staff will remain at school until all children are collected. If your child is going to be collected by another parent in these emergency situations, let us know so we let them go!

#### **REMINDER**

NO CLUBS, INCLUDING CLUB 3.30, WILL BE HELD IF THE ROADS ARE VERY ICY OR THERE IS HEAVY SNOW, AS WE LIKE TO MAKE SURE STAFF ARE HOME BEFORE THE TEMPERATURE DROPS LATER IN THE EVENING.

Solar Meter Reading this week: 61,672 kW



**Film Night** has been postponed due to the change in days for the Parental Consultations.

### Whole School Word Count

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

**37,739,293 words.**



## Tesco Bags of Help

**Please Vote for SRG School and Community Farm at Callington's Tesco Store.**

**SRG School & Community Farm is bidding for funding from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.**

We are one of three groups that have been shortlisted – but we need to gain the most votes to be awarded the funding.

Voting is NOW OPEN at the Callington Tesco store, and will remain open throughout January and February. Customers cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

Please help and tell your family and friends.

The Bags of Help initiative is supported by money raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores, which sees grants of up to £4,000, up to £2,000 and £1,000 raised from carrier bag sales in Tesco stores awarded to local community projects.

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#### **NEXT WEEK:**

Tue 23 Jan Yrs 2 & 4 – Zero Gravity  
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 Yrs 2 & 4 – Zero Gravity  
Able Writers – Bishop Cornish  
  
Thu 1 Feb Apple Store (Yr 4)  
Fri 2 Feb Maths Masterclass  
League Run  
Mon 5 Feb Yr 3 – Apple Store  
KS1 Gym Competition  
Tue 6 Feb Parents Evening  
Hi-5 Netball Match  
Wed 7 Feb Caradon Primary Games  
Thu 8 Feb Stem Hub Visit (Yr 6)  
Parents Evening  
*12-16 Feb Half Term*  
Fri 23 Feb Maths Challenge Competition  
Thu 22 Feb Cake Sale in aid of Hillside School  
Wed 28 Feb Apple Store Visit (Yr 5)  
Mon 5 Mar Class Photos

## AWARDS

Accelerated Reader	Jess B Lily P
Art	Rachael S
Be the best you can	Nyana E
Courtesy	Jamie D
Demonstrating Values	Sophia C Gracie O Emily A Eliza F
Dinner Hall	Penny B
Effort	Isabella B
Enthusiasm	Harry A
Excellence	Isaac B
Good Manners	Jamie D
Growth Mindset	Millie W
Helpfulness	Che S
Literacy	Eddie S
Mathletic Points	Theodore S
Maths Progress	Jacob H
Needlecraft	Sam B
Perseverance	Maddie T
Phonics	Jaida K
Positive Attitude	Harry A
Progress	Jacob R Ruby D Sam M
Reading Achievement	Libby P
Reading Progress	Mia S
Resilience	Millie BC Adam C Nina M Daniel B Rachael S Taran H
School Grounds	Olivia J
School Role Model	William B
Spelling Bee	Connor P
Supporting Others	Alice R
Thinking	Seren W
Writer of the Week	Gracie N Ruan H
Piano Award	Jasper K
Singing Award	Sienna B

## SPORTING UPDATES:

### Netball

Our team are currently in second place in the league – they're playing brilliantly and even decided they'd rather play last week to keep their points up than go to the pantomime! We did arrange for them to go on a different day, so they didn't miss out. Well done, keep it up!

### Sportshall Athletics

Years 4 and 6 competed in the Sportshall Athletics at Saltash.net last week. Both years came a close second in their respective competitions. Well done.

### CROSS COUNTRY CLUB NEWS

Twenty four children from the Cross Country Club took part in the 3<sup>rd</sup> East Cornwall Junior cross country league run which was held at Cothele on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018. The children ran really well, particularly as they have not run since the last XC club which was held a month ago. Their results are:

**Year 3/4 girls:** Alice P (14) Merryn B (21) Ruby F (30) Seren W (35) Olivia T (43) Shiloh S (53)

**Year 3/4 boys:** Tom H (9) Hayden W (10) Joel T (41) Tom R (43) Edward P (45) Oskar D (90)

**Year 5/6 girls:** Ruby D (5) Emily A (17) Abbie ChapCman (18) Lily C (28) Alice R (29) Apryl I (42)

**Year 5/6 boys:** Isaac B (40) Euan L (41) Johan C (52) Jamie H (53) Harry A (57) Owen G (61)

### LANDRAKE RUN FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 1.30PM

Date for your diary! We need help from parents with marshalling the course, car parking, serving refreshments to runners and spectators, donations of cakes/biscuits as there will be over 600 children taking part in our famous Landrake Run.

A slip will be sent out shortly to parents asking for their help. You would need to be available from 12 – 3pm on the day.