



This week...

Wed 4 Nov Yr 5: Pentillie
Thu 5 Nov Menu Change

Next week...

Tue 10 Nov Yr 3: Pentillie
Wed 11 Nov Yr 4: Pentillie

Menu Change – Thursday 5 November

- Option 1: Pork hot dog with wedges
- Option 2: Quorn hot dog with wedges
- Option 3: Jacket Potato



Face Coverings

With immediate effect, please wear face coverings when dropping children off and collecting them from school. Staff will be wearing face shields. Thank you.

Nasal Flu Vaccinations – 18th November

Please log in and complete the form whether you would like your children to have the immunisation or not.

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

School Code: EE137257

Apple Juice

We have had the apples from the trees in the school grounds pressed into cloudy apple juice. The juice costs £3 per bottle and can be paid for on ParentPay. Any juice ordered before 3pm will be taken to the car park each day to collect alongside children.

School Council Request

Please could we have any empty shoe boxes, so we can make a class shoe box – more info will follow as items for shoe box will need to be in school by Wednesday 11th November.

Uniform and Temperature

Now that the weather is not helping us during the pandemic, we are constantly looking for solutions about classroom temperatures and the need for ventilation. We know we need to have air circulating, so that means the doors and windows need to be open most of the time. We do not want cold children or staff, so the balance is always the issue.

Please make sure that children have a coat in school for outside use every day.

Apart from PE days when the children should wear school PE Kit and school hoodies, (please note that this can include black joggers to keep legs warm) winter uniform should be worn after half term. A school fleece can be worn on top of school jumpers to provide an additional layer, and if needed base layers or warm vests etc. under their school shirts.

Winter Uniform

Girls:

White shirt, school tie, jumper or cardigan with school logo along with a green skirt or pinafore, green tights or black trousers and black shoes (not trainers).

Boys:

White shirt, school tie, jumper with school logo along with grey trousers, grey socks and black shoes (not trainers).

Staff Hoodies

We have invested in new staff hoodies as part of our risk assessment for trips and visits and to help with warmth during the drop off and collection duties.

Sad staff news

I am sad to inform you that Mr Hambly will be moving back to his hometown in January and we will lose his expertise. As one of our successful school direct students, it has been great to see him develop over the years share his talents with us. The school anthem will provide us with long lasting memory. However, we will be making the most of his time and expertise with us this half term.

I am pleased that Mark and his family will be close to their extended family even if it will be a loss for us.

Working in Bubbles

As you know we have class bubbles, so for us the children work in different ways than normal. One sad thing is that the older children do not have as much to do with the younger ones and cannot mix at lunch times. Hopefully when things improve we will be able to do this once again. We know that it can be difficult for some children as they have to spend all the hours they are at school with their class and no other children. Before half term we were finding that the children were less tolerant of each other's foibles and could irritate each other. This happens when tiredness kicks in at the end of long half terms normally, but without the option of separating and giving space it was more obvious. Hopefully now rested the children will be more settled once again.

Our PHSME is going to focus on celebrating our uniqueness and we are promoting our Kindness Elves and Friendship. We will be giving Cool to be Kind cards and badges to those who consistently demonstrate our school values. Structured times are never a problem but when children have free time, we will be asking children to nominate others who give support to those who need it. There are always plenty of adults in the class bubble for any concerns to be shared, and we are encouraging anything to be highlighted so it can be addressed. One of the things we know is that wide friendship groups work best in bubbles - girls having plenty of friends who are girls and boys and boys playing with both larger groups of girls and boys works well. We are actively discouraging girlfriend-boyfriend relationships and tell children that they have plenty of time for this in the future, as the upset this causes and the time needed to sort things out is immense.

In the free play times a wide range of playground equipment will be ready for each bubble and already Year 3 have an active skipping group. We know that physical activity is good and a focus gives all children the option to join in.

School Photos – Friday 13 November TBC

If you would like the photographer to take sibling photos, please contact us by email: admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk
We will do our best to have the sibling photos taken but only if we've had a request. We will not have photos taken with siblings not in school.

Christmas

This year every class will work on a new Christmas musical that they will perform during the last few weeks. We will be following the guidance available at that time, but we hope we will be able to invite small audiences into school to watch socially distanced performances. It would be a real shame for children not to enjoy some of the highlights, and Christmas plays are a tradition. We will publish arrangements closer to Christmas and if the worst comes to it, we will film and put on google classroom.

Kindness - Children Standing Out Well done

Ethan and Holly sold apples from their garden and donated money to the children of Hillside.
Eliza F - started a facetime reading group to motivate and encourage children to read a different style of book.
William F - donated pocket money to Hillside to support the orphans.
Georgina H - has given her own money and then asked her parents to top it up so that it was another to pay fees for a term for one of the children in Hillside.

Parental Consultations

Thank you for your support during the meetings, I am pleased we were able to talk even if not face to face on this occasion. There has been so much to celebrate as the children have been great over the past few weeks and it was good for you to see their progress to date. Remember you can always contact teachers through email and I will always respond to emails or phone if you have any queries or concerns. Our open-door policy and desire to do our best for every child remains the same.

Projects

Please send in the projects that children completed during lockdown. We will quarantine them and then share them so their efforts can be celebrated and awarded

Accelerated Reader

Please encourage children to read as much as possible. We have new badges to motivate during by celebrating $\frac{1}{4}$ million, $\frac{1}{2}$ million, $\frac{3}{4}$ million and quiz progress, as well as millionaire badges.

Reading is the key to improve all English work.

Reading and Phonics

We use Phonics Bug and have had great success with the delivery of phonic sessions. We now have many new books so children will have a fully decodable book from this scheme when they are learning to read. In addition, we will also send home other books so that they can practice sight words, read and share other books with adults or older siblings. Our school is full of books and we hope to foster a love for reading.

Most recently we have purchased some reading rockets that follow the phonics bug order and will supplement that scheme. Children can access phonics bug books online as well. The government has suggested that current Year 2 children can take their phonics assessment shortly instead of waiting until the summer because it was not taken last June. Cat has been supplementing activities to support children in Year 2 this term so far. After this set of assessments, Year 2 parents will receive the score, if children have met the target then they will not need to complete this in the summer. If they still need support, this will continue. Cat will then work with some of the Year 1 children to make sure that they are confident and secure.

Google Classroom

Thank you to all those that have responded to my email with reference to Google Classroom. If you have not responded as yet, please do so. If you have not received an email please let me know.

Thank you, Izzy

Accelerated Reader

Well done to everyone who has quizzed so far, our whole school word count is: 26,761,953. Who school total books read: 2,913.

AR Class Word Count – year to date

Year 2	1,321,111
Year 3	1,875,818
Year 4	7,784,187
Year 5	6,296,347
Year 6	9,267,780

Top 5 Word Counts last week

Year 2	William S
Year 3	James S
Year 4	Ben Ch
Year 5	Sienna B
Year 6	Kate B

Good Progress

Year 2	Max C
Year 3	Freddie M
Year 4	Adam C
Year 5	Millie B-C
Year 6	Zak C

1/4 Million

Rebecca J, Joseph A, Stanley D, Connor P, Matthew S

3/4 Million

Millie J

1 Million

Ruby C

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Harvest

Thank you all for your kind donations, the local church is distributing the food to local families in need and donating any other bits to the local food bank.



Dates for your Diary

Wed 4 Nov	Yr 5: Pentillie visit
Tue 10 Nov	Yr 3: Pentillie visit
Wed 11 Nov	Yr 4: Pentillie visit
Fri 13 Nov	Individual School Photos
Mon 16 Nov	Yr 6: Pentillie visit
Thu 19 Nov	Cake Sale
Wed 18 Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisation
21 Dec – 1 Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 4 Jan	Inset Day
Thu 21 Jan	Cake Sale
15-19 Feb	Half Term
Thu 25 Feb	Cake Sale
Thu 18 Mar	Cake Sale
1-16 Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon 3 May	Bank Holiday
Thu 20 May	Cake Sale
31 May – 4 Jun	Half Term
Thu 17 Jun	Cake Sale
Fri 23 Jul	Inset Day
26 July	Summer Holidays

School Council

The School Council met at the end of October to discuss the United Nations' 'Rights of a Child' and how we can make adults and pupils, alike, aware of the importance of these.

Each class will create and display a 'Class Charter' by the end of November which will pledge to uphold these rights.

Some of the most important rights in our school are:

I have the right to an education (article 28).

I have the right to relax and play (article 31).

I have the right to clean water (article 24).

I have the right to nutritious food (article 24).

I have the right to privacy (article 16).

I have the right to say what I think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect me (article 12).

We will also be collecting items for the Samaritan's Purse 'Christmas Shoe Box Appeal' National Collection Week is 9-16 November.



<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

Each class will collect items to make their own class shoe box(es).

The School Council will oversee this within each class 😊

If you have any empty shoe boxes you could kindly donate and any **small** items (toys, books, games etc. that could help fill a shoe box)

Items to be in by November 11th.

Thank you for your support.

Miss A and the School Council