



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

After-school Clubs

Monday 4th

- Grass Track Cycling
- Football Match: vs St Neot
- Swimming Gala

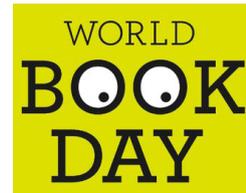
Tuesday 5th

- 8.15am School Council meeting
- Menu Change: Pasty Day

Wednesday 6th

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Thursday 7th



Friday 8th

- LANDRAKE RUN 1.30pm start
- Marshalls still needed

School Trips

- Football Match
- Swimming Gala

Letters coming home:

- Swimming Gala - Saltash
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Other

- World Book Day book tokens will be coming home this week – please look out for them.
- Yr 3/4: Please return Ethnographic study consent forms that were sent home a couple of weeks ago.
- Please remember to let the office know if you've changed any phone numbers/contact details.

Sports News

Landrake Run: Friday 8 March 1.30pm start

The deadline for getting your consent forms and £1 entry fee in is tomorrow, Tuesday 9 March. Children will not be able to run if not received by then.

Have you pledged your support? We still need a few more marshalls, so if you can come and help marshalling etc. that would be great! You would be needed from 12.45 – 3pm.

If you are unable to marshal, are you able to please donate biscuits or cakes (nut-free) for the competitors and to sell as refreshments. We also need help to serve refreshments.

To make this successful we need as many people as possible.

Rumours

A message from Mrs Curtis:

Apparently other people know more about my future than I do. Usually rumours are ignored, but I would like to reassure all that I have not resigned from SRG and will be here in September. We still have much to achieve (sorry if you were hoping for a different message!).

St Piran's Day Menu Change

Tuesday 5 March

1. Steak Pasty
2. Cheese & Onion Pasty
3. Jacket Potato



Book Swap

If you have any children's books that have been read but are now just sitting there on a shelf unloved, why not bring them in for our Book Swap?

Our aim is to have 224 pre-loved books, so we can give out an age appropriate book to every SRG pupil on Thursday to read and then return in time for our Swap Shop.

Whole School Word Count

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

58,957,604 words and 5,588 books



Security

This is something we have discussed and looked at since we opened the Qube. We had already made some improvements with playground fencing and new cameras and had some ideas. When we sent a questionnaire out last year a couple of people raised the school site security we decided to review, put it on our development plan and budget to have work completed.

What we did

- We looked at other school sites
- We talked to people in our school community
- We had grounds advisors in

What we also took into account

- We do still want to have an open school policy at key times each day.
- We want all to feel safe.
- We want to prevent any preventable problems.
- We want the children learning outside and inside freely.
- Decisions and actions.
- We reviewed our CCTV coverage and with new areas decided on extra cameras. These cameras pick up incidents on site that cause issues or needlessly spoil our learning areas. This includes things happening during evenings and weekends.
- We now have two additional cameras, one for the new canopy area and one showing the far end of the reception classroom.
- We have had a new keypad on the rear door of school and the Qube so that doors can be shut securely at key times. Hopefully this will mean the heat will also not be lost as the door shuts. The previous one was an older version so we hope with technological improvement this will work well.
- We have put a different combination padlock on the school carpark so that anyone who is using the grounds out of hours can be given the code. Supervised use of grounds by our families and farm feeding etc. will always be encouraged. Unsupervised children should not be on grounds due to health and safety. If you want to bring your child/ren then you will be given the code so you can use.

- We would ask you not to share any codes and whilst you're on site to put the lock on the open gate and ensure that you lock up properly after. We may also have a key lock option at gate. This is a trial.
- Security fencing.
- The second wooden gate down to school - as many of you know has been my biggest issue, so I am really pleased with the way they have installed it with a code. This will be shut at 9.15am and opened at 3.10pm when the playground is open.
- Remember out of school hours you are welcome to come and use, as long as you are supervising.

Opportunities

When a parent raised information about opportunities, we reviewed and made sure all our systems and records showed all opportunities available and how all classes had represented school at things. Some events have specific criteria eg. SEN disability development, gifted and talented, etc. so we need to ensure that the right children attend.

We keep records of class and school awards and make sure children are recognised in different ways. Award assembly is still a firm favourite and makes a big difference. Children can get this weekly by doing athletics, spellodrome and reading.

We also sent out a questionnaire and asked in newsletters about interests etc. so people could be entered for things we would not necessarily know about.

We have also made sure there is a Junior Ten Tors experience available for all one way or another. We see the value of the experience but also know how combinations are key and some need more support to develop their voice etc. We have made sure that the newsletter reflects and informs you of the things going on and we ask for your input. Please do read the newsletter and respond by deadlines.

Walking to school safety

This has also been raised on several occasions. We have put things in the newsletter and spoken to drivers when necessary about the safety of children, but still we have concerns. We have had signs made that we put out at different times for impact.

Miss Appleby has now worked with the school council and hopefully this will result in a high profile, and changes that will help keep our children safer. Thank you to the school council and Miss Appleby in particular.

Still on our agenda

Toilets

Over the years as you know I have highlighted some of the things we have had to talk about and asked for you to discuss at home. We have had new plans drawn up to replace, in a different way, the KS1 open toilets and the toilets upstairs. They will be single units which are more like at home and will prevent the waiting and hanging around. Supervision is easier, especially with the new open plan top corridor. We are awaiting the result of a grant bid and if we are successful, this will happen in the summer.

Supervision of children

It is great to see the site used after school as we want children to be as active as possible. As we need children to follow the same instructions after school as in school please can you make sure that...

- You are aware of where your children are at all times.
- A specific person is responsible for children after 3.30pm, of course you can arrange this yourself with one another. Please don't let children ask you, only another adult. If there is an issue you would be the person to sort as school staff are not on duty.
- The children must not race around the trim trail.
- School rules: kind hands / kind feet/ kind words.
- No child should lift others onto monkey bars and all go in same direction one at a time.
- If you are teaching your child to use, if they cannot get on it from the platform then the fall level would be wrong.

- No child should sit on roof of the trim trail or tunnel.
- Equipment in playground shed should not be taken out.

These are safety rules.

Unfortunately we are awaiting remedial work to the trim trail including the floor in the raised section so it is currently out of action and taped off.

Top corridor

So we can see the children behind the door, we have checked with fire control and can confirm that as it is not a fire door, it could be removed. A Health and safety review showed two incidents had occurred and if there had not been a door then they may have been preventable. We have also had the lockers installed so that children can keep their things together. These are popular and usually the areas look good. More cupboards have been installed at the end and Trish spent hours in the holidays reorganising.

We now have a music cupboard for instruments which are brought in for lessons. It is the second big cupboard from the end. Please make sure the instruments have names on. This will mean that nothing will be a trip hazard. The children know all about it.

Trish once again has been brilliant at giving up her time and come up with a solution to another concern.

Toddler group

A few years ago we had a really popular baby and toddler group and we aim to relaunch this, probably on a Wednesday afternoon. I would like to ask if you have any baby toys / board books etc. that you could donate so we are ready to go. If so please bring to the office.

Residential Experiences

We feel that these are really important and have developed many opportunities for the children from the time they move into Year 3 until they leave in Year 6.

Learning to be independent and sleep away from home is really important. By going with adults they know and trust, and supported by friends who they are with at school, is a good first step. We know many children may have had sleepovers and stayed with family, but every year we do have children who have not done this, being supported by adults and those who have.

Just trying different food, organising clothes and washing can be an interesting challenge for some.

Five years ago, in line with our rolling programme we introduced a 'one night, two day' experience and have tried to make sure this is great value for money and affordable for all. We always try to get grants or funding so all children can access one way or another.

So far, in relation to topics, these have been to:

- 2014 Dartmoor at Pixie Holt
- 2015 Anglo Saxons- Escot Park
- 2016 Ancient Greeks- we went to Eden Project
- 2017 Romans we went to Bath and Explore at Bristol
- 2018 Dartmoor with Spirit of Adventure at Shaugh Bridge

In Year 5 the children have been attending a week at Barton Hall.

We usually go early in the season to benefit from a better price. We choose a range of activities to encourage risk taking, activities to promote team building skills and a range of experiences that they have not had previously. We are currently reviewing this in line with our outdoor curriculum development, which has been embedded so we have a clear idea of the leadership and team building, challenge and resilience skills we want to make sure are instilled in all who leave Sir Robert Geffery's.

In Year 6 the children have been spending a week in London for over fifty years.

The London experience is really important to us because they are hosted by the Ironmongers for a night and they have a banquet and a tour of the Ironmongers Hall. The children have the opportunity to learn and see original pictures of Sir Robert Geffery and spend time with our Trustees who visit us so frequently. As a school with such a history, this is so important and unique. The children are proud of their school and the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers, who have been caretakers for 300 years, really enjoy this time. The Master of the Company along with Governors, attend the evening and it is always a highlight of the week. A giant sleepover for the children occurs afterwards - not many children get to sleep in Dumbledore's Office (that is where Harry Potter was filmed). The rest of the week the children stay at Lee Valley at a YHA hostel.

Activities in the week certainly mean they return on Friday having had a real cultural experience including:

- A visit and workshop at the Houses of Parliament, where they usually meet our local MP.
- A visit to the Natural History Museum.
- Visit to London Museum – opposite the Ironmonger's Hall.
- Evening Song at St Paul's Cathedral - usually sitting near the choristers.
- A River Cruise down the Thames.
- A visit to either the Tower of London or Windsor Castle.
- A trip to see a West End Show. These have included: Matilda, War Horse, Shrek, Joseph, Lion King etc.
- A day of water sports where they kayak, canoe and sail - this means that they do not have to travel back into London on the day before their journey home.

On the way back we often stop at Montacute House for a tour and art workshop.

Staff and children are then ready for their sleep!

Finally...

We were offered the opportunity after many years of trying, to join Devon Schools and Plymouth Schools with a Junior Ten Tors Team. Selecting only eight is always difficult and we try to make sure that all children had opportunities for other things over the year. We realised for some they needed support to develop confidence and others had experienced things like this previously. We will be entering a team again this year, but we have also arranged that we can offer the same experience to more pupils through the Spirit of Discovery.

However, I am personally indebted to our staff team who willingly take responsibility for them going and give up their evenings free. In September with a different class going each night this can mean over 30 staff being involved during the course of the week. The risk assessments, consent letters, pre-visits, budgeting etc. for this many experiences does take time and our EVC co-ordinator works exceptionally hard. We are fortunate that we are supported by our community and also organisations where grants are available to make it happen

All this work is worth it because our children really benefit greatly from the learning out of the classroom, and I know the life skills learned and the memories gained help them through secondary school and beyond.

BOOK AMNESTY

If you have a copy of 'No turning back' by Beverley Naidoo at home, please bring it back in to school as Year 4 are short of copies and need them ASAP. Thank you.

Sentences of the Week

The trees were joined together like a crowd of vivid green umbrellas.

They were welcomed by wave after wave of gently nodding heads of daffodils.

AWARDS

Accelerated Reader	Melody E
Be the Best you can	Eddie T
Courtesy	Ben C
Demonstrating Values	Lottie K Dougie B
Dinner Hall	Charlie D
Effort (in Maths)	Merryn G
Effort	Isabella M
English	Nyana E
Excellence	Ed P
Friendship	Keira B
Good Manners	Holly G Maisie H
Great Progress	Daisy I
Growth Mindset	Oscar M Harry F
Helpfulness	Seren W Matthew S
Kindness	George K
Literacy	Victor H
Mathletics Points	Alfie G
Maths Owl	Ruan G
Maths Superstar	Shea W
Passion (drumming)	Albie C
Perseverance	Poppy C
Phonics	Ethan H
Positive Attitude	Sarel D
Progress	Sydney W Archie W Daniel B David B
Reading Achievement	Jamie D
Reading Progress	Katie P
Reading Star	William B
Resilience	Jaida K Che S Finley S Hazel S
Role Model	Jake K
School Role Model	Eris BT
Spelling Bee	Harris S
Supporting Others	Amos CC
Thinking	Arthur B
Piano Award	Ruby F
Singing Award	George G

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.

Landrake Messy Church

Date: Saturday 9th March

Time: 4 – 6pm

At: Landrake Chapel

Please join us for crafts, games and a shared tea (please bring a little food to share)



LOST PROPERTY

School hoody – named Ruby F

School hoody – named MH

If found, please return to appropriate classroom or the office. Thank you.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Mon 11 Mar Swimming Gala: Saltash
Wed 13 Mar Marine Biology
Fri 15 Mar Comic Relief Mufti: PJ's/Onesies
Race Night at the Village Hall
Mon 18 Mar Yrs 3/4: Library Visit
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