



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

After-school Clubs

- **Clubs have finished**

School Trips

- Booster swimming lessons every morning

Letters sent by satchel post

- Clubs Lists for Spring term

Monday 10th

- Swimming
- Football match vs Burraton (now postponed)

Tuesday 11th

- Swimming
- 9.15am KS1 play
- Christmas Lunch and Jumper day

Wednesday 12th

- Swimming
- 1.30pm KS1 play
- Yr 5/6: Climbing

Thursday 13th

- Swimming
- 5.45pm KS1 play

Friday 14th

- Swimming
- Children's Bazaar

Other

- School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (with uniform) tomorrow (Tues 11 December)
- If you still owe a payment for pork, please bring cash into the office ASAP.
- SRG Apple Juice will be on sale from tomorrow £3 a bottle – it makes a lovely Christmas present!

Sports News

Thomas Treble Sinks the Saints!

Last Tuesday we played our third league football match against the team from St Mellion and St Dominic Schools 'the Saints'. This was a hard-fought match with both teams going close to opening the scoring in the first half. The game turned on a couple of key moments. The first, a full length save from Johan C, who managed to get his foot to the ball and divert a Saints goal-bound shot onto the upright to keep it at 0-0. With the half looking to be ending all square, a determined tackle in midfield from Jamie H and a speculative through ball from the hard-working Harry A was missed by the Saints defender and this mistake was seized upon by Joel T who was faced with a 1 on 1 with their goalkeeper. He coolly opened the scoring with what turned out to be the last kick of the first half.

The second half began with the Saints in the ascendancy and they scored a deserved equaliser following a mix up in the SRG defence.

With the game looking to be petering out into a 1-1 draw, Alfie G fed a great ball to Joel, who worked hard to beat two players and fired past the Saints 'keeper. Joel then went on to complete his hat-trick in the last minute with a well taken goal following good work from Hayden W on the left.

Ed P made an assured debut and there were also good performances from Sarel D and Isa B in defence. Final score SRG 3, The Saints 1. Joel was chosen by our opponents as the 'player of the match'.

Christingle Candles

Now in its 50th year, Christingle is a special, memorable celebration that takes place in thousands of churches, schools and communities across the country.

All of the money we collect in our Christingle candles goes to the Children's Society to support young people in need around the country.

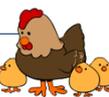
To find out more, visit www.christingle.org

There are Christingle Candles in every classroom for any loose change. Thank you.



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.



Friends of SRG Request

If anyone can please help the Friends with the selling of raffle tickets and refreshments at the Christmas Plays, all help would be appreciated.

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



Christmas

If you have a flat cap or shawl that you are happy to donate to the school for use in the Christmas Play please pass to the office ASAP.

Children's Christmas Bazaar – 14 December

Children can be taken by parents or will go with their 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.

Christingle Services

On the last day of term children will be taking part in a Christingle Service. KS1 will be at 9.15 in the school hall and KS2 at 1.15pm in Church. Please note 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.

Places for next year

Taking into consideration our knowledge of visitors to us and preschool numbers of this age group, it looks as though we will still have places in reception for next year. Please let other people know as many say they did not think about us, as we are always oversubscribed!

Home Learning Exhibition

A huge well done to all who brought in their creations, pictures and research work. The school was buzzing and children proudly shared their learning. This topic has been popular and I know from feedback that parents and grandparents have learned together. Learning certainly does not stop when we leave school. The menu of activities seems to work well and means that the choice the children make caters for all.

Uniform and hair

Thank you for making sure that the children look tidy. Please remember that hair needs to be tidily out of faces. Much as we admire hair accessories for parties and out of school, we ask in school that school colours green or yellow only. (Christmas activity days etc. can be an exception to this normal rule!)

There are still children without coats so please do check as it is drizzly quite often and fresh air is still needed.

Christmas Parties on Wednesday 19 December

We hope that all will contribute food for the parties. Lists are being formulated on the classroom doors.

Normal school uniform to be worn on this day as KS1 have their theatre trip and there is a Christmas Parade through the village also.

Wanted

If you have any old newspapers at home, please could you bring in to school. Thank you

Opportunities at SRG

I was very concerned the other day when somebody suggested that some children were not given as many opportunities as others. On reflection for this to be a view point, I felt we probably do not give you enough information about how we try to make sure as many children get opportunities to participate in a wide range of activities during their primary years. Those of you who have experience of other schools probably realise we do take the children out and have visitors in far more often than most. This is to enrich the learning and provide high quality experiences for all. Our staff go beyond what is expected and value learning off site.

I thought it would be good to highlight a few things so that all are aware of the range that is carefully planned. The number of hours it takes for bookings, letter writing, chasing slips, risk assessments, pre-visits, staff organisation and paperwork etc. is phenomenal. Tamsyn and Izzy particularly are key to this process, as many of you who have been chased for consent forms will know.

With a minibus we have extended the number and range of off site visits in general

Apple Store	Pentillie Castle
Mount Edgecumbe	Stem Hub
Theatre trips	Raleigh
Beach	Dartmoor
Natural Trust - Antony, Cothele	

There are residentials for all Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children and also a week's experience for Year 5 at Barton Hall and Year 6 in London.

Sporting opportunities

In an attempt to make sure all have opportunities, we took part in more events than all but one school in the county last year. The result was that the number of children that represented the school was recognised as exceptionally high.

For those who were not aware...

All children from Year 1 up took part in House opportunities and intra school events

All in Years 2, 4 and 6 went to a Sports Festival and represented the school in a sport off site.

- All Year 5 went to Cornwall Games qualifiers and represented the school in activities.
- Year 6 all represented the school at East Cornwall qualifiers in something.

- All of Years 6 and 4 last year went to a Sportshall Athletics competition and represented the school.
- Children who had a talent in a sport that we knew about often went to additional events eg. biathlon and swimming challenges.
- A record number of teams qualified for the Cornwall Youth Games and we entered as many open competitions as possible. These were county finals and we took those who had qualified in earlier rounds to this event.
- This year we have just extended this to include climbing and will be entering a competition in the New Year.
- Football has been played in a local league
- Hockey and netball tournaments have been played and teams have been successful.
- The first orienteering competition has taken place and 15 girls went.
- Club coaches for golf and basketball have run sessions for any interested this term and Plymouth Albion are coming next term.
- Mo Gregory has been in to lead gymnastics herself on Fridays and will do this next term. Kelly from Zero Gravity is also coming in and will do gym and run a Cheerleading Club for half a term.
- Helen tries to include as many as possible in cross country and also signposts to other cross country events parents can take their children to.
- The other day our intention, if rain had not stopped play, was to give a grass track experience to all.

Swimming - All Year 3 will go daily for three weeks as part of our new programme like last year. After that there will be a top up session, usually for all in Year 5, where they swim daily for a week. When we can, we will do additional top up weeks for those who have not attained all aspects of the required level. It is expected that children meet a minimum level and can swim 25m confidently and also complete some water safety activities. Some will swim more than others as they will need to attend sessions until they meet the standard if we can book the places. Hopefully, then as we live so close to water, all leaving SRG will have passed the national required level as it is an important life skill.

With large numbers of keen eager children wanting to participate we keep records and try to make sure there is something for everyone. We ask you to complete a form giving us information about outside activities eg. in the past we have tried to enter show jumping if parents are able to support. If there is an interest we will try to accommodate. If you have not returned one for your child please do so as soon as possible. Ask in the office if you need another.

Please note that we do have to make sure that we follow the criteria for any event and this year there are specific sporting events for those who would not usually participate and those who represent the school in something else cannot take part.

There are some events that we will send competitive teams as the events are arranged for them but others that we send teams of keen players.

I know that by making sure there are events where we will enter enough teams, if we are allowed, to include all class that they will have all had opportunities. For example, this year as there is no clash with residential visits we have entered teams in cricket for Year 6, so all will go.

This year as well as having a Ten Tors Team I have also booked enough places for an alternative for others so that all Year 6 can complete a similar event with Spirit of Discovery.

Please note that there are times when we get offered opportunities for children meeting different criteria eg. children with medical needs, learning needs or emotional needs and we will take these up and offer them to specific children. For example, an annual sportsability festival held.

Musical opportunities are extensive and anybody who feels their child should have more, needs to come and speak to us further. Mr Hambly is making sure our music curriculum ensures that skills are developed well through the primary years. So many peripatetic teachers come to our school in any week. We encourage the children to then go to County Choir or Orchestral opportunities available outside school.

Crib Service

This short child-friendly service will take place on Monday 24 December at 4pm in St Michael's Church.

Community Carol Singing

An opportunity to join together and sing carols at St Michael's Church on Sunday 23 December at 3.15pm. Singing will be accompanied by the church organ and Landrake Brass Band. All welcome, light refreshments available.

Parish Carol Service (festival of nine lessons)

This will take place at St Erney Church on Sunday 16 December at 6.30pm.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

NEXT WEEK:

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
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
Wed 6 Feb	Netball Tournament
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