

## SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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### THIS WEEK:

Thu 8 Mar Cake Sale for World Medical Fund  
Fri 9 Mar World Book Day Celebration  
Change of Menu  
XC League Run at Bake Lakes

### Snow

Thank you for your patience and concern during the bad weather last week. I have never closed the school before and it was a difficult decision, however safety of all was paramount. It was good to test the system and know who did not receive texts so that the text service can be amended. Please let the office know if you did not receive a text.

Thank you also to the local staff who went back in on Thursday to make sure no child was dropped off.

### Change of Menu:

Friday 9 March (World Book Day celebration)  
1. The Twits Spaghetti Bolognese  
2. Gruffalo Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Hagrid's Wedges

### Mr Arundell and Mrs Watt

It has been really good that Mr Arundell has been able to be with us this term and get acquainted with SRG policies. He will be taking over from Mrs Clark in April and will be in for the whole of the final week, as well as a transition.

Mrs Watt has been appointed to be our SENco while Mrs Clark is off. She already works as a SENco part time in another school so I am pleased that she has capacity to come to us as well. Mrs Watt will be liaising with Mrs Clark in the next few weeks as well. She will be in once a week in our school.

### Apple Store Visits

The children have all gained from the opportunities and we are really pleased that Mr Bates informed us of the opportunities. Year 5 will be going next term now and we are booking a visit for Years 2 and 6 in June.

### World Book Day

We are celebrating on **Friday 9 March**  
We are hoping to raise the profile of reading by asking the children to come dressed as a book character on Friday.

We will also have two competitions and there will be a variety of prizes presented. These should be completed at home, named and brought into school by Friday 9 March.

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

Book tokens will be sent home on Friday.

### Playpod

We are really excited that our Playpod will be installed next week. This has been delayed due to the weather conditions. Staff will be receiving training. All who are involved at lunchtimes will have four sessions and everyone else will have at least one. The playpod will officially open on 19 March and from then we hope to see the children having the chance to explore creatively the stock inside. Imaginative and creative opportunities will be extended.

We will be having the netball court moved but we are awaiting the outcome of a grant application we have made before doing this.

### Home Learning Exhibition: Thurs 22 March

Remember we have our exhibition and all children will share with visitors and each other things they have done.

We have had so many children showing us the learning and sharing information they have found out. A science technology focus has motivated many.

### Computing

In March we have six students in for a week to organise activities. This time they will organise control technology activities including the use of the dash and dots etc.

### Phonics Workshop

Thank you to the parents who came to the workshop Mrs Hawkings held last week. If you would like a copy of the handout, do ask her. Mrs Hawkings holds phonic sessions for students and other teachers in Cornwall as well as our parents.

### Music

It was great to hear the violins and some of the guitars play in a special assembly last week. We are lucky to be able to offer a range of instrumental lessons. In September, drumming sessions are being added to the list. The list for these has started and it is good to see how many are keen to try drumming. If you would like to put your child's name down for drumming or any other lesson do see the office staff.

### Multiplication Tables

Knowledge and instant recall of the multiplication tables really helps all aspects of maths. Year 4 pupils in the future will be tested electronically. We have subscribed to TT Rockstars so that the children can all practise in a similar way to the test format. Please check your child has their login.

Tables grids, learning by chanting and quick fire in the car or walking to school will all help. As soon as these are known, the child's confidence in maths goes up.

### Good Luck

Good Luck to Alice, Hannah and Jacob. Our Youth Speaks Team are competing in Paignton on Saturday at the Regional Finals of Youth Speaks. To get this far is an amazing achievement.

### Parking

If you are parking and leaving your car to bring your child into school, please use the playground rather than the car park.

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

**Help is needed from parents to help with marshalling the course, parking and serving refreshments to runners and spectators. Please give your name to the school office if you can help. We are expecting 600 children from over 30 junior schools to come to this run. Thank you.**

**LANDRAKE RUNNERS** - Children who have been given a letter for the Landrake Run need to get their consent slip and £1 entrance money to the school office by 9 March 2018.

### Spring Fair – Friday 23 March

2.30pm Spring Fair

3.30pm Easter Treasure Hunt for children

Volunteers are needed to help serve refreshments and cakes (and again, all donations of cakes/biscuits would be gratefully received).

#### Competition

Plant your own garden of Gethsemane in a seed tray – make sure it's named. 50p per entry.

Tea Towels will be on sale at the reduced price of £3 each or £5 for two.

### London/Barton Hall Residential

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

#### Meetings for Residentials: Tuesday 20 March

5.30: Barton Hall

6.30: London

The meetings are for parents only. The children will have their own nearer to the time of the visits.

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

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

Tue 20 Mar Residential Meetings

5.30pm Barton Hall

6.30pm London

Thu 22 Mar Home Learning Exhibition 2.30pm

Fri 23 Mar Maths Masterclass

Grass Track Cycling