



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

After-school Clubs

School Trips

Letters coming home:

Monday 25th

- Yr 4: Bodmin recycling plant
- Rec: Library visit

Tuesday 26th

- Yr 2: Bodmin recycling plant
- Yr 4 Bikeability

Wednesday 27th

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Thursday 28th

- Cake Sale (nut free cakes please)



Friday 1st

- League Run
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Other

- Cookery Club letters are coming home today for the second group of Year 2's.
- There are two new mufti days in the diary dates on the last page of the newsletter.
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Sports News

Well done – Cross Country

Five children qualified to represent the Caradon Area at the County Qualifiers - Rose C, Abbie D, Abbie C, Hayden W and Shiloh S. This was an amazing achievement in itself.

Unfortunately Rose suffered an injury and had to withdraw and Hayden narrowly missed gaining a place in the School Games finals.

Shiloh, who ran in the Year 3/4 race has qualified, which is great news. Abbie and Abbie who have both been consistently running well all season in the Year 5/6 races did so well on the day, both gaining a place in the finals. Abbie D qualified in 4th place and Abbie C qualified in 1st place. We are really proud of each one of them.

We will be sending our football team to play St Neot next Monday and also some swimmers to compete in a gala next Monday evening at the Life Centre, Plymouth.

Cake Sale



On Thursday we have a cake sale to raise money for Hillside School in Uganda.

On Cake Sale days, we ask that parents make or donate cakes for us to sell to the children for 20p so we can raise money for different causes.

We do ask, however that all cakes are nut-free.

Library

Our final library visit happened today. The children have been motivated by their visits and I know they are keen for you to take them back at another time. The minibus has been great for this purpose as we can take children to Saltash easily. The library was really keen for us to visit and I know the story time and explanation were both good.

Parental Consultations

Thank you to all who came and supported this half year review. There is certainly much to see in books at this stage and it is good to celebrate progress to date and explore what will happen to develop the skills further.

Zero Gravity

It is great to have such a strong relationship with the team there. The visits were enjoyed by all.

School Trip Letters and reply slips

We send out quite a number of letters to parents about school trips, these are to let you know that your child/ren will be leaving the school site and also what they will be doing/learning about, what they need to wear and where they will be over lunchtime.

We do require you to acknowledge that we are taking your child/ren off site, which is why we ask for the reply slips to come back.

Please check bags regularly and complete and return trip slips ASAP, as a lot of time is spent chasing for slips that haven't been returned. We regularly have to phone parents to ensure they know about trips.

World Book Day

This year we will not be dressing up for World Book Day, as we will be having a dressing up day for Comic Relief. I know for many dressing up is great, but I am also conscious of cost and although nobody has to buy, many feel pressure to do so. Money can only be spent once and I do not want to cause another additional expense. Classes will be doing things as reading is a focus at present and there is one other thing I would like to do that you may be able to help with. As you know at the end of term as part of our eco work, we are going to try a book/toy swap as part of a recycle drive. When I was decluttering at home over half term I realised how many books our house was holding from many generations and thought we are probably not the only people to have books that have been read once and are on our shelves. If I could acquire 224 children's books by World Book Day, every child could take an age appropriate book home, read and bring back a month later for the book swap.

If you have a book that has been read but is sitting there and you would like to put into my World Book Day pile, please could you bring it to the office. I am sure between us then that every child could go home with a book and we would celebrate World Book Day in a different way this year with no expense.

Landrake Run – Friday 8 March 1.30pm

We have had a number of forms returned offering help to either marshall, bring cakes/ biscuits and help serve refreshments, but we could always use more.

If you are yet to offer your services, please let us know in the office or pop a note in the red postbox by the office with where you would be able to marshall/what you're able to help with and your name and contact details and Helen Ralph will be in contact.
Thank you.

Youth Speaks

Huge congratulations to Theodore, Sarel and Erin who represented us in the District Finals. They opened the proceedings during the first round and performed in a formal setting so well. They set the bar high and their performance stood out.

However, the final two presentations of the morning were also outstanding and they were named the winners.

We were so proud of them. Thank you to all who supported and helped them achieve so well.

Sentences of the Week

He answered in a tone that was respectful, but firm.

As she listened carefully, her head tilted and her brow furrowed with concentration.

Whole School Word Count

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

55,100,683 words and 5,288 books

Accelerated Reader –standing out this week:

Ellie S

Lottie K

Melody E

Erin R

Eris BT



Playpod

Last year we launched our playpod and we had hoped that the children would really develop their play from the many creative and imaginative opportunities that were available. This has proved hugely positive and has had a real impact on play and learning at SRG. We agree with the research that led us to invest money into the playpod because we also have

- * Happy, engaged children
- * Significantly fewer incidents and accidents
- * Children returning to class ready to learn
- * Varied play that promotes imaginative thinking

At SRG we want the children to be active during lunchtimes, and the PlayPod allows this to happen through taking more risks and managing their own risk. We did initially see a slight increase in bumps and bruises but this allowed the children to learn their own boundaries which will help keep them safer in the future.

The children build dens, dress up, create boats and planes and even pull each other in crates etc. New scrap is still being delivered every few weeks.

We always like receiving additional scrap so if you have unwanted dressing up clothes or den building sheets, suitcases, crates, tubes etc. we can make use of them in our Play Pod.

At Sir Robert Geffery's...

Every Child has the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child.

"All children and young people need to play. The impulse to play is innate. Play is a biological, psychological and social necessity, and is fundamental to the healthy development and wellbeing of individuals and communities."

We know the value and benefits of Play

- The development of a problem solving mind-set.
- Exercise
- Improving resilience through "developing communication skills, a positive attitude, a problem solving approach... the ability to plan, a belief in control, and a sense of humour"

- Developing future adults who are creative and effective in the social and economic sphere
- Helping children's learning as research has shown they are happier; more engaged and responsive; interact more with each other; and are more engaged with the world around them if they have regular positive play opportunities.
- Satisfying some of the children's need and want for risk taking.

Nowadays children are often prevented from learning about risk and as such all staff have been trained in risk benefit.

Risk Benefit Assessments

Safety must be considered at all stages of play provision but... inevitably, there will be risk of injury when children play, as there is risk of injury in life generally. We must not lose sight of the important developmental role of play for children in the pursuit of the unachievable goal of absolute safety." – The HSE

So, in line with the guidance from the UN, Play England and the HSE, SRG aims to provide children with: "challenging, exciting, engaging play opportunities, while ensuring that they are not exposed to unacceptable risk of harm". The primary methods for holding these two objectives in tension with one another are risk benefit assessments. These documents are simple to understand, and focus on reducing or eliminating the following:

1. Serious risks
2. Risks that by being eliminated do not reduce the benefits of play
3. Risks that are not foreseeable by the children

It is great to be able to reflect a year later and see that the money we invested has had a positive impact on lunchtimes and play in our school.

The Friends of SRG invite you to...

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

When: Friday 15 March 2019
Where: SRG Memorial Hall
Time: 7pm
Cost: £5 (includes entrance and pasty)

First race starts at 7.30pm
Bring your own drink and nibbles

Ever wanted to own a race horse? Well now you can... buy a horse for £2, give him a name and collect owner's winnings if your horse comes home first!

Tickets and horse purchases available from the School Office and Friends committee members.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Mon 4 Mar Football Match: vs St Neot
Grass Track Cycling event
Swimming Gala

Tue 5 March Change of menu

Fri 8 Mar Landrake Run

Wed 13 Mar Marine Biology

Fri 15 Mar Comic Relief Mufti: PJ's/Onesies
Race Night at the Village Hall

Mon 18 Mar Football Match: vs Lifton

Wed 20 Mar Yr5: Jnr Life Skills – Fire Station
Yr 5/6: Sportshall Athletics finals

Thu 21 Mar Cake Sale (nut free cakes please)

Fri 22 Mar School Disco:
KS1: 5.30-6.30 KS2: 6.45 – 8pm

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

Tue 2 Apr Swap Shop 2.30-4pm
NSPCC Mufti Day

Thu 4 Apr 3pm: Home Learning Exhibition

Fri 5 Apr NSPCC Assembly
1.15pm Easter Service

8-22 Apr Easter Holidays

23Apr-10May Y3 swimming every morning

Wed 24 Apr Quadkids
'The Tempest' – Plymouth Uni

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

Mon 3 Jun Inset Day

17-21 Jun Yr 6: London Residential

Wed 24 Jul Last day of school

Thu 25 Jul Inset Day

Fri 26 Jul Summer Holidays

Menu Change: Tuesday 5th March

- 1: Steak Pasty
- 2: Cheese and Onion Pasty
3. Jacket Potato