

# SIR ROBERT GEFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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## CLUBS:

### **Welcome Back**

Welcome back to the second half of the school year. It was great to see the enjoyment of learning during science weeks. So many different experiments took place during that week. The visits to The Apple Shop and the Stem Hub went well and really enhanced learning for the children involved.

### **THIS WEEK:**

Tue 20 Feb	KS1 Gym Competition
Thu 22 Feb	Cake Sale – in aid of Hillside
Fri 23 Feb	Maths Challenge Competition

### **Cake Sale – in aid of Hillside School, Uganda**

We will be having our usual cake sale this Thursday 23 February in aid of Hillside School. If you are able to donate any delicious cakes to sell to the children at break-time, the more the merrier!



### **World Book Day**

#### **We are celebrating on Friday 2 March**

We are hoping to raise the profile of reading by asking the children to come dressed as a book character on Friday 2 March.

We will also have two competitions and there will be a variety of prizes presented. These should be completed at home and brought into school.

1. Book Reviews
2. Book Mark (please put your child's name on back)

Book tokens will be sent home.



### **Whole School Word Count**

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

**48,766,454 words.**



### **Parents' Evenings**

Thank you to all those who were able to attend, I hope you found them informative and useful. It is certainly good to have the opportunity to discuss learning with individual children and to look at the next targets. Remember, if you have any queries or concerns at any stage then you can come and see the relevant teacher or myself (you don't have to wait until parents' evenings). Equally if you are pleased with progress in anyway, do share this also before the meetings.

If you were unable to come in, do make an appointment through the office as soon as possible.

### **School Uniform**

Thank you to all of you who support us in making sure the pupils take pride in their appearance – we do get many comments about how smart the pupils look when we go out into public places. Uniform also helps us keep the children safe as they are easily recognisable in crowded places!

#### Reminder

- No trainers should be worn in school
- Ties are part of our winter uniform and should be worn by all
- Fleeces are available from our uniform shop and on the Tesco website
- Green pinafores or skirts, not grey!

### **Sporting Success**

Our sports teams continue to do well.

#### Netball Team

They have won the league and are now off to the area finals in March.

#### Basketball Teams

Two teams took part in the qualification rounds for the South East Cornwall schools and one of the teams won and qualified for The Cornwall School Games.

#### Badminton

The Year 3/4 team came second and the Year 5/6 team came first and qualified for the Cornwall School Games.

## 10 Tips on Hearing Your Child Read

### Do continue to hear them through KS2

**As parents, you are your child's most influential teacher with an important part to play in helping your child to learn to read.**

**Here are some suggestions on how you can help to make this a positive experience.**

#### 1. Choose a quiet time

Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. Ten to fifteen minutes is usually long enough.

#### 2. Make reading enjoyable

Make reading an enjoyable experience. Sit with your child, try not to pressurise if he or she is reluctant. If your child loses interest, then do something else.

#### 3. Maintain the flow

If your child mispronounces a word do not interrupt immediately. Instead, allow opportunity for self-correction. It is better to tell a child some unknown words to maintain the flow rather than insisting on trying to build them all up from the sounds of the letters. If your child does try to 'sound out' words, encourage the use of letter sounds rather than 'alphabet names'.

#### 4. Be positive

If your child says something nearly right to start with, that is fine. Don't say 'no, that's wrong,' but 'let's read it together' and point to the words as you say them. Boost your child's confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement.



#### 5. Success is the key

Parents anxious for a child to progress can mistakenly give a child a book that is too difficult. This can have the opposite effect to the one they are wanting. Remember 'nothing succeeds like success'. Until your child has built up his or her confidence, it is better to keep to easier books. Struggling with a book with many unknown words is pointless. Flow is lost, text cannot be understood and children can easily become reluctant readers.

#### 6. Visit the Library

Encourage your child to use the public library regularly.

#### 7. Regular practice

Try to read with your child on most school days. 'Little and often' is best.

#### 8. Communicate

Your child will have a reading diary from school. Try to communicate regularly with positive comments and any concerns. Your child will then know that you are interested in their progress and that you value reading.

#### 9. Talk about the books

There is more to being a good reader than just being able to read the words accurately. Just as important is being able to understand what has been read. Always talk to your child about the book; about the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end and their favourite part. You will then be able to see how well they have understood and you will help them to develop good comprehension skills.

#### 10. Variety is important

Remember children need to experience a variety of reading materials, e.g. picture books, hard backs, comics, magazines, poems, and information books.

### Future Visits

With the mini bus available to us, we have booked visits next term to Pentillie Castle and to Mount Edgcumbe to spend time with the park ranger.

We will also be taking Year 2 and 6 to the Apple Store and be returning to the Stem Hub to explore the human body through an exciting investigation.

### Car Safety

**Please do not drive/park/reverse your car whilst holding your mobile phone.** In the playground that is used as a drop-off point especially – children still view this as a playground and run around without checking for moving cars.

## Tesco Bags of Help

We (SRG School and Farm) are 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 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 stores awarded to local community projects.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

#### **THIS WEEK:**

Tue 20 Feb KS1 Gym Competition  
Thu 22 Feb Cake Sale – in aid of Hillside  
Fri 23 Feb Maths Challenge Competition

#### **NEXT WEEK:**

Tue 27 Feb KS2 Gym Competition  
Wed 28 Feb Yr 5: Apple Store Visit  
R, Y1, Y2: Newquay Zoo trip  
Thu 1 Mar Cake Sale for World Medical Fund  
Fri 2 Mar League Run  
Mon 5 Mar Class Photos  
St Pirans Day Menu Change  
12-16 Mar Yr 3: Grp 1 Swimming every day  
Thu 15 Mar Yr 4 Festival  
Fri 16 Mar Landrake Run  
Mon 19 Mar Able Writers  
Orienteering – St Stephens  
19-23 Mar Yr 3: Grp 1 Swimming every day  
Thu 22 Mar Home Learning Exhibition  
Fri 23 Mar Maths Masterclass  
2.30pm Easter Fair  
3.30pm Easter Hunt  
26-29 Mar Yr 3: Grp 1 Swimming every day  
Fri 30 Mar Residential final payments due  
*Fri 30 Mar – Fri 13 April – Easter Holidays*  
16-20 Apr Yr 3: Grp 2 Swimming every day  
23-27 Apr Yr 3: Grp 2 Swimming every day  
Yr 5: Barton Hall Residential  
30Mar-4May Yr 3: Grp 2 Swimming every day  
14-18 May SATs Week  
21-25 May Yr 6: London Residential  
28May-1Jun *Half Term*

### **100% Attendance – Autumn Term**

Congratulations to all the following children who were awarded their 100% attendance badges for the autumn term.

Kensa A	Olivia B
Ashton B	Ethan H
Gracie N	Jacob R
James S	Leyvyn S
Millie S	Poppy T
Mollie Y	
Arthur B	Katy B
Dougie B	Ethan F
Esme H	Pippa I
Ava J	Jake K
Harris S	
Joseph A	Millie BC
Keira B	Alfie B
Fleur B	Edie C
Stanley D	Joshua G
Zac J	Lola OR
Connor P	Erin R
Mia S	Eddie S
Florence W	
Lillie A	Theo B
David B	Megan D
Oskar D	Jasper K
Isabella M	William R
Matthew S	Oliver S
Finley S	Edward T
Hazel B	Ollie C
Ruby F	George G
Alfie G	Sam H
Olivia J	Lottie K
Edward P	Olivia T
Ruby W	Seren W
Sam A	Harry A
Jessica B	Johan C
Abbie C	Lily C
Rose C	Sarel D
Owen G	Rachel H
Maisie H	Victor H
Taran H	Ellie S
Che S	Erin S
William W	
Emily A	Rosie B
William B	Sophia C
Hannah D	William H
Toby H	Apryl I
Tom K	Euan L
Lucy PJ	Lauryn R
Rachael S	Millie W

### **World Medical Fund**

My name is Ellen Neeves. I am a former student of Sir Robert Geffery's School and now a final year medical student at the University of Southampton. I am travelling to Malawi in March with the World Medical Fund, a UK based charity which sends doctors to sub Saharan Africa, where they treat and see as many as 200 sick children a day in a travelling paediatric clinic. I will be involved in examining children with various ailments, giving medication when required and referring to the local larger hospitals. In order to take part in this amazing opportunity, the charity are asking for a £500 donation which will go towards helping pay for the resources required to treat the children. As a result, I am hoping to raise money through a cake sale at the school on Thursday 1 March and would greatly appreciate any help. Finally, I have set up a Just Giving page. If you would like to help this worthy cause, the link to the page is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/ellen-neeves>

### **London/Barton Hall Residential**

The final payments for these two residentials are due by the end of March 2018.

### **LANDRAKE SCHOOL RUN**

#### **Friday 16 March 1.30pm**

Date for your diaries! We need help from parents with car parking, marshalling, and serving refreshments to runners/spectators. We are anticipating that there will be approximately 600 children taking part in this run coming from 30 different schools in East Cornwall.

Please let the school office know if you are able to help. Thank you.

Solar Meter Reading this week: 62,153 kW



### **Bike**

A girl's bike was left in the disabled toilet before Christmas. Please could the owner come and collect it. Thank you.