



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Clubs

There are no **teacher-led** clubs due to Parents Evenings

School Trips

- Year 5 are all swimming at the Life Centre every morning
- Years 4 and 6 (grp 2) are visiting the Apple Store

Letters sent by satchel post

- KS2 trip to Cornwall's Regimental Museum after half-term

Monday 15th

- Yr 5 swimming
- Yr 4: Apple Store

Tuesday 16th

- Yr 5 swimming
- Yr 6: Apple Store

Wednesday 17th

- Yr 5 swimming
- Parents Evening
- Deadline for photo orders

Thursday 18th

- Yr 5 swimming
- Parents Evening
- Mufti Day
- Menu Change

Friday 19th

- INSET DAY
- Yr 5 swimming

22 – 26 October Half Term

31 October London/Barton Hall £50 deposits due

What a busy half term!

Time flies when you are busy and we have certainly enjoyed some great learning opportunities this half term. The joint learning days, Dartmoor residential, dance with Alex, visits to the Apple Store and the new timetables have all been successful this half term. I have been pleased to see some great maths learning during my recent classroom observations and pupil discussions. The spheroballs are popular and ICT sessions are showing the impact of the Apple Store visits.

Change of Menu: Thursday 18 October

1. Crispy fish and Chips
2. Veggie hot dog with chips
3. Jacket Potato

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on school grounds, even outside school hours.

INSET Day

Swimming will be taking place but for most Friday is a non-pupil day. Staff are attending a joint maths day at Burraton. Jo Cronin, a maths consultant, is leading this.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer

Please ensure that you've registered your Year 6 child for their secondary place – it closes on Wednesday 31 October.

Parents Evenings

Parent Consultations are happening this Wednesday and Thursday evenings after school. Please make sure you've booked your appointments online: Log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk Enter the event code number: KS1 (Rec, Yr 1, Yr 2): pubzh KS2: u6nnb

Flu Immunisation: Friday 2 November

This is being given to the children in Years Reception to Year 5 on Friday 2 November. Please ensure you've completed the online form at: www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/flu School code: EE137257 If you are struggling to do the form online, we do have paper copies available in the office.

Farm Feeding over half-term

The rota for feeding the animals over half-term is in the office – if you'd like to come along to help out, please write your names on the day you'd be able to help out.

School Photos

If you'd like to order any of the photos that were taken at the beginning of the month – please bring your orders in by **Wednesday 17 October**.

Lockers

All children in Years 4/5 are very excited as they will have a locker. This means that PE bags and coats will be kept in the locker. Book bags with their day-to-day things should be taken into the classroom daily.

Lunchboxes will be kept on the trolley and collected at the end of the day.

Their empty bags will then fit in the locker. At present, some children bring in enough personal items for a fortnight, not a school day.

NB. We do still have pegs remaining for wet coats to hang on.

Lunchboxes

All packed lunches need to be placed on the trolleys in the morning

KS1 trolley is at the bottom of the slope

KS2 trolley is in the hall

The lunch trolleys are then moved into a cooler environment.

Snacks need to be kept in separate containers in classrooms.

World War One

After half term the whole school will be involved with our WW1 project.

We have booked KS2 visits to the Regimental Museum where they will have four workshops related to the trenches, dressing up etc

Years 1 and 2 will spend time at Saltash Heritage Museum and will be dressing up and spending time in the trench that is created there.

We are hosting a drama performance and a writing workshop related to WW1.

A variety of texts will be used including Private Peaceful and War Horse.

We also hope to visit Cotehele to see the garland and WW1 displays.

Primary Admissions to Reception Class September 2019

Do make sure you remind anybody whose child is going to start school in September 2019 that they need to submit their application by 15th January.

If they would like to come and visit SRG then ask them to ring for an appointment. There is a low birth year again in Saltash and like this year it is possible we will not be over subscribed. To maintain funding with a dwindling budget we need to be full. Most schools in our area have spaces in current reception. Many people say they did not think they would get in so did not apply to us. This year once again we know we need people to apply who we have not yet met!

Jo White

On Friday 2 November, we say goodbye to Jo, our TA who this year is in Year 4. Jo, who has worked at SRG for many years, is off to a new exciting job as a Healthcare Assistant at Derriford Hospital and we wish her all the best and will miss her very much.

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.

Swimming

Year 5 are swimming this week at the Life Centre as part of the intensive week programme.

Now we are taking all children in Year 3 for a three week block and then using booster blocks for catch up but Year 5 are having an intensive week as they did not have this opportunity before.

We have been pleased with the lessons the children experienced last year. Swimming is a life skill and so important when we live so close to water. The governors are using some of the sports grant towards extended provision as they see it as a priority.

Dance with Alex

We welcome Alex back to lead topic related dance classes as part of our curriculum.

Humanities Week

This week we are having a focus on humanities and the children will be class based in KS2.

House matches

Year 3/4/5 and 6 are taking part in their house hockey competitions this week.

Harvest

Thank you for supporting us once again. It is important to celebrate the harvest that we enjoy and to think about others in the world. We do aim to sponsor our 50 orphans at Hillside once again so everything you give helps. It costs £15 a term for the pupil to be looked after and attend school.

If you are interested in supporting Hillside School, you can donate via ParentPay.

All fresh produce is distributed locally and tinned and packaged given to the local food banks to support those in need.



Year 6 Joint Learning Morning

Last Thursday morning the Year 6 pupils from St Mellion, St Dominic and SRG joined together and in smaller groups worked with Mrs Moore (Head of Schools at St M and D) on writing, Mrs Curtis on maths and Mrs Cunningham on reading. We intend to hold several sessions like this this year as it shares teaching expertise and allows us to boost and challenge all our learners. It is very possible that children will also meet others going onto the same secondary school as themselves.

AWARDS

Accelerated Reader	Ben C
Be the best you can	Peter J
Courtesy	Sam A
Dinner Hall	Isaac P
Eco	Dulcie N
English	Victor H
	Sienna B
Effort	Olivia B
	Charlie V
	Evie P
	Bea T
	Melody E
Enthusiasm	Poppy T
Excellence	Alfie B
Good Manners	Seren W
Great Progress	Ashton B
Growth Mindset	Mollie Y
	Shepherd W
Helpfulness	Eddie S
Literacy	Seren H
Mathletics Points	Phoebe H
Maths Owl	William D
Maths Progress	Olivia T
Maths Superstar	Bob T
	Che S
Netball Player of Week	Isabella B
Perseverance	Anna G
	Connor P
Phonics	Callum C
Positive Attitude	Cai C
	Leyvyn S
Progress	Poppy C
	Poppy H
	Albie C
Reading Star	Hazel E
Resilience	Melody E
	David B
	Adam C
	Rebecca J
School Role Model	Harry F
Science Effort	Hayden W
Spelling Bee	Joshua G
Supporting Others	William R
Writer of the Week	Tilly K
	Daniel B
Piano Award	Oliver S
Singing Award	Lola OR

Year 2/3 Joint Learning Day

On Tuesday 2nd October, Years 2 and 3 enjoyed a joint Creative Arts learning day with the children from St Mellion and St Dominic schools. We were lucky enough to meet author David Lawrence and watch his zany and inspiring show in the morning! The SRG children were wonderful at introducing the Playpod equipment to the other schools at lunchtime and showing them how to play with it. In the afternoon, we enjoyed designing stained glass windows, creating transient art down on the nature trail and farm, and participating in interpretive dance outdoors. It was lovely to see friendships old and new develop over the day between the three schools and overheard the words, "I wish this day would never end, I love school!" summed up the day for us all! Mrs James

Half Term Writing Competition

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

LOST PROPERTY

Jacob Tricker's PE kit, which has been missing since last Thursday. It contains a set of uniform, PE hoodie and trainers. If found, please return to year 2 or school office.

Wanted, please...

For the dementia ward at Derriford hospital where Jo volunteers.
Old magazines, postcards, photos or jigsaws and also any old baby dolls that children have grown out of as they can keep dementia patients calmer in times of distress and anxiety.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

NEXT WEEK:

22-26 Oct	Half Term
Mon 2 Feb	Yr 6/3: Regimental Museum
Tue 3 Feb	Yr 5/3: Regimental Museum
Wed 4 Feb	Yr 4/3: Regimental Museum
Fri 2 Nov	Reception - Yr 5: Flu Immunisation
Sun 11 Nov	10am: Remembrance Service at St Michael's Church
Thu 15 Nov	Friends Christmas Bazaar 2.30-5pm
Tue 4 Dec	3pm: Home Learning Exhibition
Fri 21 Dec	Christmas Holidays start
<u>2019</u>	
Tue 8 Jan	Back to School

Landrake Community Café at Landrake Chapel

Thursday 18th October - 8.45am til 12

A great place to get together, come after school drop off for a fabulous cup of coffee, cake and a chat. There are facilities for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers.

Crocheted poppies by Brenda will be available and money raised for the Poppy Appeal
Facebook: Landrake Community Cafe

Celebrate Good Times at Cake and Craft

Saturday 20th October - 1 til 4pm

At Landrake Chapel

Craft stalls; children's activities and games; face painting; fabulous tea, coffee and cakes; live music

Messy Church invites you to NOT the Halloween Party on

Wednesday 31st October 4.30 til 6.45
At Landrake Chapel. Straight after school for a party tea followed by lots of fun activities, crafts and games.

New School Menu

The menu for school dinners after half term is coming home with this newsletter.

Dear Parent/Carer

15th October 2018

Update – School Funding Campaign

Firstly, thank you for the huge support that you gave to Headteachers who campaigned for improved school funding at Westminster on Friday 28 September. Over 2000 head teachers attended in London with many more supporting their actions too.

It is clear from the emails that colleagues and I received, that parents overwhelmingly support the need for much improved investment in our schools. As soon as we receive a reply from the chancellor, we will let you know. I am sure everyone will watch with interest to see how he responds to our requests during the Autumn Statement (Budget) on Monday 29 October.

Following recent headlines, Headteachers across the country hope very much that the Government and the Department for Education, in particular, will stop providing parents and the wider public with misleading information about spending on schools. This week's scathing letter (see link below) to the Department of Education from the UK Statistics Authority underlines all of the points that Worth Less? have repeatedly stated to parents over the past three years.

https://www.statisticsauthority.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/20181008_Sir_David_Norgrove_letter_to_SoS_for_Education.pdf

"I am sure you (The Department for Education) share my concerns that instances such as these do not help to promote trust and confidence in official data, and indeed risk undermining them." Sir David Norgrove – Head of the UK Statistics Authority (8/10/18)

Frankly, it is entirely wrong to suggest that Government spending on schools is much higher than in other comparable countries, when the Department for Education tries to include spending made by families on university tuition fees (loans to students) and independent (private) school fees. This adds billions of pounds to headline data but has absolutely no effect on funding received by schools. It is a completely unacceptable way of defending real term cuts.

The Department for Education must now work hard to rebuild trust and credibility. We hope that ministers will apologise unreservedly and put all of their efforts into investing adequately into school funding and supporting much improved recruitment and retention of teachers.

Parents have also asked how they can support the drive for improved funding. In light of this we are able to let you know that parent groups have lobbied parliament (10 October) and there will also be a national day of parental action on 19 October. For more information about 19 October, please search **#parentteachersunite** on Twitter or Facebook.

We would again like to thank you for your support and confirm that our campaign will remain reasonable and determined with a single goal of ensuring that every school and pupil receive a much better deal in the near future.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Julie Curtis
Headteacher