



### WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

#### After-school Clubs

- Clubs will restart on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January

#### School Trips

- KS2 Theatre trip to see Dick Whittington

#### Letters coming home this week

- Yr 4: Bikeability
- Attendance Reports
- Climbing comp letters
- Netball letter

#### Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

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#### Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

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#### Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

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#### Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

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#### Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

- KS2 trip to see Dick Whittington at the theatre

#### Other

- Please make sure you return clubs lists by **Wednesday** so that we have time to put into registers and check numbers
- KS2 panto forms need to be returned and payments made before the trip on Friday.
- Please ensure dinner money payments are up to date on ParentPay.

#### Sports News

The climbing competition will be taking place next Friday and the first football match of this year will be taking place on Monday 21 January – reports will follow.

#### **Happy New Year and Thank you**

On behalf of the school staff a huge thank you for all the cards, best wishes and gifts that were sent to us this Christmas. They are greatly appreciated.

We hope everybody feels refreshed and ready for another learning journey this term.

#### **Staff Training**

On the inset day the staff all had chance to find out more about current good practice related to reading, choosing text and modelling writing.

#### **Reading**

Please do keep an eye on how much reading your child is doing. The more they read the better and the bigger the impact will be on their literacy work. Do read to them and share discussions about books.

#### **Pantomime**

The KS2 visit to the Pantomime takes place on Friday. If your child would like to bring sweets to be eaten during the interval only, they can do so – no chocolate please. Children should be wearing school uniform.

On return, we ask parents to come in the main door and then wait for pupils inside the hall. Their bags will be left around the outside of the hall so help yourself to your child's belongings if you are waiting. We then ask for you to leave via the fire doors to reduce congestion. Children will be travelling on two buses and will be brought to the hall to be returned! As it is dark we have found this is the safest way to do it.

If your child is being collected by somebody else, please inform the office who is collecting prior to the trip.

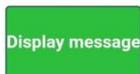
**Please collect your child from school at 5.30pm**

If you have not yet paid for this trip, please do so before Friday!

## Email

Unfortunately the head@sir-robert-gefferys... email address was hacked and has sent out emails with a green 'display message' box, found to be linked to emails originally sent to head@...

 Headteacher - Sir Robe... 01:58  
Nic Jones

 Display message

10:42:40 28-December-2018 (Sir-Robert-Gefferys)

It is pure advertising - we have taken all sorts of advice and it is just an advertising scam and nothing could be viewed, Mrs Curtis has had several sleepless nights about this.

If you get an Email with a green box saying check to view message, please delete. Change password if you ever get one of these as a precaution. Sorry for any inconvenience caused.

## Attendance

I hope everybody will receive the data about their children's attendance this week. This is something we have to share and follow up. Every child is tracked on the computer and their attendance figures are recorded and analysed in school census information that is sent nationally every term.

It is good to see that many of our children have excellent attendance and only a few are late. Thank you, as it makes our work easier and prevents many hours of unnecessary follow up and discussions. Some schools have huge issues to face and then there is less time to spend on learning and curriculum development.

### **We need to make all parents/carers aware of the following:**

It is the law that all parents make sure that their children attend school. The government have now stated that children who attend for less than 90% of the sessions are classed as persistent absentees. The expectation has moved to at least 95% attendance.

If you had a 'holiday' last term and your child was ill as well it is possible that they fell into this group. Do make sure you look at it and do query it ASAP if you think it is not right as we will be uploading this as part of the census next Thursday.

## These are what we have to analyse and make parents aware of:

### Patterns in attendance

Most worrying are the pupils who have a regular day off – not that there are many in our school compared to most, but a few are showing. This means that children may have the same day off each term or a different one regularly over the weeks. There are days when any one of us feel tired or would prefer to be doing something else, but it is amazing how much learning takes place every day. Children with gaps in learning are often those who miss days. They feel as though others are ahead because they have missed the sessions the day before. Parents who do not send their children to school when they are fit enough can actually cause their child to lose confidence and self-esteem unnecessarily. Whereas we do not want sick children at school, some children do seem to miss quite a few sessions - do make sure they are in school whenever possible.

An EWO (Education Welfare Officer) may request a report from the GP or the School Nurse may make contact if a child's attendance is causing concern.

### Lateness

A few children are missing the first few minutes of maths and causing disruption by being late into sessions. Please can the collective New Year's resolution be to make sure all children are in for registration by 8.40 at the latest. Remember doors open at 8.35 and the registers taken at 8.45.

### Unauthorised absences

Without a reasonable explanation then children will not have a code that will record a reason that will authorise absence. The EWO monitors children with these 'unauthorised' absences. Please do inform the office on the morning of absence and if letters are sent home requesting the information, please do return to update our systems. Apologies if you think you have already given reason, we do try to make sure that information is recorded immediately but there will be times when systems do not work. Thank you for all your help with this and I hope that by the end of this term nobody will be under 90% attendance!

### Staffing updates

We welcome back Mrs Clark from her maternity leave. We welcome Megan Foster to our apprentice scheme and Lauren Morgan and Lisa Aire as new Teaching Assistants.

### Census Day Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January

We receive all our funding for the KS1 dinners based on the dinners taken on two days. One of these is in October and the other 17<sup>th</sup> January. Chartwells have a special meal on that day as a celebration and incentive. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, it would be really helpful if you book your child in for a dinner next Thursday, even if they do not usually have one on that day. It is a silly system but if they do not take it on census day we have no funding for all the others they take. This means that we have to take money out of the school budget to cover this instead of it being given from a different pot. Last year it cost us quite a lot as not everybody who had meals did sign up. If your child does not like the menu on the day, please sign up and provide an extra snack box for lunchtime as well.

**PLEASE, PLEASE HELP BY BOOKING A DINNER ON THAT DAY AND PASS THE MESSAGE ON AS NOT EVERYBODY READS THE NEWSLETTER**

### Census Day: Change of Menu

Build a Burger: Beef or Quorn Burger  
Top with your choice of: lettuce, tomato, onion, cheese, mayo or tomato sauce

Chocolate brownie with fruit wedges



### Health and Safety

#### Fire drills

We are doing these when the children are in different places and at different times this term. Safety of children is paramount and it is important that everybody is aware of what to do and their role should there be a fire.

### Free School Meals

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you (or the child in their own right) are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an Annual income of less than £16,190.
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

Please note that anyone claiming Working Tax Credit, Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance is NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed.

All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative. **HOWEVER, if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed above which would entitle your child to free school meals anyway, your school will be entitled to claim Pupil Premium funding to support your child's education, just by you completing an application form.**

**In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding for your child, you will need to be registered by 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for the School Census – so can we please, please ask you to apply as soon as possible.**

The easiest way to apply for free school meals is on line at:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

Or get a paper copy from Debbie in the School Office.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

### NEXT WEEK:

Thu 17 Jan	Census Day: Menu Change
Fri 18 Jan	Climbing Competition League Run
Mon 21 Jan	Football Match: vs St Cleer
Tue 22 Jan	Yr 3/4: Able Writers
Thu 24 Jan	Cake Sale (nut free please)
Mon 28 Jan	Football Match: vs Callington
Wed 30 Jan	Sportshall Athletics
Fri 1 Feb	League Run
Wed 6 Feb	Netball Tournament
Thu 7 Feb	Maths Masterclass Gym Festival
Mon 11 Feb	Primary Maths Challenge
Wed 13 Feb	Parental Consultations
Thu 14 Feb	Parental Consultations
18-22 Feb	Half Term
Mon 25 Feb	Yr 4: Bodmin Recycling Centre
Tue 26 Feb	Yr 2: Bodmin Recycling Centre
Thu 28 Feb	Cake Sale (nut free cakes please)
Fri 1 Mar	League Run
Mon 4 Mar	Football Match: vs St Neot
Fri 8 Mar	Landrake Run
Wed 13 Mar	Marine Biology
Fri 18 Mar	Football Match: vs Lifton
Wed 20 Mar	Yr5: Jnr Life Skills – Fire Station
Thu 21 Mar	Cake Sale (nut free cakes please)
Mon 1 Apr	Football Match: vs Windmill Acad.
Thu 28 Mar	Maths Masterclass Yr 3/4: Farm & Countryside Day
Mon 1 Apr	Football Match: vs Darite
Tue 2 Apr	NSPCC Assembly and Mufti Day
Thu 4 Apr	3pm: Home Learning Exhibition
8-22 Apr	Easter Holidays
23Apr-10May	Y3 swimming every morning
Wed 24 Apr	Quadkids
29Apr-3May	Yr 5: Barton Hall Residential
Mon 29 Apr	Football Match: vs Delaware
Mon 6 May	Bank Holiday
Mon 13 May	Football Match: vs St Neot
Wed 15 May	Yr 1/2: Cricket Match
Thu 16 May	Cake Sale (nut free cakes please)
Mon 20 May	Yr 6: St Dennis Recycling
Tue 21 May	Yr 5: Cricket Match at Duloe
Wed 22 May	Sports Day
Thu 23 May	Maths Masterclass
27-31 May	Half Term

## **Please help, we need...**

Newspaper for papier mache

Old mobile phones for classroom activities

## **NSPCC**

The NSPCC will be coming in to school on Tuesday 2 April to deliver an assembly and some workshops to the children.

We will be having a mufti day on that day and all proceeds will go directly to the NSPCC.

## **Payments**

Most payments for school trips and activities should be made via ParentPay. If however, you need to make a payment by cash, please ensure you are issued with a receipt. Please also ensure that cash and forms are in a named envelope and placed in the red post box. Receipts will be sent home by satchel post.