



**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

After School Clubs

Clubs start on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

Please ensure you return your child's club list ASAP if not done so already. Thank you.

Nasal Flu Immunisation

This year all children can be vaccinated against the flu virus.

It will be done in school on Thursday 28 November. A letter will be coming home this week.

Mobile Phones

Please note that children are not permitted to bring mobile phones to school. However, if needed for a particular reason, they must be handed in to the office in the morning.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

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Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

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Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

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Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

- Cake Sale 
- 2.45pm Home Learn Exhibition
- 3-6pm: Parent Hub launch

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

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- Annual Consent Forms will be coming home this week – please complete and return ASAP.

**Child Health Checks at School**

**Reception Class and Year 6**

If your child is in Reception Class or Year 6, please look out for the Child Health Checks information booklets and forms, which have been sent out in book bags.

Child Health Checks cover vision, hearing and measurement for Reception Class, and measurement for Year 6.

***Important - these are run as an 'opt out' system, so if you do not wish your child to take part. You must complete the form and return it to the school office so we are aware of your choice, or it will be assumed that you want your child to take part.***

**Pre-School – Waitrose Community Matters**

Pre-school is currently one of the three contenders hoping for a share of the £1000 in Waitrose's Community Matters for September. If you shop in Waitrose please look out for the box of green tokens near the tills and donate your token into Pre-School's collection box, so they have a chance of receiving some extra funding. The Pink Ladies and children will be most grateful.

**Please come and support our new Parent Hub – this Thursday 3-6pm in the meeting room.**

The Parent Hub will be open on the third Thursday of every month from 3-6pm for you to drop in at any point for coffee and cake. Each month will have a specific focus where we will have information about topics such as homework (including the benefits of Mathletics and Spellodrome), E-safety in school and at home, Thrive, Parent workshops and other things available to you and your family within our school.

The Hub will be a welcoming, relaxed and friendly atmosphere where you can come and chat to the team about school life, the wealth of opportunities and resources we have available, that as parents and guardians you may not be aware of.

Please pop into our open door launch night on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September where there will be an opportunity to see in more detail what the hub has to offer, hopes to achieve and discuss any suggestions you may have to help make the Hub work for you.

Susan Green and Nic Jones

### Attendance

The EWO service has asked for all parents to receive the following information regularly. 'If you decide to take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who, as the issuing officer may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Fines are issued per parent/carer, per child. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and/or custodial sentences."

Please don't forget that we are unable to authorise holidays unless it is an exceptional circumstance. The Education Welfare Officer will be issuing penalties if there are unauthorised absences that have an adverse impact on attendance. Everybody needs to be aiming for 95% or more attendance. We will be sending home records every half term so that you are fully aware of what the EWO will be seeing.

0 days off school in a year 0 lessons missed	100%	Perfect Attendance
2 days off school in a year 10 lessons missed	99%	Excellent attendance
5 days off school in a year 25 lessons missed	97%	Good attendance
10 days off school in a year 50 lessons missed	95%	Slightly below average attendance
14 days off school in a year 70 lessons missed	93%	Poor attendance
20 days off school in a year 100 lessons missed	90%	Very poor attendance

### Cake Sale – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

We are holding a cake sale this Thursday to raise funds for Mission Rabies. All donations of nut-free cakes gratefully received.

### Our Values

Sir Robert Geffery's is a Church School Primary Academy that enjoys a strong relationship with local churches and the Diocese. We have a Christian assembly of some sort every day and these include songs and prayers. Cathy Sigrist, Malcom and Iris come regularly to lead assemblies. We often enjoy Open the Book sessions that children lead.

Our values are central to the work in the school and underpin our policies. We also refer to our Special Ten Stories that are displayed on our banners. These link to our curriculum and vision.

Mr Hambly wrote our school anthem and this is another way that the children remember our values. It is important for us to remind everybody during through the year of these.

### Our Christian Ethos

Our vision statement underpins all our work:

**Our aim is to provide a living Christian school environment where we strive for each child to develop a passion for learning and a sense of excitement in their own achievement and that of others.**

We are often told that the living Christian school environment stands out as we recognise the uniqueness of each individual and encourage friendship, love for one another and forgiveness.

The children are encouraged to be the best they can and with God's help anything is possible. We build upon the motto 'With God's help we can be the best we can'.

Values Love Forgiveness Trust  
Service Peace Thankfulness Creation

### Our Special Ten Stories:

Joshua - Be Bold Be Strong

David and Goliath - Standing up for what is right and being brave as well as trust in God

Noah's Ark – God's Promise

Creation - celebration of God's world

10 Commandments – Rules to live by

Feeding of Five Thousand – miracle to provide for all

Good Samaritan – Caring for one another

Parable of Sower – Planting the seed

The Widow's Coins - Giving to charity whatever we can

Christmas and Easter Story

David and Goliath - Making a difference by trusting in God

### **Supporting Learning and ICT**

Learning is a three way partnership with parents, children and school staff all working together to make sure that the child has the best learning opportunities and meets their potential.

Reading is a key skill and one we prioritise at SRG. We encourage the use of accelerated reader from Year 2 onwards as a way of motivating children to read. Children are heard to read in school in a variety of ways eg. during class teaching, guided/reciprocal reading and individually to an adult. Practise is so important so independent reading slots are built in and we hope that the children will read at home to adults and other siblings. Even Year 6 children need to read out loud to adults as this is a skill that can always be further developed. Discussing unknown vocabulary, making predictions about what may happen and clarifying any complex plots or events is always useful to do at home.

Learning to spell is important and Spellodrome can be a fun way to practise, also writing the words down, finding words within words or mnemonics are also strategies taught.

We will be running some parent workshops this year to help you find out more.

Tables hold the key to confidence in maths in so many ways, so any time learning tables at home will be of great benefit. To support this we suggest tables grids – race against your children, you only need to write numbers for a 12x12 grid and time it. The school record for a muddled up one is 2 mins 12 sec! We also have Times Tables Rockstars logins for the children and this is another motivational way of practising. Mymaths will help your child revise or revisit skills and children use a generic log in: Username: srgces Password: fifteen Children have an individual login for Mathletics and Spellodrome and can collect certificates each week.

Education city gives an opportunity to try science and French as well as maths and English - passwords are individual and we pay for home access.

Finally, Purple Mash has typing skills and publishing opportunities and other skill development activities.

Please ask if you do not have the logins, but most are stuck in each child's reading record.

### **Pre School Attendance Age**

SRG Pre-School have lowered the age to attend from 24 to 18 months. If you have a child that you would like to attend, or know someone that does, please contact Sarah at Pre School to make an appointment to visit and have a look around.

T: 01752 851343

E: [srg.preschool@live.co.uk](mailto:srg.preschool@live.co.uk)

### **Landrake Community Cafe**

Is hosting a **Macmillan coffee morning**

Date Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September

Time 8.45am - midday

Place Landrake Chapel

Why not join us straight after the school run?

It's a great place to get together.

### **Year 5/6 Secondary School Open Day/Evenings**

Callington Community College

Thursday 19 September 6 - 8pm

Monday 23 September 9 – 10.30am

Saltash Community School

Wednesday 2 October from 6.30pm

Thursday 3 October from 6.30pm

### **Play Pod**

Please do not leave any recycling outside the PlayPod in the playground. Thank you.

### **Wanted...**

Large plastic plates – if you're having a camping gear sort out and have any you don't need/want any more, please bring into the office.

### **Dittisham Residential**

Last week KS2 all took part in an exciting, challenging residential at the Raleigh Estate, Dittisham. Both children and staff alike faced challenges such as canoeing on the River Dart, zip wiring across a ravine, making margarita pizzas from scratch and building our own campfire - sometimes in rather drizzly conditions. Following hot chocolate, we all snuggled down in our tents and had a variable night's sleep!

On reflection, many children have commented about how they were able to face fears, overcome obstacles and have a great deal of important fun with their new teachers and classmates. A brilliant way to bond and begin a new year together!!

**Year 3** embarked on their overnight stay, in an outdoor camp at Dittisham, near Torquay. Sleeping bags were placed in the rustic tents allocated to girls and of course, the gents. The adventure started with the class in two, a canoeing trip with a muddy shoe or two. The second group kneaded the dough, mixing by hand the ingredients (in a bag though!) The fire was lit, and stomachs were rumbling, Dougie's 'Pizza song' got us all humming. As the evening drew to an end, we switched on the torches and to the field we did descend. A night-walk with the view of the river and a little light drizzle that made us all shiver. Teeth-brushing and toilet trips one by one, made sure the end of day 1 was fun. A sprinkling of sawdust to cover your wee and then off to our tents (named after a tree). Sleeping was a challenging task, some took to it quicker than a few of the class. At 06.45, the camp was awake as wood-chopping staff had a fire to make. Toasting bread with the flames, Day 2 had begun and we knew we had another day of fun! Zip-lining tested our courage and grit, as we flew through the air it was too late to quit! After a lunch of bread and beans, we demolished biscuits (especially the custard creams) and said goodbye and thank you to the Dittisham staff, before walking back up the sloping path. We found our seats on the awaiting buses and knew we'd be home for our family kisses and fusses.

**Year 4** were accompanied on their 2 day residential by Mr Whittaker, Miss Price, Emma and Mr Arundell. Throughout their time away the Year 4 class worked together, supporting each other in everything they did. They were a real credit to themselves and their school and were regularly praised by staff for being ready to listen and for following instructions very quickly. Highlights of our time away included our river canoeing expeditions, our night walk and our amazingly tasty pizzas which everyone enjoyed. We collected mountains of firewood, built a very effective pizza oven and learnt how to toast a piece of bread over a fire with a wooden toasting fork. Although we didn't have the greatest weather, we all embraced the experience and some of us even got some sleep!

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY:**

Fri 27 Sep	Individual/Family Photos
Mon 30 Sep	Yr 2: Apple Store (am) Yr 3a: Apple Store (pm)
Tue 1 Oct	Yr 6: Apple Store (am)
Wed 2 Oct	Yr 4: Apple Store (am) Yr 5a: Apple Store (pm)
Mon 7 Oct	Yr 1: Hearing Screening Yr 3b: Apple Store (pm)
Wed 9 Oct	Yr 5b: Apple Store (pm)
14-18 Oct	Booster Swimming Lessons
Tue 15 Oct	Parents Evening ( <b>date change</b> )
Wed 16 Oct	Parents Evening
Thu 17 Oct	Cake Sale
Fri 18 Oct	Harvest Festival – 9.00am start
Sun 21 Oct	Harvest at St Michael's Church
21-25 Oct	Half Term
Mon 28 Oct	Inset Day
Thu 21 Nov	Cake Sale
Thu 28 Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisation (R-Y6)

### **LOST PROPERTY**

PE hoodies (named):  
Joel T  
Ed P