



Newsletter No. 806 20th September 2021

This Week: Please return any consent forms yet to be sent back to the office

CLUBS INFORMATION:		WHO TO CONTACT:		
		For ICT queries , contact Izzy at: homelearning@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk For anything else , contact Tamsyn and Lauren at: admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk		
Monday 20th	Tuesday 21st	Wednesday 22nd	Thursday 23rd	Friday 24th
• Yr 4: Mt Edgcumbe	•	•	•	• Eucharist

Year 6 Responsibilities		Brewer House Captains	Edie C Samuel M
Head Boy	Alfie B		
Deputies	Zac J Eddie S	Hawes House Captains	Lacey B William D
Head Girl	Keira B		
Deputies	Sienna B Lola-Bo O-R	Kinvig House Captains	Gracie O Joshua G Nathaniel K
Eco Committee Chairs	Ewan G Molly T	Tamblyn House Captains	Isla S-H Connor P
School Games Captains	Effie S Joseph A	Pre-School Prefects	William B Ethan B Erin R Bea T Tom W
Worship & Ethos Prefect	Florence W		
ICT Prefect	Seb Y		
Farm Prefect	Isaac B	Reception Prefects	Millie B-C Fleur B Libby P Lucy P
Office Prefect	Mia S		
		Year 1 Prefects	Stanley D JJ H

Confirmation

On Wednesday 17th November we will be hosting a confirmation service at our school. If you are interested in your child preparing for this

and being confirmed, please let Mrs Curtis know at: head@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk and we will arrange for this to happen.

Thank you

Thank you for all the support and positive messages we have received over the first few weeks back. Many people are under so much pressure, especially if you have to negotiate the Tamar Bridge. The extra 15 minutes we have built into our stagger in the morning is really helping – please remember that if your children are in before 8.20am they go to one of our morning clubs - classrooms start opening at 8.30am. Handwashing and time to walk to the room is built in for all. Please do not drop off before 7.45am as staff need to open up the clubs and we need children to be received into the room.

Staff are all working hard making sure that the good learning behaviours and routines are established. Please make sure that you can access the google classroom as it is a good way to communicate with staff and photos from trips etc. are often held there for you to see.

Drop offs

I know that the mornings are now working more smoothly so thank you for your support with this. Mrs Hawkings' children can be dropped off from 8.25am in the bottom car park but will need to come to the top carpark if earlier.

Collection

Clubs have helped and it is great to see some parents once again. Please do think carefully about where you park and make sure that tractors and vans can still pass through. Please do not use the residents parking opposite the school entrance or block driveways.

Last week I received several calls about rudeness from parents and residents alike - I even had upset staff which is very unusual. We work really hard to develop positive relationships and encourage children to be polite and courteous at all times - so many visitors or external organisations comment upon how our children stand out.

Please stop and think, however tired or irritable you are feeling, try to remain positive and help us by treating others with the respect that they rightly deserve.

How we try to help and listen

I do not know of another primary school where children can join clubs from 7.45am and stay until 4.30pm without a cost implication. At SRG the governors have prioritised this as they know how difficult childcare is to find in the mornings and that an easy smooth transition helps family life and the children's learning. We want to support families especially at a time that some are feeling financial strain or suffering with anxiety.

Clubs

We know that it is not always easy to give children opportunities to experience extra-curricular activities. We have a very comprehensive offer and I know it is one thing that staff missed last year. If your child is not signed up for anything, please have a look as there is something for everyone. A huge thank you must go to staff who share their talents and expertise with the children.

TIS

Mrs Jones is available to support parents and children - we know this was really appreciated last year.

We have several trained practitioners who are meeting with children and supporting them in a variety of different ways. The feedback from this over the past years has made sure that we have prioritised the hours again this year. Nobody knows what is round the next corner and knowing that there is someone with the time and specific skills to support children is vital.

Accelerated Reader

We have purchased more licences so all Year 2 children can access from the beginning of the year and Year 1 children can gain access as they gain the fluency and maturity to cope.

What will my child be learning this term and how can I help them?

Vocabulary and language is so important. To help children learn new words and key information about the topics they are learning, we will be publishing knowledge organisers in different forms. They will be on both google classroom and the school website. Paper copies will be shared in classrooms. This will hopefully allow children to revise and come back to the learning through the weeks ahead.

Lynher Visit

Year 5 and 6 were really fortunate to enjoy warm sunny days at Mount Edgecumbe learning about the Lynher barge and undertaking marine and STEM workshops. This opportunity was funded by a lottery grant that the organisation received. It fitted in so well with our Victorian topic and so much good learning took place. All the staff were so complimentary about the engagement, behaviour and knowledge of the children. They were a pleasure to take and a credit to you.



Saturday Farm Rota

If you are able to come and help out with feeding the animals on our school farm every now and then, we have a rota for Saturday feeding. Please complete the form here:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Event Code: baxw8

Uniform

We are low on stock of school uniform so please bear with us, we have ordered more and will contact those who are awaiting items once we have them.

Friends of Sir Robert Geffery's School (PTA)

As it has been a long and difficult time, we have not been able to gain from the support of this vital organisation. The fundraising over the past years has helped us to purchase chrome books, replace the trim trail and benefit from outside classroom spaces. A wide variety of resources that teachers want are also purchased through this funding.

However, we also find it is a good way to help parents to meet others and we are always open to new ideas for social events as well.

School discos, summer fair, Christmas Shopping and Gala evenings are a few of the successful events organised. Tea towels, Christmas cards and the school uniform shop have also been overseen by the Friends.

An easy way to support the Friends is through the 100 Club where for £2 a month you can support the school easily and also have a chance of winning money each month.

Even if you cannot commit yourself to attending meetings, pledging your help for one event does mean that there is a bank of people who can be relied upon.

In order to work out the best way forward, please could you complete the google form: <https://forms.gle/1wtNeiux9QzDPc8J7>

Admissions 2022

Please remind anyone whose child is due to start school in September next year to complete the County's online form. If they would like to come and visit Sir Robert Geffery's please suggest that they ring to make an appointment.

Choir Practice

Choir practice will be on a Thursday at 12.45pm in Mrs Suckling's room.

Lost Property

Next school shoes, size 1 with Velcro straps – if found, please hand in to the office.

AWARDS

Be the Best You Can	Bethany C	Kindness	Georgina H
Class Helpfulness	Charlie D	Maths	Isla SH
	Keira B		William S
	Mia S		Ryan P
Class Role Model	Maia B		Kezia W
Courtesy	Ophelia K		Millie S
Demonstrating Values	Zac J	Needlecraft	Hector M
	Esme H		Bodhi W
	Emily F	Perseverance	Aiden G
	Zara B	Positive Attitude	Ella W
Eco	Ethan H	Reading	Ruby C
English	Gwen H		Brooke G
Excellence	Rose S		Ethan H
	Peter J	Resilience	Caleb C
	George R		Lily WP
Friendship	Elodie C		James H
	Lacey B	Science	Seb H
	Ethan Br	Spelling	Cai C
Good Learning	JJ H	Star of the Week	Bethany Y
	Josh G		Eris BT
	William B		Katie P
	Josh P	Thinking	Alfie N
	Alfie B		Sam R
	Jacob R		Ruan H
	Nina M	Writer of the Week	Lyra C
Good Manners	Mimi C		
Growth Mindset	Bethany N		
	Jake K	Piano Award	Jake K
	Imogen P	Singing Award	Francesca A
	Ember H		

Exciting Staff News

We are excited to be able to share with you that Mr and Mrs Clark are expecting a new baby towards Easter next year. This will be a little brother or sister for Charlie who is 3. Congratulations to all of them.

Mathletics

Congratulations to those children who achieved Mathletics gold certificates this summer: Kezia W and Katie P - 1st, Simeon R and Lois G - 2nd, Bea T - 5th, Ashton B - 6th.

Accelerated Reader

Whole school wordcount: 8,998,376
Total books read to date: 578

Class wordcount: (year to date)

Year 2 213,332
Year 3 2,398,578
Year 4 1,281,500
Year 5 3,716,194
Year 6 2,009,551

Top 5 wordcounts (last week)

Year 2 Bethany N
Year 3 Tilly C
Year 4 Alice G
Year 5 Ben C
Year 6 Ed S

Dates for your Diary

Mon 27 Sep	Yr 3: Mt Edgcumbe
Tue 5 Oct	Yr 5: Mt Edgcumbe
Wed 6 Oct	Yr 6: Tamar Trails
Thu 7 Oct	Yr 1: Hearing Screening
Fri 8 Oct	9.15am Harvest Festival
Tue 12 Oct	Yr 6: Mt Edgcumbe
Wed 13 Oct	Yr 5: Tamar Trails
18-22 Oct	Swimming Catch-up
Tue 19 Oct	Parent Consultations
Wed 20 Oct	Parent Consultations
25-29 Oct	Half Term
Mon 1 Nov	Inset Day
Wed 17 Nov	Individual School Photos
	Confirmation Service
Friday 3 Dec	After school clubs finish
20Dec – 3Jan	Christmas Holidays
Tue 4 Jan	Inset Day
Wed 5 Jan	Inset Day
21 – 25 Feb	Half Term
11-22 Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon 2 May	Bank Holiday
30May-3Jun	Half Term
Fri 10 Jun	Inset Day
Tue 26 Jul	Last day of term
Wed 27 Jul	Summer Holidays