



## This week...

Thu 10 Dec 6pm - Friends (virtual) AGM  
Fri 11 Dec Reception Christmas Play

## Next week...

Mon 14 Dec Christmas Plays Yrs 1-6  
Tue 15 Dec Christmas Plays Yrs 1-6  
Wed 16 Dec Christmas Plays Yrs 1-6  
School Christmas Lunch  
Thu 17 Dec am – Online Christmas Panto  
pm – Class parties  
Fri 18 Dec Class Christingles

### Friends of SRG – AGM – 6pm Thursday 10th

The AGM this year will be online, please follow  
this link: <https://meet.google.com/thy-zjfe-tes>  
Agenda to follow.

### Christmas Plays

This is a very different Christmas and having seven different plays across the school is certainly keeping us all busy. The children are gaining a lot from working together to put together a performance. Obviously, it will look very different, but we know children will gain in confidence from this opportunity. We will use external hall doors for entry and exit.

#### Parking and Collection of children

2-3pm: ready for collection at 3.15pm – children can be taken home, along with their siblings.  
3-4pm: ready for collection at 4.15pm - siblings can stay until this point.  
4-5pm: ready for collection at 5.15pm – siblings can stay.

Please park in the village and walk to the school as we need to keep the roads clear near school.

To help us avoid congestion, stagger times for those days:

#### Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

Rec: 3.30pm Yr 3: 3.35pm  
Yr 4: 3.40pm Yr 5: 3.45pm Yr 6: 3.50pm

#### Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

Rec: 3.30pm Yr 1: 3.35pm Yr 2: 3.40pm  
Yr 5: 3.45pm Yr 6: 3.50pm

### Class Christmas Parties

Please could you send food donations for the school parties in on Monday.

This year we are asking for shop bought/ packaged food.

This can include...

Blocks of cheese Carrot batons  
Cucumbers Dips  
Crisps Biscuits etc  
Cakes etc Fruit

any other party food that you think suitable.

We will quarantine it and then distribute to all classes.

Children can come wearing Christmas or bright clothing on that day.

### School places – September 2022

We will have school places available in next year's Reception class as it is a low birth year again in our area. So many people have said to me that they did not put Sir Robert Geffery's down because they did not think they would get a place. Unfortunately, this is resulting in us having spaces. It makes budget decisions more difficult if we are not full. As a successful school we receive less funding than most in Cornwall which is ironic, a few years ago we were in the lowest ten funded primary schools! We do make our money go a long way but need to be full if possible.

We are putting together a Facebook page as we know that parents are using this to find schools at present, however we know word of mouth is really effective.

We need you to help us by talking to parents who have children of this age. If people visit, they tend to book a place. Please encourage the people to ring and meet us.

The deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### 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
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- 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)

If your child is eligible for free school meals, they'll remain eligible until they finish the phase of schooling (primary or secondary) they're in on 31 March 2022.

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 20 January 2021 for the School Census.**

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

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Or ask for a paper copy from Debbie in the School Office.

### Accelerated Reader

Well done to everyone who has quizzed so far, our whole school word count is: 41,891,658. Whole school total books read: 4,967.

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

Year 2	2,233,145
Year 3	2,722,773
Year 4	10,854,159
Year 5	10,568,356
Year 6	15,211,258

#### Top 5 Word Counts last week

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

#### Good Progress

Year 2	Tilly C	Year 3	Jacob R
Year 4	Dougie B	Year 5	Connor P
Year 6	Evie P		

¼ Million Seb H Dougie B

½ Million Evie P

¾ Million Kate B

### Mathletics

#### Gold Certificates achieved since start of term:

Year 1	Lowenna H (1)
Year 2	Sam G (1)
Year 4	Leyla C (2)
	Merryn H (2)
	Jake K (1)
	Ethan F (7)
	Lois G (1)
Year 5	Joseph A (4)
	Stanley D (4)
	William Bd. (3)
	Sienna B (7)
	JJ H (1)
	Lola O-B (5)
	Libby P (4)
	Mia S (3)
	Ed S (3)
Year 6	Jasper K (1)
	William R (3)

### Next Term's Topics

KS1 Oodles of Noodles (Asia)  
KS2 Ancient Egypt and Macbeth

### Purple Mash

All children have access to this and within it are some great computing tools. One really useful one is 2type where children are taught to type and become familiar with the keyboard. There also some good coding activities.

### Wanted

Any board games you no longer want/play with – for wet break times. Thank you.

### Music Awards

Piano award Alice Gurney  
Singing award Katie Phillips



### School Dinner Menu

In the 'Daily Faves' part of the menu, we only have the Jacket Potato option on a daily basis, not the Tomato Pasta.

### FREE FOOD IN SALTASH

The Community Fridge at No. 4 Fore Street is open **Tuesdays and Fridays** at 2-4pm and on a **Saturday** from 10-12.

Lots of food which would have gone to waste, including fresh produce, eggs and baked goods which come in on the day. Plenty to make a meal. Please pop down and take what you need. It is food for sharing, not landfill. Limited to 6 items per person.

### Saltash Library Hub

#### Christmas Library Drawing Competition

Prizes to be won for the best colouring, drawing, painting or sticker Christmas picture.

Under 5's, 5-8 years and 9-11 years.

Judged by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Last day for entry at the Library is Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Look online at Saltash Library Hub facebook page for prize details.

### Dates for your Diary

21 Dec – 1 Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 4 Jan	Inset Day
Thu 21 Jan	Cake Sale (TBC)
15-19 Feb	Half Term
Thu 25 Feb	Cake Sale (TBC)
Thu 18 Mar	Cake Sale (TBC)
2-16 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

# Sports Update

## Year 4 Hockey

### **Kinvig triumph in competition that was too close to call!**

Our final inter-house hockey tournament took place last week with all four teams performing brilliantly, in what was a very closely fought competition. The children took part in skills challenges, a dribbling relay and 5-minute matches. There were some fantastic individual and team performances throughout the competition and bonus points were awarded for sportsmanship, teamwork and individual excellence.

The games were keenly contested with three of the four teams winning matches. There were great individual performances in the matches from Dougie, Harris, Katy, Bodhi, William, Ava, Arthur and Jacob.

The match results were as follows:

Hawes 0, Kinvig 3	Tamblyn 0, Brewer 2
Hawes 0, Brewer 1	Tamblyn 1, Kinvig 0
Hawes 1, Tamblyn 1	Brewer 1, Kinvig 0.

The dribbling competition saw Kinvig come 1st, Brewer 2nd, Tamblyn 3rd and Hawes were 4th. Bonus points went to Penny for this part of the competition. The final challenge was the ball juggling challenge where Kinvig were again 1st, Tamblyn came 2nd, Brewer 3rd and Hawes 4th. Star jugglers were Aaron, William, Bodhi, Ryan, Dougie and Sophie who all secured bonus points for their teams.

So when all the points were totalled, the results were as follows: Hawes 13 points, Tamblyn 19 points, Brewer 21 points and Kinvig 22 points. Well done to everyone who tried their absolute hardest throughout the whole competition.

## Gym Fit Success for Years 1, 2, 3 and 4

With the latest lockdown putting pay to inter-school sports competitions for this half term, Active Cornwall have been sending us virtual challenges to take part in.

Last week Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 took part in the 'Gym Fit' competition. This competition involved children doing six separate individual fitness-based activities; mountain climbers, skipping, star jumps, squats, jump twists and frog jumps. The children did each activity for a minute and teams consisted of four pupils. Their scores were recorded and emailed to Active Cornwall, who collated results from over 30 different primary schools in Cornwall.

The results were stunning for our teams.

Year 1: Team 1 came in 2nd place, Team 2 was 4th, and Team 3 was 8th.

Year 2: Team 1 came in 1st place, Team 2 was 8th and team 3 was 14th.

Year 3: Team 1 came in 1st place and Team 2 was 11th.

Year 4: Team 1 came in 1st place, Team 2 was 7th and Team 3 was 15th.

Thanks to Mr Yeoman and Miss Townsend who supported the children in Years 3 and 4 to access the events and to Dani, Kim and Emily who helped support Year 1 and Year 2.

Well done SRG!!!