



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

After-school Clubs

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School Trips

- Sports Ability
- Sportshall Athletics

Letters coming home this week

- Netball tournament
- Yr 6: Saltash.net – 'Grease'
- Yr 2: Library visit

Monday 28th

- Football Match:
vs Menheniot

Tuesday 29th

- Sports Ability at
Zero Gravity

Wednesday 30th

- Sportshall
Athletics at
Saltash.net

Thursday 31st

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Friday 1st

- League Run -
Lanhydrock

Other

- Please check in the office over the next week or so for the farm rota for February half-term
- Please complete and return all trip slips asap.
- Yr 4 Bikeability letters coming home tomorrow.

Sports News

SRG edged out in competitive encounter

After a good win in our last football league fixture, we went into our first game of 2019 in a confident mood against a strong St Cleer side. After weathering some early pressure from our opponents, we went a goal up inside the first half when Harry A robbed their midfielder and fed the ball to Jamie H. Jamie's defence splitting pass was seized upon by Joel T who scored his 5th goal of the season to give us a 1-0 lead.

St Cleer hit back in style and scored three quick goals, despite the best efforts of player of the match Isa B and also some fine saves from our 'keeper' Johan C. We didn't give up though and with Joel and Hayden W combining well in midfield we were always a threat going forward. It was Joel this time who provided the assist for Sarel D to tap in from close range and get us a goal back just before the break.

The match turned on a 30 second period right at the start of the second half, when we were awarded a penalty inside the first minute, when Jamie was pulled back when through on goal. Joel stepped up to take the penalty but fired straight at their 'keeper, and within 30 seconds St Cleer had gone up the other end and scored their fourth goal. St Cleer added a fifth but we hit back when Joel scored from a tight angle. Despite some concerted pressure from both sides, the final score remained St Cleer 5 SRG 3.

Swimmers

Does your child swim competitively for any clubs? Have they reached a high level in swimming lessons? We have opportunities coming up for those at this level. Please let the office know.

Parents Evenings: Wed 13 and Thur 14 February

To book your appointments, please go to:
www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

KS1: 10 min slot with your child's class teacher

Please use event code: **gkw43**

KS2: 5 min slot with class teacher and 5 min slot with maths teacher.

Please use event code: **t2x5v**

KS2 Art Club

We are starting an Art Club for KS2 after half-term on a Tuesday – please complete the tear-off slip at the bottom of the newsletter if your child would like to attend.

Staff News

At half term both Kathy Jones and Tracey Parry will be leaving to take up jobs with the NHS. They have both had a very positive impact on the life and learning at SRG. Both can now commit to more weeks than school terms as they do not need school holiday weeks free. They will be sadly missed but I know they will do well in their new roles.

On the other hand, I am also pleased to inform you that Kathy will remain in close contact with the school as she is going to become a member of the governing body, so her expertise and knowledge can be used in a different way. I am so pleased she has accepted this position as her educational experience along with her other previous roles mean that she has a great skill set to add to the very committed governing body.

Building Improvements and security

We are having a security gate with keypad and security fencing installed where the wooden gate is to improve site security during the school day. We are also going to put keypad entry on other external doors. A few extra security cameras have also been requested.

The seating down the side is being removed so people can stand there if needing to get out of the rain, but to prevent the children sitting out of vision and rubbish being left when unexpected visitors hang out there in the evenings.

We intend to have the canopy area made bigger at the bottom and some more tables and seating there for use while waiting for children and outdoor learning.

We hope to install an outside table tennis table that can be used at playtimes and with parental supervision after school till the grounds close.

Mrs Suckling's room and the room opposite are having a door with glass panels.

We have also put in a grant application for new toilets.

Lost Property

Please name all uniform so we can make sure that clothes get back to their owners. There are still a lot of clothes awaiting their owners in the corridor. Have a look...

Liaison with Saltash.Net

Along with two other local heads, I spent a very informative morning at Saltash.net last week. We toured the school with members of the leadership team, sat in on lessons, went to lessons with former pupils and met with a group to discuss transition.

We want to make sure that learning is a continuous process and that children moving to Saltash.net build from their SRG learning and experiences. It was good to observe the many positive changes they have already implemented since October and to hear the Senior Leaders future plans. Over the past few weeks we have shared with the Maths and English Department books and samples of work that demonstrate the skills levels of the children in Year 5 and 6.

It was great to discuss with the children we met the transition process and their thoughts - everybody wants it to be right.

As a result, a few small changes have been agreed immediately eg. that pieces of work demonstrating the skills at primary will be placed in the front of their books so all teachers are able to see and remind the children about their starting point. In the summer term we will also teach the children to use pen in maths books as this is different and has caused concern for many.

Next summer there will be more visits before Year 6 leave and they hopefully will have spent time in their tutor groups before the end of the summer term. Teachers will be using the primary data and analysis to make sure that the children start on a journey that will ensure progress from entry.

I am so pleased that we are working closely together to build a strong relationship and support the transition of children to secondary.

Whole School Word Count

As a school, this year to date, we have read:

45,334,214 words and 4,323 books



Story CDs

Reminder that we hold many story CDs in the office for you to borrow. Just come and ask.

AWARDS

Accelerated Reader	Riley B
Be the best you can	Ruan H
Class Kindness	Max B
Class Role Model	Finley S
Demonstrating Values	Zac J Florence W
Eco Effort	Olivia T Poppy C Ruby W Mackenzie P James S
English Enthusiasm	Jaida K Eliza R
Excellence	David B Phoebe H Rafferty J
Good Manners	Ryan P Rebecca J
Growth Mindset	Lois G
Helpfulness	Nathaniel K
Literacy	Jasper K
Mathletics Points	Libby P
Maths Owl	Ethan H
Maths Progress	Meredith T
Needlecraft	Alfie G
Perseverance	Olivia T Alfie G
Phonics	Mawgan T
Player of the Week (netball)	Rosie S
Progress	Tilly C Seren W Bob T
Reading Achievement	Olivia B
Reading Star	Hazel S
Resilience	Charlie G Arthur B
Role Model	Shiloh S
School Ambassador	Merryn B
School Grounds	Alice G
Thinking	William B
Writer of the Week	Sienna B Ruby C
Piano Award	Emma D
Singing Award	Alfie G

Youth Speaks

I was very proud to attend the local round of Youth Speaks at Saltash once again last week. Every school has the opportunity to take part and it really does give the children a great experience – unfortunately not many local schools ever seem to participate.

We entered two teams who spoke on 'Is telling a lie ever acceptable?' and 'Are Santa's Elves really slaves?'

Johan, Lily and Rose went first and were so professional and held the audience's interest from start to finish. Secondly, Theodore, Erin and Sarel spoke and again were equally amazing. I could not have judged as both teams were winners to all of us.

They had prepared so well with Mrs Cunningham's great support, they knew their lines, they were confident, they used expression and eye contact. I am sure many adults would have panicked when questioned on the spot with a question they did not even understand and was phrased as though they were university graduates. Both speakers and vote of thank spokesmen managed to remain cool and gave an opinion that was accepted. We all felt so proud. Eventually it was decided that Theodore, Sarel and Erin would go to the next district round on February 9th at DHSB.

Thank you to all who were involved and to the parents for being so supportive. Mrs Cunningham's winning streak has continued.

Sentence of the Week

His mouth open in a wide, gaping yawn, he leant back and stretched his arms behind his head.

Eye Sight Tests

Do make sure your child not only visits the dentist regularly, but also the optician. Children's eyes change over time.

Zero Gravity

It is great to have such a strong relationship with Mo and Kelly and the children are benefitting from their expertise every week. PE opportunities are developing all the time.

Swap Shop

As an Eco School we are going to have a half termly book and toy swap that children will be able to recycle their toys or completed books to prevent clutter.

Obviously children can only bring things in that you have approved and we cannot guarantee equal swaps, so we need you to bear this in mind.

We will put the dates out next week but think this may be a reuse recycle opportunity that children will enjoy organising.

I hope this will also mean that we will not have informal swapping and toys exchanging hands at other times. Apart from show and tell or in special circumstances toys should not be coming into school.

ShoeShare

The School Council successfully organised and completed a Clark's/UNICEF Shoe-share collection. We deposited the shoes collected at the weekend - thank you.

The ShoeShare campaign collects old or unwanted shoes, these are then sent for re-use. For every tonne of shoes collected, a donation is made to Unicef which goes towards education programmes around the world.

For more details, please visit

<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/resources/shoeshare/>



DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Wed 6 Feb	Netball Tournament
Thu 7 Feb	Maths Masterclass
Mon 11 Feb	Primary Maths Challenge Rec/Yr 6: Weighing/Measuring
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 Yr 4: Bikeability L1
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 25 Mar	Football Match: vs Windmill Acad.
Thu 28 Mar	Maths Masterclass Yr 3/4: Farm & Countryside Day
Mon 1 Apr	Football Match: vs Darite
Thu 4 Apr	3pm: Home Learning Exhibition
Fri 5 Apr	NSPCC Assembly and Mufti Day
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

KS2 Art Club – Tuesdays. Starting Tuesday 5 February

Child's Name:

Would like to attend KS2 art club from after half-term.