



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Club Info

Football Club will not run this Thursday due to the Pantomime.

Parent Hub

There will be no Parent Hub (Thrive) this week, due to the panto trip. The next Hub will be next month.

KS2 Theatre Trip – Cinderella

Pickup time from the theatre trip is 5.30pm. Please come in to school and wait in the hall as this is where the children will be released from.

If you want to collect children from the theatre directly, please contact the office beforehand.

Monday 13th

- Yr 3: Swimming
- Yr 5a: Apple store (pm)

Tuesday 14th

- Yr 3: Swimming

Wednesday 15th

- Yr 3: Swimming
- Yr 4a: Apple store (pm)

Thursday 16th

- Yr 3: Swimming
- KS2 Theatre trip
- Menu Change

Friday 17th

- Yr 3: Swimming
- League Run - Cotehele

- Please make sure that you've paid for theatre trips on ParentPay.

School Admissions – September 2020

The deadline for applying for a school place is **Wednesday 15 January**, so if you have not filled in the County Council online form for places for children starting school in September 2020, please make sure you do this. Please remind others that this is necessary, if you live outside Cornwall, you must apply to that area as well, or you will not be allocated a place.

Lateness

Maths sessions start at our school at 8.55am. Please make sure children are in rooms by 8.50am at the latest so that they are not on a back foot. Lesson pace is important and lessons start promptly.

Children lose confidence if they miss the first instructions and it has an impact on others if all children are not there from the start.

School Uniform

Reminder that winter uniform should be worn and children need their ties and school shoes. PE kits should be in school all week as there can be time table variations.

Menu Change – Thursday 16 January

1. Beef burger
2. Quorn burger
3. Jacket Potato

Census Day – 16 January 2020

We receive all our funding for the KS1 dinners based on the dinners taken on two days. One of these is in October and the other is 16 January. Chartwells have a special meal on that day as a celebration and incentive. It would be really helpful even if your child does not usually have a dinner on that day and they are in Reception, Year 1 or 2 that they have one booked. It is a silly system but if they do not take it on that day we have no funding for all the others they take. This means that we have to take money out of the budget to cover this instead of it being given from a different pot. Last year it cost us several thousand as not everybody who had meals did sign up. If your child does not like the menu on the day sign up and provide an extra snack box for lunchtime as well

PLEASE, PLEASE HELP BY BOOKING A DINNER ON THAT DAY AND PASS THE MESSAGE ON AS NOT EVERYBODY READS THE NEWSLETTER

Free School Meals

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if you (or the child in their own right) are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance.
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an Annual income of less than £16,190.
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- Universal Credit if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

Please note that anyone claiming Working Tax Credit, Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance is NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed.

All Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) pupils are entitled to receive a free school meal as part of the Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) initiative. **HOWEVER, if you are in receipt of any of the benefits listed above which would entitle your child to free school meals anyway, your school will be entitled to claim Pupil Premium funding to support your child's education, just by you completing an application form.**

In order for the school to receive the Pupil Premium funding for your child, you will need to be registered by 14 January 2020 for the School Census – so can we please, please ask you to apply as soon as possible.

The easiest way to apply for free school meals is on line at:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

Paper copies are available from the office.

Clarinet | Flute | Saxophone lessons

If your child would like to learn to play any of the above, please ask in the office as Steve has space for some new learners.

Development of Language

Did you know that during the early years, vocabulary extends at a rapid rate of 50-70 words a week? By the time a child is 5 they should have a vocab of 14,000 words, but recent research has shown that now this can be as low as 9,000 words when the children have not been emerged in books and conversation. It is never too early to talk and read to children.

The number of words known at 5 can correlate to success of children in the future including in adulthood.

This means that it is so important to give every child the best start possible. We are participating in the Oracy Project once again during the next few months. Mrs James and Miss Appleby have already completed this in Plymouth and now three more teachers will undertake training in this important area.

What can you do to develop oracy skills?

Talk to your children and encourage discussions related to topical issues.

Avoid using your phone and directly maintain eye contact - many children tell us nobody is listening, but what they are then explaining is that adults are doing other things, often on phones and not appearing to be interested. Children stop talking.

First hand experiences like walks, visits, playing games, cooking, making, theatre and singing etc. all help extend vocabulary and encourage children to question and talk.

Talk about books and read to them. Choose books that will inspire and help develop language

Use the wow words from our sheet and encourage children to put in sentences orally. Children love long words from early years, tell them the meaning and then keep encouraging their use. Put words into context and try to use them yourself and act out words if appropriate.

Words of the Week

We want to expand this again and get you to use them with children of all ages...

The dell – the valley

Words can be found on unusual words, Oxford Dictionary online – additional word lists.

Friends of School

A huge thank you to the Friends for their work over Christmas, as the money raised will go towards the new canopy area and the surface that has extended all weather lunch provision and outside learning. We need more tables as we want to use some for outside table tennis and have a portable nest. The children have already started this last week. We are also planning a table football league at lunchtimes and I know the Friends are usually keen to help with these purchases.

Due to new commitments of some of the committee we are looking for more people to be involved. I would like every family to offer some support for just one event so that those who have time to attend the meetings can draw upon the list we hold.

Some are the events that need support are:

- Discos to serve and supervise
- Teas at events
- Help with Summer Fayre
- Setting up for events

We will put up a calendar in the same way as the farm rota and ask for contact details so someone can contact you.

We are looking for a treasurer and some new committee members as well, so please consider supporting in this way as well.

The group is vital when the budgets are dwindling and SRG works well when we all do our best to work together. Everybody is busy, but please consider helping with just one activity. Ask a friend and come together to put your name down. Thank you.

Cold Weather

Reminder: any closures will be on the county website and a text will be sent out.

We will remain open whenever possible, but will put staff and pupil safety first.

If it is icy we will do 'meet and greet' so no one has to park and staff will accompany children into the building. Please drive slowly and prepare your child that this is what will happen. The playground will not open for parking when it is extreme.

Accessibility Plan

We are reviewing and updating our school accessibility plan. If you have any ideas about ways we can improve your time in our school, jot them down and post in the red box outside the office. Can I remind you at this point that if you require large size print information, we can easily provide this so please ask. If you need any other modified format we would like to discuss how we can help you receive what you need.

Eden Visit

Current Years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be doing their short overnight residential experience at the Eden Project in the next academic year, staying in the eco pods and undertaking workshops related to Ancient Greece.

Time flies so I wanted to make you aware now that a booking has been made. This will be the second time we will be doing this trip and last time it was very well received by all attendees.

Pilgrim's Progress

We are really looking forward to Oddments Theatre Company coming to school on Monday 27 January. They will be holding workshops for Years 4, 5 and 6 children in the morning and then perform the play in the afternoon.

Reading Books and Awards

Please can you make sure any books or awards lurking in bags, or in bedrooms etc. walk back to school. We have recently purchased some great new books to excite children but some of our well-loved favourites are missing at present! Thank you to Cat for updating and auditing our books over the past few weeks.

Recycle your confectionary tubs

If you have any clean, empty confectionary tubs (Celebrations, Roses, Quality Street etc.) bring them into school as we can send them off to be recycled to help raise money for Dartmoor Zoo. Put them in the big blue wheelie bin in the entrance to school.

AWARDS

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| Accelerated Reader | Nathaniel K |
| Be the best you can | Seren H |
| Courtesy | Ella W |
| Demonstrating Values | Ollie C |
| | Ruby F |
| | Charlie G |
| | Olivia T |
| Effort | Evie G |
| | Mackenzie P |
| | Edmund F |
| | Hazel S |
| | Ryan J |
| English | Ava O |
| | Isla SH |
| Excellence | Finn S |
| | Evie P |
| Growth Mindset | Hope R |
| Helpfulness | Hazel B |
| Home Learner | Peter J |
| Learner of the week | Archie H |
| Literacy | Evelyn G |
| | Leyvyn S |
| Maths Superstar | George G |
| | William B |
| Perseverance | Lacey B |
| | Ruby W |
| Phonics | Evalyn M |
| Positive Attitude | Grace D |
| | Shepherd W |
| Progress | Gracie N |
| | Daisy HH |
| | Oscar L |
| Reader of the Week | Tilly G |
| Reading Progress | Beth B |
| Reading Star | Rosie S |
| | Joshua G |
| Resilience | Callum C |
| | Rebecca J |
| Role Model | Eddie S |
| School Ambassador | Mawgan T |
| Science Progress | Seren W |
| Spelling Bee | Ed P |
| Super Mathlete | Tom W |
| Writer of the week | James S |
| Piano Award | Kamora K |
| Singing Award | Sienna B |

Farm Feeding

When feeding the pigs and poultry on the school farm, please do not feed them kitchen scraps: The Animal and Plant Health Agency is warning farmers and smallholders not to feed catering or kitchen waste to livestock such as pigs and poultry, even if they are being kept as pets. It remains illegal to feed catering waste, kitchen scraps, meat or meat products to farmed animals. This is to prevent the introduction and spread of potentially devastating notifiable animal diseases, such as African and Classical Swine Fever, and Foot and Mouth disease. These diseases cause significant animal health and welfare problems and damage to the economy.

Landrake Community Cafe

Thursday 16th January - 8.45 til 12
Come and join us after school drop off
It's a great place to get together

Church... but not as you know it!

Sunday 19th January at Landrake Chapel
Come and join us at 10.30 for coffee and croissants followed by a fun, interactive, all age service.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

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| Mon 20 Jan | Yr 5b: Apple Store visit (music) |
| Wed 22 Jan | Yr 4b: Apple Store visit (music) |
| | Youth Speaks |
| Thu 23 Jan | Cake Sale (Hillside) |
| Mon 27 Jan | Yr 3: Apple Store visit (music) |
| Thu 30 Jan | Yr 6: Apple Store visit (music) |
| Tue 4 Feb | Able Writers – Bishop Cornish |
| Fri 7 Feb | League Run – Lanhydrock |
| 17-21 Feb | Half Term |
| Thu 27 Feb | Cake Sale |
| Mon 2 Mar | Swimming Gala |
| Tue 3 Mar | Grass Track Cycling (practice) |
| Wed 4 Mar | Grass Track Cycling (comp) |
| Fri 6 Mar | League Run – Bake Lakes |
| Tue 10 Mar | Touch rugby – Bishop Cornish |
| Fri 13 Mar | Landrake Run |
| Fri 20 Mar | Friends' Family Quiz Night |
| Wed 25 Mar | Songfest |
| Fri 27 Mar | Easter Service |
| 30Mar-13Apr | Easter Holidays |
| 25-29 May | Half Term |