



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

After-school Clubs

- **Clubs finish Friday 7 December**

School Trips

- Netball Tournament

Letters sent by satchel post

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Monday 26th

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Tuesday 27th

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Wednesday 28th

- Netball Match
- Stage Club Show

Thursday 29th

- Pork Sale after school

Friday 30th

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Other

- All school trips and school dinners are payable by ParentPay, please check your account.
- Christmas Cards will be coming home this week – please come to office to collect mugs/tea towels
- **Parking and Driving around the village – please take care, we had another near-miss last week.**

Sports News

Double success for SRG's Hockey Team

Last Monday we took a team from SRG to play two friendly hockey matches after school against teams from Burraton and St Stephens Schools. On what was a very cold night, the standard of play from the SRG team certainly warmed the hearts of everyone spectating.

We began with a game against St Stephens and the SRG team put in a dominant display against our opponents. It didn't take us long to score our first goal when Ruby F collected the ball and coolly slotted past the St Stephens 'keeper. Ruby then went on to make it 2-0 to SRG following good work from captain Harry A. Goals came at regular intervals throughout the rest of the game, with Owen G and Lottie K scoring before Ruby completed a well-deserved hat-trick to make the final score SRG 5, St Stephens 0. Our final match was against Burraton, who had also previously beaten St Stephens. This was a much tougher game for us, but whilst the quality of our opposition was of a higher standard we also upped our game and ran out 6-2 winners. Johan C and Isa B were tenacious in midfield snuffing out most of the Burraton attacks. Two well taken goals from Jamie Hall, two from Lily P, a great turn and shot from Lottie and an early candidate for goal of the season from Owen accounted for our goals.

Throughout both matches we played like a team and were supportive of each other. All in all, it was a real pleasure to take the children to this mini tournament. Thanks also to our loyal band of parents who helped with transport and came to support the team.

PORK

We will have pork and our succulent sausages for sale after school on **Thursday 29th November**. If you would like a particular joint, let the office know. We have two pigs so there should be more than enough for all.

Farm Rota for Christmas Holidays

The rota for feeding the animals on the farm over the Christmas holidays is on the wall in the office - Please put your name down, we have instructions available for those who have not done it before.

Slippery Slope

We have been concerned about our non-slippery paint on the slope to The Qube. The company agreed that it was not suitable and it has been replaced with a resin.

Cross Country League Team – we have been informed that there is a nice photo of our XC league team in the current Cornish Times for those who may want to pick up a copy.

Christmas Play Tickets

The tickets for the Christmas Plays are bookable via School Interviews online booking system. Codes are as follows.

KS1 (Reception, Yr 1, Yr 2)

For 9.15am Tues 11 Dec and 1.30pm Wed 12 Dec
Event Code: a97er (max of 4 tickets)

For 5.45pm Thurs 13 Dec

Event Code: wvaxu (max of 2 tickets)

KS2

For 9.15am and 1.30pm Mon 17 December
Event code: wsxkp (max of 4 tickets)

For 5.45pm Tues 18 Dec

Use Event Code bequa (max of 2 tickets)



KS2 Community Performance

2pm Tuesday 18 December

Use Event Code: pw9m2

KS2 Play – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Costumes:

Boys will need a pair of black trousers

Girls will need a black skirt

T-shirts will be provided for class groups.

Cold weather arrangements - just in case!!

Reminder of procedures

- ❄ Look at website for closure update. Information will also be given to local radio and council for their websites.
- ❄ School will remain open as far as possible.
- ❄ Meet and greet at layby will take place to avoid parking in the mornings and evenings.
- ❄ If your child is off, please maximise learning by using the websites, encourage additional reading or research for topics this term, so they do not fall behind in anyway.
- ❄ In the case of freezing conditions after dark then clubs will be cancelled and Club 3.30 will not take place to enable staff to get home safely. Hopefully this will not happen too often.

Christmas arrangements

Christingle Services

On last day of term, Thursday 20th December children will be taking part in a Christingle Service. KS 1 will be at 9.15 in the school hall and KS2 at 1.15 pm in Church.

Please note that children can only be signed out after KS2 service.

Please can you start collecting small change to go in the class candle for the Children's Society.

Children's Christmas Bazaar - Friday 14 Dec

Children can be taken by parents or will go with class or another older child. Therefore some money to spend is always appreciated. £4 would buy most of their things for Christmas!

If anybody has any unwanted gifts they could donate, I know children would like to have the opportunity to purchase something else for relatives. You may take your child after the event if they are signed out.

We will also be selling our own pure apple juice SRG labelled for £3 a bottle.

Christmas Parties

We hope that all will contribute food for the party and lists will be on the classroom doors nearer the time.

Christmas lunch

We will be having a school Christmas lunch on Tuesday 11 December – children can also wear a Christmas jumper if they like – over the top of normal school uniform.

Information from Police -Drink driving

With the Christmas party season nearly upon us, even a small amount of alcohol affects your ability to drive. If you drink and then get behind the wheel of a car, you risk your life, the lives of your passengers and others on the road. Drink driving costs lives.

- Don't drink and drive. The only safe limit is none
- Beware of the morning after. You could still be over the limit
- Plan to get home without the need to drive
- Don't offer an alcoholic drink to someone you know is planning to drive
- Don't accept a lift from a driver you know has drunk alcohol.

Homework

Due to Christmas activities and busy children, normal homework will not be sent out from December.

This will enable the children to be able to use mathematics, practise spellings and to read as much as possible. We hope you will encourage the reading and use of websites over the holidays as well!

The more reading your child does the better the more their literacy work improves. A love of reading and books can last a lifetime.

ICT sites

Mymaths Educationcity

Mathletics Purplemash

Accelerated Reader

Do ask for passwords if they have been forgotten or mislaid (they should be stuck into the front cover of reading records).

Medication

There is a lot of medication not being used in our cabinet. Please collect it, as parents/guardians need to destroy it.

Thank you.

ECO NEWS!!

Switch Off Fortnight 2018

From next Monday 26th of November we are running our annual 'Switch Off Fortnight' campaign. Eco committee have already put up posters to remind people to turn off lights when leaving the room and not to leave anything on standby! We have also put together a timetable for our members who will be sneaking around at lunchtimes being 'Switch Off Spies'. Smiley faces will be awarded for those who remember to do all of those things and sad faces for those classes that don't! Eco committee will be keeping a tally of these results as it has been known that certain male teachers (no names mentioned!) have discarded any sad faces to win the prize. All members of eco committee from Year 1 to Year 6 will be taking part and monitoring the school, even Mrs Curtis' office!

Can you remember to save energy at home by turning off lights and electrical items on standby? Remember to nag your parents 😊

Another Eco update!

We have received notification that we were successful in our re-accreditation for the green flag award. The assessor was very impressed and commented: "Considering that the current committee has been in place for only a few weeks, they showed a huge amount of knowledge and excellent communication skills. They have all embraced a deep sense of responsibility and are very keen to share their knowledge and commitment with others. The enrichment programme on a Friday afternoon allows them to get more deeply involved in many of the topics, especially Healthy Living, School Grounds, Biodiversity and Global Citizenship. Well done to everyone."

We are very proud of our achievement but still have ideas for the future such as:

- 1) Clean up the pond and remove the duckweed.
- 2) A wrapper free week to encourage people to consider cutting down on single use plastics.
- 3) Another 'Happy Shoesday' in May to encourage people to walk to school.
- 4) Pick up litter and do a 'Big Tidy Up' in June.
- 5) The very popular 'Big Dig' in April to prepare the farm areas for growing and tidy up the polytunnel.

Please support us with our ideas by attending the upcoming events!

Leila C – the chair of eco committee 2018/19.

Short Story Competition

Note from David Lawrence Jones

I've just finished reading all the stories and would like to thank you for sending them over. Such imaginative minds! Five fabulous plughole adventures and it's been very difficult to choose the top three winners, but here goes!

1st - Candy Cane Mayhem by Sienna B

2nd - The Sinister Journey by Dulcie N

3rd - Sid's Adventure by George G

All five entries proved to be great reads and I'd like to congratulate all the children for their fabulous efforts and amazing work.

Very best wishes

David

AWARDS

Accelerated Reader	Hazel B
Art	Jake K
Class Kindness	Libby P
Consideration	Ryan J
Demonstrating Values	Joseph A Abbie C Lily P
Determination	Merryn H
Dinner Hall	Charlie O
Effort	Max C Beth B
English	Gracie N
Enthusiasm	Lois G
Excellence	Norah C Ruby A Isavella B
Friendship	Hope R
Good Manners	Theo B
Helpfulness	Axel B
Literacy	Tom W
Maths Progress	Tom H
Maths Superstar	Dougie B
Perseverance	Edmund F Ollie C
Phonics	Jaida K
Player of Week: Netball	William R
Player of Week: Participation	Joel T
Positive Attitude	Jamie D Sidney W
Progress	Ava J Kamora K Jess B
Reader of the Week	James S
Reading Star	Freddie M Samuel M
Resilience	Ben C Effie S
Role Model	James H
School Grounds	Seb Y
Science Effort	Hayden W
Skipping	Lola OR
Star of the Week	Eris BT Pippa I Erin S
Super Mathlete	Charlie O
Supporting Others	Ava O Lillie A
Tables Champion	Oliver S
Thinking	Felix C

Writer of the Week	Gracie O Lottie K
Piano Award	JJ D
Singing Award	Hazel S

Cake Sale

We raised **£51.70 for Hillside School** in Uganda at the cake sale last week. Thank you to those who donated cakes – we only just had enough to go round all the children.

Residentials

Please remember to pay your instalments for the London/Barton Hall residentials on ParentPay.

Yr 5: Barton Hall	£250.00
Yr 6: London	£290.00

Mathletics Challenge

SRG have entered themselves into the 'November Mathletics Challenge' – please access Mathletics as much as possible in school or at home.

Many thanks and good luck!

For further details:

<https://uk.mathletics.com/novnumeracychallenge-2018>

Christmas Tree Festival

We will, as usual, have an SRG tree at the St Nicholas & St Faith Church Christmas Tree Festival.

The church will be open:

Sat 1 Dec	10am – 8pm
Sun 2 Dec	2pm – 5pm
3-7 Dec	2pm – 6pm
Sat 8 Dec	10am – 4pm
Sun 9 Dec	2pm – 4pm
10-14 Dec	2pm – 6pm

Entrance £1.50 (children under 14 are free)



SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL
A School for Enthusiasts

The **School Council** will be holding a 'Shoe Share' collection on **December 3rd-14th**. The **collection point will be in the KS1 Library**. The **scheme supports the Un Convention on the Rights of the Child; Article 28**.

The scheme works as follows:

Clarks provides over 450 drop-off points for used shoes in stores across the UK and Ireland, as well as their office HQ and main distribution centre in Street, Somerset. You can find your nearest store here: <https://www.clarks.co.uk/>
These drop off points accept shoes of any brand as long as they are paired, wearable and in reasonable condition.

Collected shoes are processed by a third party reuse company which generates the funds. These funds are then donated to UNICEF and the money used to support education programmes around the world. To date ShoeShare with Clarks has raised over £1.2 million for UNICEF. UNICEF is the world's leading organisation for children and child rights.

Money raised from ShoeShare supports Unicef's work to ensure every child gets to go to school. The funds pay for educational equipment such as text books, note pads and pencils, but also enables Unicef to support in training teachers and working with governments to ensure the quality and standard of education remains high and children are leaving school able to read and write.

Thank you,
The School Council



SHOE SHARE



We are hosting a shoe collection on

All you need to do is bring your old and unwanted shoes into school with you.

We will then deliver the shoes to Clarks, who will donate money to Unicef to help children around the world – just like you – to be able to go to school!

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

NEXT WEEK:

Mon 3 Dec	Yr 5/6: Rock Climbing Trials
Tue 4 Dec	3pm: Home Learning Exhibition Football Match vs St M & St D
10-14 Dec	Booster Swimming Lessons
Mon 10 Dec	Football match vs Burraton
Tue 11 Dec	9.15am KS1 Christmas Play Christmas Dinner
Wed 12 Dec	1.30pm KS1 Christmas Play
Thu 13 Dec	5.45pm KS1 Christmas Play
Fri 14 Dec	Bazaar
Mon 17 Dec	9.15am KS2 Christmas Play 1.30pm KS2 Christmas Play
Tue 18 Dec	KS1: Drum Theatre Trip to see The Gingerbread Man 2pm KS2 Community Performance 5.45pm KS2 Christmas Play
Wed 19 Dec	11am: Community Parade & Carols Class Parties
Thu 20 Dec	9.15am KS1 Christingle - School 1.00pm KS2 Christingle - Church
Fri 21 Dec	Christmas Holidays start

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Tue 8 Jan	Back to School
Fri 11 Jan	KS2: Panto trip
Fri 18 Jan	League Run
Thu 24 Jan	Cake Sale (nut free please)
Mon 28 Jan	Football Match: vs Callington
Fri 1 Feb	League Run
Mon 4 Feb	Yr 4: STEM Hub – Coding
Wed 6 Feb	Yr 5: STEM Hub Netball Tournament
Fri 8 Feb	Yr 6: STEM Hub
Wed 13 Feb	Parental Consultations
Thu 14 Feb	Parental Consultations
18-22 Feb	Half Term
Thu 28 Feb	Cake Sale (nut free cakes please)
Fri 1 Mar	League Run
Mon 4 Mar	Football Match: vs Windmill Acad.
Fri 8 Mar	Landrake Run
Fri 18 Mar	Football Match: vs St Cleer
Wed 20 Mar	Yr5: Jnr Life Skills – Fire Station
Thu 21 Mar	Cake Sale (nut free cakes please)
Mon 1 Apr	Football Match: vs Lifton
8-22 Apr	Easter Holidays
29Apr-3May	Yr 5: Barton Hall Residential
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday
27-31 May	Half Term
Mon 3 Jun	Inset Day
17-21 Jun	Yr 6: London Residential
Thu 25 Jul	Summer Holidays Start

Term dates for this school year are on the school website. Dates for 2019-20 are also there, but inset days are yet to be set for that year.