

Clubs

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Please check bags for trip letters, complete and return immediately.

Annual Nasal Flu Vaccination for children in Years Reception to Year 5

www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/flu

School Code: EE137257

Please read and complete the online consent form as soon as possible. It also lets you know where to find out more information about the vaccination. **Please note that this year, it is only on line and not paper copies.**

Remembrance Sunday

We would like as many children and families as possible to join us to remember those who died in the wars. We always remember those from the village at the Village Cenotaph at 11am. Last year nearly 40 attended this service and joined in with the other groups from the village. The service starts at 10 am at St Michael's.



Change of Menu: Tuesday 9 October

1. Steak Pasty
 2. Cheese and Onion Pasty
- Scone with jam and cream or fresh fruit



Harvest Festival

Remember that our busy week will be finishing with Harvest in Church at 9.15am. All are welcome to attend.

Please can children bring in either fresh or packet produce that will support local need and foodbank and be used to decorate the church.

Hillside School donations can be made on ParentPay or brought to school office. They have been experiencing drought causing a shortage of food.



Car Parking

Please do not turn your car in people's driveways. The residents of 23 Lowertown are requesting that nobody use their drive way as it has been renewed. We have to be considerate towards the people in our neighbourhood and they find the end of the school day difficult when queues form and they cannot leave their houses. We cannot open our gates before 3.10 due to PE lessons so do make sure you are not arriving too early.

We talk to children about rudeness and I know there have been incidents on both sides but I really do not like hearing that people have been rude to residents and in front of children. Can I also remind you that we have been asked to make sure you do not park in front of Lowertown Farm Cottage as again it is private property.

Parents Evening: Wed 17 and Thu 18 October

Have you booked your appointment online?

Log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Enter the event code number:

KS1 (Rec, Yr 1, Yr 2): pubzh

KS2: u6nnb

Secondary School Places September 2019

The closing date for the secondary school transfer is 31 October 2018. Please ensure that you have applied for your current Year 6 child's place. If you have any queries, please ask in the office.

Head Lice

We have had a report of head lice in school. These visitors are easily spread and a common occurrence in all primary schools. We always notify parents, as the sooner they are dealt with the better. Head lice like clean heads and should not be seen as something to be ashamed of, or kept to yourself (we have all had them!). To prevent further outbreaks, we are asking if you would be kind enough to check your children's heads.

If head lice or their eggs are found, please follow the 'wet combing' method: after washing your child's hair in the normal way, apply plenty of conditioner to the wet hair and comb through with a fine tooth comb. This should be repeated every day for 2 weeks so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed. If you wish to use a lotion as an alternative to this method, please would you speak to your pharmacist or health visitor, since treatments are changed from time to time to prevent head lice becoming resistant to the active ingredient in a particular product. Head lice can re-infect those children from whom they have been disinfected and we ask you therefore to be vigilant. We do recommend that if your child has longer hair they wear it tied up for school - plaiting hair can help to prevent infection.

Pre School

Due to the constant increase in expenditure necessary for the daily running of the Breakfast/Afterschool Club, we are writing to inform you that as **of November 2018**, Afterschool Club fees must reflect this by changing to:

£4.25 Breakfast Club

£4.30 for one hour Afterschool Club

£5.93 for two hours Afterschool Club

Breakfast/Afterschool Club also accept Childcare vouchers e.g. Sodexo, Edenred, Computershare. Please speak to Sarah if you wish to use this type of payment for your child's fees.

Thank you for your continued support.

AWARDS

Accelerated Reader	Riley B Ed S
Art	Arthur B
Be the best you can	Leyla C
Class Courtesy	Connor P
Courtesy	Gracie F
Demonstrating Values	Abbie D Sebastian Y
Dinner Hall	Katie P
Eco	Seren W
English	Ethan B Alice P
Effort	Daisy HH Taran H
Excellence	Theodore S Ruby W Lily C
Friendship	Ruby C
Good Learning	Mackenzie P
Great Progress	Ethan H
Helpfulness	Edie C Lottie K
Kindness	Daisy HH
Learner of the Week	Olivia J
Mathletics Points	Alfie G
Maths Owl	Maisie H
Maths Superstar	Sam B
Netball Player of Week	Millie BC
Phonics	Imogen P
Positive Attitude	Freddie M Ayla G
Progress	Erin S Abbie C Amos CC
Reading Star	William B
Resilience	Mawgan T Owen G Layla E Phoebe H
Responsibility	Jacob R
School Grounds	Sam B
School Role Model	Norah C
Spelling Bee	Archie W
Standing up for right	Isavella B
Star of the Week	Simeon R
Supporting Others	Nathaniel K
Thinking	Ruby F
Writer of the Week	Max B
Piano Award	Lucy P
Singing Award	Caitlin E

Who's who part two!

Our Governors

We are really lucky to have a governing body that has members that have skills sets that together make a very effective team. They take their responsibility very seriously and know our school well.

The full governing body meet three times a year with committees meeting in between these.

At Sir Robert Geffery's we have:

The Premises Committee who meet at least once a term

Finance Committee who meet at least once a term

Curriculum Committee who meet twice a term

Personnel Committee who meet at least once a term

Pupils and Admissions Committee who meet at least once a term

The Ironmongers are the trustees of our academy trust and they attend the trustee and governor meetings each term. The school is also discussed at court meetings as it has been for the past 300 years!

TRUSTEES

Mr Richard Twallin (*Foundation Governor - Chair*)

Richard Twallin has worked in the IT industry for all of his career. His company develops management systems for a variety of disciplines including information security, environment and quality. He has been a member of the Court of the Ironmongers' Company since 1996. He is a Churchwarden of his church in Hampshire and a trustee of the local C of E primary school.

Mr Harry Charnaud (*Foundation Governor*)

Harry Charnaud has been a member of the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers since 1984 and joined the Court in 2000. His work experience has encompassed working as a company director for the Inchcape Group and latterly for a UK manufacturing subsidiary of the ICL Group of Companies as Managing Director. Sport is close to Harry's heart, having played rugby for London Cornish RFC in London and on tour in Cornwall. He has three children, two of whom are also Ironmongers.

Commander James Oliver FCMI (*Foundation Governor*)

Royal Navy 1959-1989. Clerk Worshipful Company of Ironmongers and Clerk to the Governors, Sir Robert Geffery's School 1989 - 2005. Trust Manager, Ewelme Almshouse and Education Trusts since 2006. Lives near Maribcrough, Wiltshire.

Mrs Elizabeth Cairncross (*Foundation Governor*)

Elizabeth Cairncross is currently Principal of Wells Cathedral School and has been privileged to be part of the development of the school since 2000. She started her career as an English teacher. Elizabeth currently chairs the heads committee of the government's nine Music and Dance Scheme schools and CASE UK's independent schools' committee.

Her interests are music, the 19th century novels, skiing, mountain walking, swimming, running, cooking - and the way in which leadership develops. She has three adult children and her husband, Andrew, appointed her to her first teaching post many years ago - at King Edward's Witley. One of her great pleasures lies in being a member of the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers and, therefore, in being a foundation governor of this school!

Mr George Bastin (*Foundation Governor*)

George Bastin was Master of the Ironmongers Company during 2015/16 following his grandfather and father as Masters of the Company. His father was Chairman of the Landrake Governors for many years and it was a position he much enjoyed. His father was proud to have served Landrake and George is proud to have followed in his father's footsteps. George had his own electronic engineering company and is keen to encourage engineering design and technology to young people. He has been a Presentee Governor at Christ's Hospital and is Chairman of a local educational trust in the West Country. His motto during his year of Mastership was 'Get Involved' and he is keen to continue this while a Governor at Landrake.

Local Governors

Jill Jarvis (*Foundation Governor*)

Jill was appointed as a local Foundation Governor in 1999. She is Chairman of the Personnel Committee and has a responsibility for SEN. Until retiring she worked in banking and property development. Living locally her interests are gardening, watercolour painting and boating. She is a Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers.

Mr Paul Williams (*Foundation Governor*)

Paul is one of the newest members of the Governing Body and brings a legal perspective to the Board, have 20 years' experience at the Bar. He currently has a son attending the school, and his daughter was a pupil but has now moved on to secondary education.

A member of the Premises and Finance Committees

Dr Mark Davidson (*Foundation Governor*)

Mark is an Associate Professor at Plymouth University, lecturing in Ocean Science. He has over 20 years of teaching experience in higher education, an active international research profile and keen amateur interest in running, surfing and triathlons.

Mark is Chairman of the Curriculum Committee.

Mr David Landers (*Foundation Governor*)

David has returned to the Governing Body recently, bringing his financial expertise. He lives in the village and was a parent governor previously when his three sons attended the school.

David is under taking the duties of the Responsible Officer on behalf of the governors.

A Member of the Finance and Personnel Committees

Mrs Mandy Kellager (*Foundation Governor*)

Mandy was a governor for 8 years when her daughters were at the school and has rejoined the Governing Body since moving into the village. Mandy is on the Personnel and Premises Committees. She worked as a vet for 25 years since when, in semi-retirement, she has taught English to speakers of other languages. She enjoys many sports, sings in choirs and is a late beginner on the cello.

Mr Owain Hughes (*Appointed by the Local Education Authority*)

Owain was a former member of the County Inspection Team and has many years' experience as a headteacher and advisor. As a Governor of Sir Robert Geffery's School, he serves on the Curriculum Committee and regularly meets with staff to discuss assessment and the Development Plan.

Rev Cathy Sigrist - **Representing Truro Diocese**

Cathy is the Priest –in-Charge of the Saltash Ministry Team. Cathy visits the school to lead monthly assemblies and serves on the Personnel and Pupils & Admissions Committees

We also have two elected parent governors who work on committees as well as attending full governing body meetings. They are:

Mrs Ali Wills, who has 2 children in the school and brings many skills to the governing body from 20 years of working across various manufacturing industries,. She enjoys a wide variety of activities from sport to music to the arts. Ali serves on the Curriculum Committee and is always happy to chat if you see her around the school (usually at pick up rather than drop off) and is very open to thoughts from anyone who has ideas about how we can help to improve the school and support the staff in any way.

Mrs Helen Daniel now has one child in school as her eldest child transferred to secondary school this September. Although not teaching at present, she was a primary teacher for 15 years working across both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. She was a leading teacher in a Primary School in Runcorn before joining the senior management team in her last teaching post. Helen currently has a number of roles including Mum, property management, accounts and company secretary and a builder in her spare time! She is very pleased to have the opportunity to represent parents as a Governor and use some of the skills and knowledge acquired whilst teaching. Helen serves on the Curriculum Committee.

The role of Parent Governors

Parent governors bring their wealth of experience and knowledge, contributing to the successful running of their child's school. Being a governor is a "hands off" role – decisions made by the board influence the whole school, but governors are not responsible for, or involved in, the day-to-day running of the school. The role is a necessary part of ensuring the good functioning of school leadership. Governors set the ethos of the school and drive for continuous improvement, and they also oversee financial performance and ensure money is well-spent. Governors commission the head teacher and other school leaders to act on their behalf in putting their ideas into practice, and they ensure that the school leadership is held to account in doing so.

Opportunities to be Governors

We always look to extend and strengthen the skills set and expertise of our governing body as vacancies become available. We need a range of skills from financial experience, education, personnel, building expertise, legal knowledge and general business experience. If this is something you would like to consider do give your name to the office and as opportunities become available we will contact you. If you also know people from the wider community with time and expertise do get them to contact us. There are many opportunities to meet with members of the governing body during the year including Speech Day.

Golf Lessons

Over the past 5 weeks I have been running an after school club to give the children an experience of golf which I hope they enjoyed. As a follow on from this, we are offering a FREE junior golf lesson at St Mellion International Resort on Thursday 25th October at 3pm - 4pm

The design of this session is to showcase golf using real golf equipment and playing fun golf games in a golf club environment.

To take advantage of this **FREE** lesson, please book a place using the code SM18JA when calling Jason on 07816 189519.



"I want you to look for some adventure in your life."

"Oh you don't have to worry about that, Dad!" exclaimed Bradley, as he grinned broadly. "I've already tasted a bit of adventure."

Bradley Baker and the Amulet of Silvermoor

Last week, we welcomed the author David Lawrence Jones to SRG. He captured our imaginations and took us on mini-adventures by introducing characters from his books. We were all captivated by his characters, magical lands and his glowing bath!

David's own story writing developed as a result of being 'a reluctant reader'. He avoided reading by telling stories to his older brother during bedtimes where he'd disappear down a plughole to distant lands; embarking on countless adventures. We pledged, as a school, that we would: read more, tell more stories and be inspired by his visit.

We will be holding a story writing competition over the Half Term Holiday so get your 'Green Hats' on! David, himself, has offered to judge the entries, with signed books for prizes (details to follow shortly).

Miss Appleby ☺



If you did not get your book order in on time for it to be signed, we are asking David to come back again to sign some more. Order forms available from the office – please return with correct money by Friday 12 October.

Data Sheets

Copies of our data sheets will be coming home to you this week, so please look out for these envelopes. We are asking you to confirm all details that we hold and change if needed so we can ensure that we have correct contact information for all.

Blanket Consent/Data Forms

Please complete these forms (sent home last week) and return by the end of this week.

If you have more than one child at SRG, please complete one for each of them separately.

Rotary Young Photographer Competition

Calling all young snappers...

Entrants must be under 18 on 31 August 2018.

For more information and entry forms, please visit:

www.rotarygbi.org/competitions

Three photographs and application form to be submitted to Saltash Library by Thursday 29 November 2018.

An exhibition of entries will be displayed from 1-6 December at Saltash Library.

Half Term Writing Competition

What 'Plughole Adventure' would you go on?

Where would you go?

Who would you meet?

Over Half Term write a short story about a plughole adventure.

Think carefully about the plot, setting and characters and remember to use PERISCOPES to support your writing. Your words paint a picture for the reader, so add lots of detail!

David Lawrence Jones will be judging the finalists

Entries need to be in by Friday 2 November

Three prizes:

1 winner from KS1

1 winner from Years 3/4

1 winner from Years 5/6

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Wed 17 Oct	Parents Evening
Thu 18 Oct	Parents Evening Mufti Day: Friends Fundraiser
Fri 19 Oct	Inset Day
22-26 Oct	<i>Half Term</i>
Fri 2 Nov	Reception - Yr 5: Flu Immunisation
Thu 15 Nov	Friends Christmas Bazaar 2.30-5pm
Tue 4 Dec	3pm: Home Learning Exhibition
Fri 21 Dec	Christmas Holidays start
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Tue 8 Jan	Back to School