



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Club Info

Letterjoin and Accelerated Reader

You should now be able to access both of these sites at home now.

If your child has asthma, please contact the school office. We will need you to complete a form to go into our Asthma Register.

Monday 25th

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Tuesday 26th

- Hockey Festival
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Wednesday 27th

- Grammar Workshop for parents 2.30pm

Thursday 28th

- Flu Immunisation
- Football match vs Burraton

Friday 29th

- Friends Mufti Day

- We are sending out the Spring term clubs letter next week, so look out for it. Please send back in quickly to give us time to collate registers before clubs start again on 10 January.

Sport (Swimming write up on the back page)

SRG basketballer's shine during multi school tournament

A mixed team of Year 5/6 boys and girls headed up to St Stephens last Tuesday for a round robin tournament against local schools from the area. Across the 5 matches some real quality shone through, and a special mention must go to all nine children who took part. An SRG team made up of Oliver S, Charlie V, Tom R, Mackenzie P, Hazel S, Olivia J, Bethany B, Phoebe H and Merryn B competed exceptionally well and picked up some great points along the way. Both Mr Summers and Jade were particularly pleased with the attitude and togetherness of the group. Well done all!

SRG bow out of the Rosewarne Shield after a highly competitive game

Last Tuesday SRG's football team played the first round of the second of the three cup competitions we have entered this year against Bishop Cornish. On a tight SRG pitch, there were many chances for both teams to score goals throughout this competitive match. Bishop Cornish started brightly and scored with their first real attempt on goal within the first minute. This shocked the SRG team into action and for the rest of the half both teams slugged it out. Bishop Cornish doubled their lead just before the break when there was a mix up at the back and the Bishop Cornish striker capitalised to poke the ball home.

Despite being 2-0 down at half time, Mr Summers and I were both convinced we'd get back into the game and we impressed on the team to keep going and not to give up.

The second half started with a bang after only 15 seconds when Shea fed the ball to Joel who smashed in a goal to reduce the arrears. With the momentum of the game changing SRG had a couple of really good chances to equalise, but both Alfie and Finley found the Bishop Cornish 'keeper on fine form. Just when it looked like SRG would sneak an equaliser, Bishop Cornish scored a 'wonder goal' to make it 3-1, and despite some fantastic saves from player of the match William in the SRG goal, Bishop Cornish went on to score a fourth goal and kill the game off. The team were disappointed at the final whistle but have learnt a lot about playing together as a team. We won't have to wait long though, for our next game which is away next Thursday against Burraton C team.

Friends Mufti Day – Friday 29 November

We're having a mufti day on Friday to raise some money for hampers for the raffles after the Christmas plays.

Flu Immunisations – Thursday 28 November

If you haven't been online to complete the flu immunisation form, you need to do so before Thursday. **This applies even if you do not consent to your child being immunised.**

www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/forms/flu

School code: EE137257

Cold weather arrangements

Reminder of procedures

Look at the website for closure update.

Information will also be given to local radio and council for their websites.

School will remain open as far as possible and you will receive a text if the school is closed or opening later than normal.

Meet and greet at the lay by in the car park will take place to avoid parking if the playground is not an option.

Please try to bring your child in if the school is open but if your child is off, please maximise learning by using the learning websites, (education city, spellodrome, purple mash and athletics), encourage additional reading or research for topics this term so they do not fall behind in any way.

In the case of freezing conditions after dark, then clubs will be cancelled and Club 3.30 will not take place to enable staff to get home safely. Hopefully this will not happen too often.

Uniform

Reminder: bottle green warm zipped fleeces are available from uniform shop – these can be worn in school, whereas hoodies are for PE and outside use only.

Ties are a compulsory part of our uniform and should be worn at all times until the summer.

Appropriate black school shoes should be worn for safety reasons shoes with inappropriate heels, open toes or those that are not waterproof are not sensible for school use!

Trainers are not allowed during the day in school except in emergency situations, with permission.

Please make sure that the children have a coat - it is amazing that several are not bringing one to school even on wet days. The excuses are very creative!!

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE NAME ALL UNIFORM AND CHECK THE NAMES REGULARLY, AS PEN WASHES OUT DURING THE TERM!

Christmas Tree Festival – St Nicholas & St Faith

Saturday 30 November 10am – 4pm

Sunday 1 December 2pm – 5pm

Monday 2 – Friday 6 Dec 2pm – 6pm

Saturday 7 December 10am – 8pm

Sunday 8 December 2pm – 4pm

Monday 9 – Friday 13 Dec 2pm – 6pm

Entrance £1.50 (children under 14 free)

Christmas is coming!

Children's Bazaar will be on Friday 13 December

This is when children have the opportunity to buy items or a package that they have made during Christmas DT week. Card making, cooking and creating using a wide range of materials will take place each day. Children usually spend £3 - £4.

We will also be selling bottles of our Landrake apple juice.

Rehearsals are under way for the Christmas productions so remember to book your seats.

Our Governors

We are fortunate to have a very experienced and committed governing body made up of members of the Ironmongers and local governors.

The governors are all volunteers who give their time freely to make sure that the school fulfils its responsibilities and the outcomes for the children are the best they could be. Governors attend training and often complete online modules as well. Earlier this month two workshops were attended by many of our governors, along with governors from Saltash Community School, St Mellion and St Dominic. Governors undertake a skills audit to make sure that the right combination of people are working together. Nowadays business, premises and financial expertise are all needed to oversee aspects of school improvement as well as those with an educational background.

Governors:

Mr Richard Twallin (chair)

Mr Harry Charnaud (vice chair)

Mr Owain Hughes

Mrs Jill Jarvis

Rev Cathy Sigrist

Mr Paul Williams

Mr David Landers

Mr Mark Davidson

Mrs Kathy Jones

Mrs Helen Daniel

Mrs Ali Wills

Mr Brian Hasell

Mr James Crudge

Members:

Mrs Elizabeth Cairncross

Mr George Bastin

Mr James Oliver

Mr David Worlidge

Recent fundraisers

We raised £212 for Children in Need from mufti donations

And raised £53 for Hillside School from the cake sale last week.

Attendance

As a school we usually have good attendance because we know you value the education your child receives. We also know that the majority of children want to come to school and feel they are missing out if they are not there. Illness unfortunately cannot be avoided so some children will not have 100% every year. However we do need children to have at least 95% attendance by the end of the year. Our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) comes and looks at records and discusses children under 95%. At this stage, one period of illness can make the figures look worse, but by Christmas we are a third of the way through so hopefully the figures you receive will reflect good attendance.

Unfortunately, we are receiving more requests for absence than normal and want to remind you that unless there are really exceptional circumstances we cannot authorise it. While we understand how difficult it can be to take holidays when schools are off for a number of reasons, it is very disruptive on learning if children miss blocks of work.

It has been suggested that we share these facts with you:

☒ Attendance of **95%** for the year equals **10** days that your child has been absent, that is 2 full school weeks of your child's learning missed for that year.

☒ Attendance of **90%** for the year equals **19** days that your child has been absent, that is almost 4 school weeks missed.

☒ Attendance of **85%** for the year equals **29** days that your child has been absent per, that is almost 6 school weeks missed.

☒ Attendance of **80%** for the year equals **38** days absent per year that is over 7 school weeks missed.

The school day has two attendance sessions

☒ If your child seems unwell in the morning but seems better by lunchtime, please bring them into school for the afternoon session, this will help to keep your child's attendance as high as possible.

☒ If your child ever has to have an emergency medical appointment, please ensure that you try to make it at the beginning or end of a school day, this way your child would only miss a maximum of half a day for the appointment.

Leave of absence in term time (including holidays, weddings, visits to family)

☒ If you wish to take your child out of school for **ANY** reason during term time, you must formally request this in writing, addressed to the Headteacher. This applies whether it is for 1 day or a longer period. (Forms are available from the office.)

☒ Periods of absence during term time can only be authorised by the Head and then **ONLY** in exceptional circumstances.

☒ Please remember in order for your request to be considered by the Head, you must make the request prior to the absence otherwise it is always unauthorised.

☒ If you have a period of unauthorised absence during term time, you may be subject to sanctions including a penalty notice which at present is £120 per child per adult. This is reduced to £60 per child per parent if paid within 28 days. Therefore if a family of 2 children take unauthorised leave during term time, the fine will be £240 for the Mother and £240 for the Father, reduced to £120 each if paid within 28 days.

The school year has 190 days for pupils to attend

There are **175** days per year when your child **does not** have to attend school. These days could be used to:

- ☒ Spend time together
- ☒ Go on family visits
- ☒ Visit friends and family
- ☒ Go on holiday
- ☒ Go shopping
- ☒ Go on days out
- ☒ Attend routine appointments

Punctuality Matters

Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning:

- ☒ Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year
- ☒ Arriving 15 minutes late every day adds up to 2 weeks absence a year
- ☒ Arriving 30 minutes late every adds up to 19 days absence a year

AWARDS

Be the best you can	Callum C
Determination	Erin R
Drama	Eris BT
Effort	Olivia T
	Merryn B
	Hazel S
English	Emily F
Excellence	Millie W
	Hames H
Good Manners	Emily F
Growth Mindset	Hazel B
Helpfulness	Archie H
	Lucy P
Home Learner	Alfie B
Kindness	Nina M
Maths Owl	Anna G
Maths Superstar	Jack K
Phonics	Peter J
Player of the week	Mackenzie P
Positive Attitude	Ellis M
	Meredith T
Progress	Gracie O
	Keira B
	Ryan P
Reading Star	Bethany B
	Hayden W
Role Model	Mia S
School Role Model	Millie S
Star of the week	Eddie S
Thinking	Felix C
Piano Award	Isaac H
Singing Award	Ashton B

Last Friday, we made the most of the opportunity to watch a (bargain price) performance of M&Ms Beauty and the Beast.

SRG's swimmers take the plunge in local qualifiers

On Thursday last week we took two teams of Year 5's and two teams of Year 6's to the Saltash Cluster Swimming Competition to compete for a place in the Cornwall School Games finals in June. The Year 5 boys team of; Charlie V, Ben C, Matthew S & Oliver S swam really well in their heats as did the Year 5 girls team of; Daisy I, Isabella M, Emma D & Poppy C. Many of these swimmers were actually taking part in their first ever swimming competition and I am sure they learnt a lot from the experience.

Our Year 6 boys team of; Jamie D, Tom R, Tom H & Ed were up next and performed to a high standard again with all four competitors finishing either first or second in their races. The girls team of; Ava O'B, Lottie K, Seren W & Merryn B also swam superbly clocking some very fast times. We will be able to update you on our finishing positions when we have received the results in a couple of weeks. My thanks go to Jade for supporting us and also to those parents who helped transport some very tired (and wet) children back to school. I'd also like to say a special thank you to all the children who took part and represented our school so well!

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

30Nov-13Dec	Christmas Tree Festival
Mon 2 Dec	Multi-sports festival, Callington
Wed 4 Dec	Stage Club show
Wed 11 Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas Play
	1.30pm KS1 Christmas Play
	Yr 3: Saltram
Thu 12 Dec	Yr 4: Saltram
	5.45pm KS1 Christmas Play
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Bazaar
Mon 16 Dec	Yr 1: Saltram
Tue 17 Dec	9.30am KS2 Christmas Play
	1.30pm KS2 Christmas Play
	Yr 2: Saltram
Wed 18 Dec	5.45pm KS2 Christmas Play
Thu 19 Dec	KS1 Theatre trip
Fri 20 Dec	Christingle 1.00pm – St Michael's
23Dec-3Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 6 Jan	Inset Day
7-24 Jan	Yr 3: Swimming lessons every day
Thu 16 Jan	KS2 Panto – Theatre
Fri 17 Jan	Sportshall Athletics
	League Run – Cotehele
Fri 7 Feb	League Run – Lanhydrock