

SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL – NEWSLETTER

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CLUBS:

KS2 Art Club will not run any more as Miss Hartigan is at a different school this term.

THIS WEEK:

11-14 Jun Y5: Bikeability (11th, 12th, 14th)

Tue 12 Jun Y4: Pentillie

Wed 13 Jun Sports Day 1.15pm
Kids Out

Thu 14 Jun Class Photos
Orienteering – Landulph

Sun 17 Jun Landrake Open Gardens day

Please check book bags for consent forms for trips and return ASAP.

Dinner Money

Please could you check your ParentPay accounts and ensure your dinner money payments are up to date.

Thank you.

Health Fitness and Safety Week

Last week we held our annual focus week and the children all were physically very active all week with the range of sports and activities we had.

KS1 enjoyed taking part in some health, safety and well-being activities as part of a rotation on Wednesday. They learnt about how to stay safe and healthy across a range of topics including farm safety, beach and sun safety, germs, first aid and many more. Alongside this we looked at the promotion of well-being through the use of sport and had fun taking part in some relaxing peer massage!

KS2 had their rotation on Thursday. Teachers, teaching assistants and Plymouth University trainees led 15 minute workshops ranging from body combat and tennis to the recovery position and safety online. Children returned at lunchtime highly enthused and full of the things they had learnt! Thank you to all staff who helped organise this, it ran smoothly and covered a huge range of topics that help keep the children safe and happy.

Sports Day

On Wednesday 13 June, we hope the sun will shine and we can hold our annual sports day. If a decision is made to postpone due to the weather, we will put this information on the website.

In the morning we will have our mixed age sporting circuit of activities, where the oldest children look after the younger children in their house groups. It is great to see them taking responsibility and encouraging them to enjoy the learning experiences.

The traditional sports will start at 1.15pm. All are welcome to watch and the playground will be open at 12.50.

We do ask you to remember that the children need to stay with their house teams. Please also ensure that younger children who are not in school are carefully supervised and do not wander onto the track. We expect good sportsmanship and hope all children will be supported and encouraged during the afternoon events.

Whole School Word Count

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

78,257,118 words.



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

The hoodies are due to arrive in school this week, please pay through ParentPay if not already done so.

Careers

A huge thank you to Mr Hawkings (Navy), Mr Brown (RAF), Mr Pinkus (Police Diver) and Cat (floristry) who led workshops for children on careers day. The children talked very positively about their learning.

Class Photos

Reminder that class photos are being taken on Thursday 14 June – those who are doing Bikeability, please bring school uniform with you for the photos.

Sporting Success

Cornwall Youth Games at Penryn - 29 June

We have taken part successfully in so many qualification rounds and have now had to book a coach to travel to the finals and we will also need to take the minibus.

We have qualified in: hockey, basketball, golf, badminton for year 5 and 6 and quad kids for years 3 and 4. We have also entered two open competitions a team in the tag rugby festival and a dance team.

In addition we have also entered art work and a music composition in the cultural sections.

Letters will go out shortly if your child is involved now we have transport sorted.

The children have had so many sporting opportunities this year due to the enthusiasm of staff and the resilience and organisation of the admin team.

Congratulations to Seren W for coming an amazing 3rd place at the Welsh Open Climbing Championships in Merthyr Tydfil, where she was competing against the best climbers from across the UK.

Happy Shoesday - Tuesday 26 June

Our Eco committee have decided to promote walking to school by holding this event. To save cars being driven along School Road we will provide two walking buses led by school staff.

One bus will depart from the Bullers Arms pub at 8.30am and another one from Higher Town at the same time.

All children who manage to Walk to School will receive a sticker! All children will also be allowed to wear some sensible footwear of choice. Favourite trainers would be an excellent choice.

Can we also ask that no flip-flops, open-toed shoes or heels are worn for health and safety reasons.

Please do try and support this event organised by the children. They are keen to improve transport issues in the village, but due to the number of children that live outside of the village this is rather a challenge! Thank you for your support with all of our eco schools initiatives.

Mrs Cunningham and the Eco Committee

Junior Ten Tors 8/9 June

What an incredible weekend! The year 6's that completed the Junior Ten Tors Expedition did exceptionally well.



They navigated, carrying their essential equipment, around Dartmoor with great accuracy, they put up their tents, sorted their kit out, cooked for themselves and even had time to perform around the campfire to the other participating schools.



Over the weekend the team walked an impressive 17 miles and reached ten different Tors, some of them being quite a challenge. However, the hardest Tors had the most amazing views as we were blessed with glorious sunshine for a vast majority of the weekend. By the end of the impressive expedition the children put on their t-shirts, reached the final Tor (Leeden) and walked as a team down to the finish line.



All the children did an incredible job and it was a pleasure to lead them in their walk. Well done SRG – a great achievement.

Mr Crudge

Friends of SRG

Sports Day: Wednesday 13 June

The Friends will be selling refreshments and would like donations of cake, biscuits etc. for sports day.

Summer Fair: Friday 22 June 2.30 – 5pm

The Friends will be selling refreshments at the Fair and would like donations of cake and biscuits.

We are looking for donations of sponges for the stocks (to soak the teachers).

End of Term Disco: Friday 6 July

100 Club

The 100 club still have some spare numbers, anyone interested in buying any please let the office know.

The Friends are looking for volunteers for all the above events, there is a sign-up sheet on the Friends message board in the waiting room.

Parental Information about Games

Below is a link to a website that details the nature of popular games including Roblox and Fortnite.

It gives parents information about game content and also how to add parental settings to make the games safer for children to play.

<https://www.everybodyplays.co.uk/parents-guides/>

Author Visit

Alison May – Behind the Fairy Door

We were really lucky to have an inspirational visit from a local author who ran workshops for year 3. This was arranged by Theodore's mum so a huge thank you to her to as it was so good to see the children so motivated to read and write. We would love her to return. Info has gone home with year 3 children to order any copies. We will also be ordering for school

'Behind The Fairy Door'® is a series of children's books by local Devon author Alison May, which was launched in May 2017 in London and Plymouth. The books follow DT the Railway Cat as he explores a world called Silver Birch Dell.

Piano Lessons

It has become a bit of a habit for some pupils to forget their music on a weekly basis. This means that when they get home their progress is affected greatly and they have no written notes to help them.

If there is a trip, still bring music in – I try to be as flexible as possible and can always accommodate a morning or afternoon activity.

Can parents please support their children in packing their music the night before, so that it isn't forgotten in the morning when things get busy.

Many thanks, Jane Suckling

Summer Piano and Singing Evening

Reminder – Wednesday 20 June 5.30pm

Only two singing rehearsals left, so make sure you attend both please.

It's going to be a great evening!

Solar Meter Reading this week: 65,583 kW



Poppy Wave

We are creating our own Poppy Wave in the Bible Garden. Every child in the school is going to be creating one and as the classes complete they are being displayed. This is the brain child of Jackie and Trish who would also like to invite you as parents and also anybody in the local area to come in and make one as well.

A workshop session is planned on Wednesday 11 July, do spread the word.

It is already looking good and it is only the beginning. We would like to have it lit for people to visit during the Christmas Plays. KS2 will be performing Christmas 2014 again.

After half term the whole school will be completing a mini topic on WW1 and we have already started researching texts we will use.

Landrake Open Gardens and Plant Sale

Date: Sunday 17 June

Time: 11am – 4pm

Tickets: £3 per adult, children free



Tea and Cakes available

Proceeds to Dementia Voice PL12
and Cancer Research



Tickets from Roseway (next to the pub) on the
day

The Adventures of Doctor Dolittle

Is being performed at Pentillie Castle and Estate
on Sunday 17 June at 5pm.

Tickets: illyria.co.uk (5% fee)

Adults: £15, Child (3-10) £10

LOST PROPERTY

Hoody and Fleece, named Lottie K

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

NEXT WEEK:

Mon 18 Jun	Y5: Cricket – Callington Y6: Mt Edgcumbe
Thu 21 Jun	Y5: Pentillie
Fri 22 Jun	Summer Fair
Mon 25 Jun	Zero Gravity
Tue 26 Jun	Zero Gravity Happy Shoesday (Walk to School)
Wed 27 Jun	Zero Gravity
Wed 27 Jun	Area Sports Comp 6-8pm
Thu 28 Jun	Y6: Pentillie
Fri 29 Jun	Cornwall Schools Games – Penryn
Mon 2 Jul	Y6: STEM Hub
Tue 3 Jul	Y5: STEM Hub Saltash.net Y6 taster day
Wed 4 Jul	Y4: STEM Hub
Thu 5 Jul	House Sports: Rounders
Fri 6 Jul	Maths Masterclass: Saltash End of year party/disco
Mon 9 July	Y6: HMS Raleigh
Wed 11 Jul	Poppies for Parents
Fri 13 Jul	Speech Day
16-20 Jul	Booster Swimming Lessons (AM)
Fri 20 Jul	1.15pm Leavers Assembly Last day of school
Mon 23 Jul	New Y6/7 parents eve - Saltash

2018-19 Term Dates

4 September – 20 December

Half Term: 22 – 26 October

Inset Days: 4 September and 19 October

7 January – 5 April

Half Term: 18 – 22 February

Inset Days: 7 January

23 April – 25 July

Half Term: 27 – 31 May

Inset Days: 3 June and 25 July