



## This week...

Tue 10 Nov Yr 3: Pentillie  
Wed 11 Nov Yr 4: Pentillie  
Thu 12 Nov Mufti Day (Children in Need)  
Fri 13 Nov Individual Photos (Tempest)

## Next week...

Mon 16 Nov Yr 6: Pentillie  
Wed 18 Nov Nasal Flu Immunisations

### Nasal Flu Vaccinations – 18<sup>th</sup> 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

### School Photos – Friday 13 November

If you would like the photographer to take sibling photos, please contact us by email:

[admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto: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.

### School Dinners

The cost of school dinners has risen to £2.34 for this academic year (from £2.30). School dinners can be paid for (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) on ParentPay.

If you have two or more children in KS2 who have school meals, you will receive a refund of 30p each for the days that both have a school dinner.

Also, if your child/ren has a school dinner every day, you will be refunded for Friday's meal *if your lunch account on ParentPay is in credit.*

On the new menu that was sent home before half-term (if you don't have one, please inform the office and we'll get one home to you), the 'daily fave' of a tomato pasta pot will not be available. Also, the vegetarian option will be Quorn Roast every Wednesday, not the options written on the menu.

### Collection Times Reminder

3.30pm Reception  
3.35pm Year 1  
3.40pm Year 2  
3.45pm Year 3  
3.50pm Year 4  
3.55pm Year 5  
4.00pm Year 6  
4.30pm Those who need to stay for childcare will stay in their year group bubbles but be based in the Qube, so that they are close by.

### Support Bubbles

If someone different is collecting your child/ren, please could you let us know – so we are aware of your support bubbles (eg. single-person or childcare support bubbles). Thank you.

### Wraparound Care

For wraparound care, please contact and book directly with Pre-School: 01752 851343.

### Friends of SRG AGM

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm via Zoom

All are welcome

Zoom invitation details will be published in the newsletter on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.

### Admissions

If you know of children who will be starting school in 2021 and may be interested in a place, please let us know so we can make sure they receive a pack.

### Apple Juice

Sir Robert Geffery's School Cloudy Apple Juice would certainly make a unique Christmas present. They can be ordered and paid for through ParentPay.

### Lockdown

I know that this lockdown will be difficult for many and we would like to support in any we can. Please let us know of any circumstances that could affect the children or if there is any help you feel we can give.

Please help us keep everybody safe by wearing masks on the school site and when you drop off or collect. Only get out of cars if really necessary. We are trialling different face protection for staff at present to help keep them as safe as possible while in work, following guidance we receive daily.

We update our risk assessments regularly and review systems, often daily. As you can imagine, staffing and organising a school is a complex business especially when the weather is changing and space is more restricted. We take our responsibilities very seriously and every decision made is reviewed and tweaked if things can be improved. I know that we all long for a vaccine that will enable us to return to more normality, however we have also gained some great new skills and systems that will also be incorporated in the future.

Thank you for your ongoing support and encouragement - it is not the easiest time for anybody at the moment. It is only by working together that we can make sure that we keep one another safe and enable our children to receive the best opportunities we can offer.

### Pentillie Visits

We were so fortunate to be able to take the children to Pentillie to enjoy time off site. A walk, a picnic and time to learn more about the natural world was of such benefit to the children last week. Of course, the weather helped for Year 5 as well. This week Years 3 and 4 have the same opportunity and Year 6 go next week.

Very kindly, the Coryton family have offered us the opportunity to go and use the grounds during the next few weeks. Therefore, we plan to take the younger year groups as well.

We are so fortunate to be supported by so many and have staff who work hard to plan a variety of learning to aid academic progress and positive well-being.

### Remote Learning

If children are in quarantine and families are isolating, the expectation is that they access the lessons and complete them on google classroom. Books can be collected from school. We need to know that children are off and reasons for this, so teachers are aware of recording needs. If you need to borrow a laptop or chrome book this can be arranged, as we do not want any more gaps developing.

Our staff are working hard both on and off site. Staff having to quarantine are working from home and are supporting groups and listening to readers via google meet and videoing lessons so that children can access high-quality inputs. Everybody has learned new skills and we are being as creative as possible.

As a headteacher I am so fortunate to have such a strong and versatile team who constantly find solutions to the challenges we face. Being a teaching school with great students, training amazing apprentices and having strong teaching assistants, all guided and supported by talented class teachers has helped us successfully staff our bubble system. Every member of the classroom team are playing their part to support both remote learning and classroom learning.

Lessons and phonic sessions that have been recorded are kept so that we can use them for interventions or for individual children or small groups to access as part of any booster work.

If there was ever a time that we had to close again, or have a bubble working from home we would be able to lend chrome books, that the children know how to use, so that they could have a full day of lessons that they could access.

Obviously having access to the education sites we use in school and for home all the time also helps continuity and a consistent approach.

Children should have logins for:

Education city                      Purple Mash  
Mymaths                                Mathletics  
Accelerated reader (Year 2 upwards)  
Phonics bug (Reception - Year 2)  
TT rockstars

We have been working hard to get to this point, but I hope that we do not have to use this system except for individuals or general home learning tasks.

### Reading

With lockdown, dark evenings and winter weather please make reading part of the routine. Quizzing Accelerated Reader books and increasing word counts motivates children and more importantly supports many aspects of their learning. We have so many books in school, nobody will run out. Teachers are suggesting different texts so that children experience a range, and many classes have group texts. Listening to story CDs and following in books, or just enjoying a story is also totally acceptable and can be quizzed.

Some grandparents and family members have been reading stories over facetime when they cannot see children face to face, giving time to busy parents before bedtime. If children get into reading and books their vocabulary grows and their language develops. It helps all aspects of English but is key to every subject and life. Many children tell us they do not have time, but then list the films they watch and their computer game time. Please guide them into a regular reading slot or find a way to share and encourage books it will be a gift for life!

### Uniform

If you require new school uniform, please contact the office. There is a uniform order form on the website (which has sizes and prices):

<http://www.sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Uniform-Order-Form-June-2019.pdf>

Unfortunately, due to high demand we are currently unable to supply fleeces in sizes 7-8 and 9-10.

However, My Clothing have stock on their website, available to order directly: <https://myclothing.com/>

### Asthma

If your child has asthma, please contact us via email at:

[admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk)

We are updating our asthma register and have a simple form that we need you to complete.

Thank you.

### Accelerated Reader

Well done to everyone who has quizzed so far, our whole school word count is: 30,486,827. Whole school total books read: 3,267.

#### AR Class Word Count – year to date

Year 2	1,560,583
Year 3	2,070,982
Year 4	8,783,044
Year 5	7,252,083
Year 6	10,819,672

#### Top 5 Word Counts last week

Year 2	Shepherd W
Year 3	Seb H
Year 4	Finley S
Year 5	Alfie B
Year 6	Darcie C

#### Good Progress

Year 2	Charlie T
Year 3	Bonnie B
Year 4	Katy B
Year 5	JJ H
Year 6	Ben C

#### 1/4 Million

Ryan J	Leyla C	Eliza F
Ben C	William R	George K

#### 1/2 Million

Finley S	Riley B	Ed S
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#### 1 Million

Ethan F

### Thank you

Over half term, Alfie, William and Henry made jars of chutney to raise funds for Hillside school. Inspired by Henry's Year 1 classmates, they collected the last of the green tomatoes from the school farm before they were rotten, plus a bag of apples from a neighbour, and made 14 jars of chutney, which they sold to friends.

### Well Done

Tilly K in Year 2 has volunteered (with parents) to be a Litter Ranger and has adopted her street. Saltash Environmental Group (SEA) has just launched Litter Rangers, in which volunteers adopt their local streets and undertake to pick up any litter they see.

### Well Done

Well done to Axel and Theo who both participated in a crowdfunding video to raise funds for their swimming club, Plymouth Leander.

### Music Awards

Piano	Isla S-H
Singing	Tilly K



### Mufti Day – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November

Children can wear mufti on this day – please remember to bring in a monetary donation so we can donate as a school to this cause.

### Dates for your Diary

Mon 16 Nov	Yr 6: Pentillie visit
We 18 Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisation
Mon 7 Dec	6pm - Friends AGM via Zoom
21 Dec – 1 Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 4 Jan	Inset Day
Thu 21 Jan	Cake Sale (TBC)
15-9 Feb	Half Term
Thu 25 Feb	Cake Sale (TBC)
Thu 18 Mar	Cake Sale (TBC)
1-16 Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon 3 May	Bank Holiday
Thu 20 May	Cake Sale (TBC)
31 May – 4 Jun	Half Term
Thu 17 Jun	Cake Sale (TBC)
Fri 23 Jul	Inset Day
26 July	Summer Holidays