



**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

After-school Clubs

- **Cheerleading Club cancelled this week and next**

School Trips

- Climbing Comp
- League Run

Letters coming home this week

- Football match
- Yr 5: Science Show

Monday 14<sup>th</sup>

- Closing date for admissions for September 2019 start in Reception

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>

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Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

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Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

- Census Day: Menu Change
- 9am Friends meeting

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

- Climbing Competition
- League Run: Cotehele

Other

- Please check ParentPay and make sure any outstanding payments are brought up to date.
- Please return slips from any letters sent home ASAP.
- If your child would like to have milk at lunchtime, please pay on ParentPay (50p pw, payable termly).

Sports News

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

**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



**Friends of SRG**

It is with much regret that I have to inform you that both our Chairman and Treasurer have resigned with immediate effect from their posts on the Friends Committee. Both Jemma and Marie have increased work pressures and are unable, at present, to continue with this role.

It is therefore necessary to hold an extraordinary meeting to plan for the future of the Friends. This will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 9am in the meeting room. This will be instead of the normal Committee Meeting which was scheduled for the same date and time.

We hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend this very important meeting to help us move forward together as a Committee. We will be encouraging everyone from the School Community to attend and get involved where they can and also a decision will be made on the re-structuring of the Committee. This will be in the newsletter next week.

**Landrake Run – Friday 8 March 2019**

We will need help from parents on the day, marshalling, serving refreshments and helping with parking. More info in February.

### **School Admissions for Reception – Sep 2019**

**Closing Date: TODAY, 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Don't forget to make sure you have received confirmation that your child's application has been received by Cornwall Council. **If you live outside Cornwall you must apply to that area as well, or you will not be allocated a place.**

### **Friends of School**

Extraordinary Meeting of the Friends Committee  
Thursday 17 January at 9am in the Waiting Room  
Please consider joining our Committee to support the School

A huge thank you to the Friends for their work over Christmas, as the money raised will go towards the new canopy area and the surface that has extended all weather lunch provision and outside learning. We need more tables as we want to use some for outside table tennis and have portable nets. The children started playing table tennis last week. We are also planning a table football league at lunchtimes and I know the Friends are usually keen to help with these purchases.

Due to new commitments of some of the committee, we are looking for more people to be involved.

I would like every family to offer some support for just one event so that those who have time to attend the meetings can draw upon the list we hold.

Some are the events that need support are:

- Discos to serve and supervise
- Refreshments at events
- Help with Summer Fayre
- Setting up for events

We will put up a calendar in the same way as the farm rota and ask for contact details so someone can contact you.

**We are looking for a treasurer and some new committee members as well so please do consider supporting in this way as well.**

The group is vital when the budgets are dwindling and SRG works well when we all do our best to work together. Everybody is busy but please do consider helping with just one activity. Ask a friend and come together to put your name down. Thank you

### **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.

### Development of Language

Did you know that during the early years, vocabulary extends at a rapid rate of 50-70 words a week?

By the time a child is five they should have a vocab of 14,000 words, but recent research has shown that now this can be as low as 9,000 words when the children have not been emerged in books and conversation. It is never too early to talk and read to children.

The number of words known at five can correlate to success of children in the future including in adulthood.

This means that it is so important to give every child the best start possible.

#### What you can do...

- Talk to your children and encourage discussions related to topical issues.
- Avoid using your phone and directly maintain eye contact - many children tell us nobody is listening, but what they are then explaining is that adults are doing other things often on phones and not appearing to be interested, children stop talking.
- First hand experiences like walks, visits, playing games, cooking, making, theatre, singing etc. all help extend vocabulary and encourage children to question and talk.
- Talk about books and read to them. Choose books that will inspire and help develop language.
- Use the wow words from our sheet and encourage children to put in sentences orally.
- Children love long words from an early age. Tell them meaning and then keep encouraging their use. Put words into context and try to use them yourself. Act out words if appropriate.

### Words of the Week

We want to expand this again and get you to use them with children of all ages...

Gobbet *noun* a morsel of food

Snollygoster *noun* someone who cannot be trusted

Godwottery *noun* excessive fussiness

Argute *shrewd*

The Dell *the Valley*

Words can be found on unusual words, Oxford Dictionary online – additional word lists

### Lateness

Maths sessions start at our school at 8.55am please make sure children are in rooms by 8.50 at the latest so that they are not on a back foot. Lesson pace is important and lessons start promptly.

Children lose confidence if they miss the first instructions and it has an impact on others if all children are not there from the start.

### Cold Weather

Reminder- any closures will be on the county website and a text will be sent out.

We will remain open whenever possible but will put staff and pupil safety first.

If it is icy we will do meet and greet so no one has to park and staff will accompany children into the building. Please drive slowly and prepare your child that this is what will happen. The playground will not open for parking when it is extreme.

### Home Learning Grid

Shakespeare and Africa for KS2 went out, but please look on website if you need one or ask in the office for a spare. Home learning exhibition is on Thursday 4 April.

KS1 grid will be out this week.

### Inspirational People

We all know people who have inspired us and made a difference to what we do and how we think. Our assemblies this half term will include a look at people throughout history who have inspired others.

In literacy, KS2 are looking at the impact Nelson Mandela had and his life. We are also looking at inspirational scientists, artists, musicians, explorers etc. Do encourage your child to talk about any of these and support their research. The Rotary writing title this year is 'My Inspiration'. Ideas gained will be used by some classes for this.

**Congratulations** to Penny B in her Primary Ballet Exam – she scored 87% - a distinction.

### LOST PROPERTY

Navy blue Regatta coat with white fluff inside, age 11-12 size. Named Hanson

## AWARDS

Accelerated Reader	Sam A Erin S Sophie D	Maths Progress	Joseph A
Be the best you can	Hazel B	Needlecraft	Ellis M
Courtesy	Archie W	Passion	William D
Demonstrating Values	Seb Y Merryn B Ellie S	Perseverance	Ruby F
Effort	Tom R Holly G Norah C	Phonics	Jaida K
English	Kensa A	Positive Attitude	William B JJ D Megan D
Excellence	Hayden W Tom W	Progress	Mia S Layla E Oliver S
Good Learning	Jamie D Harry A Megan D	Reading Star	Eliza F Seren W
Good Manners	Poppy C	Resilience	Katie P Lily P Ollie C Samuel M
Great Progress	George G	Responsibility	George K Isaac H
Growth Mindset	Connor P	School Role Model	Gracie O Abbie C
Helpfulness	Lucy P Lauren G	Spelling Bee	Caitlin E
Home Learner	Libby P	Star of the Week	Rosie S
Kindness	Gracie F	Super Mathlete	Kamora K
Learning	Emily F Anna G	Tables Champion	Bea T
Literacy	Callum C	Writer of the Week	Taran H

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

### NEXT WEEK:

Mon 21 Jan	Football Match: vs St Cleer
Tue 22 Jan	Yr 3/4: Able Writers
Wed 23 Feb	Yr 5: Science Technical Showcase
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