



**This Week:**

<p><b>CLUBS INFORMATION:</b></p> <p>When the weather is not favourable for outdoor clubs, we transfer them inside and the club lead will organise an activity for the children.</p>		<p><b>WHO TO CONTACT:</b></p> <p>For <b>ICT queries</b>, contact Izzy at: <a href="mailto:homelearning@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk">homelearning@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk</a> For <b>anything else</b>, contact Tamsyn and Lauren at: <a href="mailto:admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk">admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk</a></p>		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>
•	•	• Yr 6: Tamar Trails	• Yr 1: Hearing Screening • Menu Change	• Harvest Festival • Menu Change

**Menu Change – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October**

- 1: Beef burger – chips, beans and sweetcorn
- 2: Veggie hot dog – chips, beans and sweetcorn
- No Option 3 on this day

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

- 1: Steak pasty with wedges
- 2: Quorn dippers with wedges
- 3: Jacket Potato

**Farm Rota**

The rota for people to come and feed the animals on our school farm on a Saturday or school holiday can be found at:

[www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)

Event Code: baxw8

**National Tuition Programme**

Much has been written about the government funding some education programmes, particularly for children who are eligible for free school dinners due to income.

As this is heavily subsidised, I have booked sessions for children in KS2 to receive maths tuition in groups of three. 70% of children have to be on the specific group lists but others can benefit from remaining places. Children will receive 15 sessions as part of the package we have signed up to and teachers will be liaising with the tutors appointed. I hope that this gives confidence and extends their learning in maths so they continue to flourish and enjoy mathematical activities.

**Thank you and well done to pupils and staff**

It is often difficult to come back after a holiday and settle back into a school term, and this year we were unsure exactly what the new normal would look like. Routines and systems are always put in place and the children work with their teacher to agree on class rules, rewards and sanctions etc.

The children have made a great start and it is good to see so much great learning taking place. Last week I started taking daily learning walks once again - most of the children are very well settled and the number of adults in each room is certainly aiding the targeted support. My feedback after walks is making sure that all our policies and procedures are consistent, and the right resources are deployed to maximise opportunities for children.

Thank you to Mr Arundell who made sure that Year 3 were able to attend their visit last week in Miss Appleby's absence.

**Harvest**

If you have tins and packets they will be used by local foodbanks.

Harvest this year once again will have to take the form of a virtual class presentation because of the cases of covid in Cornwall. I had hoped we would have our normal traditional church celebration, but this is not to be as we are following Cornwall Public Health advice and they have suggested we do not meet as a whole school inside. As we cannot guarantee sunshine, it will be easier to present in this way once again.

### **School organised booster support**

I am so pleased that Mrs Helen Jonas will be returning to school once again on a Friday morning and will initially work with children in Years 4 and 5. Again we are targeting maths and the children will work with Mrs Jonas on a rotation so they do not miss anything specifically. Those of you who know the great work Mrs Jonas does and has done in the past will understand why we are pleased that she has returned to us once again.

These are great opportunities and during the year we hope that many children will benefit from these activities.

### **Class Handovers and pupil discussions**

At the end of last term all staff had time to meet with the class teacher and discuss the pupils. Every child's individual circumstances are shared so that the teacher knows them. This year Mrs Clark even did this remotely as her class were in isolation.

Over the past week Nic Jones and I have met with most of the class teachers to discuss the children in the class and then to look at SEN provision when appropriate. SEN records, data from last year and tracking information is there for all teachers to support their planning. However it is also good to work with the children to fully understand how they learn and think.

Five times a year pupil reviews are held when I discuss the learning and assessments of each child. I am always impressed by how well the staff know their children and if we feel a child needs additional support or challenge, we also discuss how to implement this. This, alongside the book scrutinies, learning walks, my discussions with pupils and data analysis ensures I can keep an overview of all children in our school.

### **Consent Forms**

Please complete consent forms for residentials and day trips ASAP.

### **Mrs Jones**

As you all know Mrs Jones has worked hard to develop the TIS programme in school, and I am really pleased that Sam Bowers and Vicky Lavis have joined this team. They are also working with individuals and groups using their skill set and experience to support our children. Carlyne Pierce-Jones is qualified in ELSA and works with several children in KS1 in a similar way.

Mrs Jones has been meeting with parents and supporting transitions back to school and I know this has been a busy time. This year Mrs Jones has a day as SENco which is when she completes the paperwork, assessments and coordinates activities for this role.

Now that initial meetings have been held, we have created a timetable to enable Mrs Jones to be able to focus on leading some of the intervention groups and work with the children this term. She is no longer a TA in Year 6, but works as a SEN specialist TA which means that the interventions we are wanting to implement can be prioritised.

This term Mrs Jones is leading a dyslexia gold group a few times a week, for children who need to develop a specific set of skills.

On a Friday afternoon she will be available to take phone calls or to meet face to face. Bookings for this can be made via email: [njones@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:njones@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk).

If there is an emergency or something urgent, by all means phone, speak to me in morning or email me and I can make sure that the right member of staff can support as appropriate: [head@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk).

Mrs Jones will also coordinate the staff working with specific children and work with others leading interventions. It is brilliant to have someone with her talent, passion and commitment leading this area in our school. The children will certainly benefit from her expertise this year especially if we can establish a timetable that enables her to work directly with our pupils as frequently as possible.

### Free School Meals

Please, please, please sign up for Free School Meals if you are eligible.

We receive additional funding and children become eligible for discounted music lessons and other activities, so please still apply even if your child is in KS1 and get a free meal anyway. Our budget is always tight and this makes a difference. If you think you may be eligible, follow the link below. This additional money lasts for six years even if your circumstances change. The funding given to schools makes a real difference to your child and what we can offer. <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/>

### Free school meals eligibility criteria

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent/carer (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- 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
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Supports

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are not eligible for free school meals. This is regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed.

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

There are different eligibility criteria for families who are not entitled to benefits (NRPF - No Recourse to Public Funds

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### Primary School Admission 2022

There is another low birth year so please pass the word around so that we have 30 children, so all children can continue to benefit from the best budget possible with a consistent number. Please get anybody you know to ring and book a visit and remind them to complete the online admission form on Cornwall Council website.

### Secondary School Transfer

Secondary school applications need to be submitted by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/apply-to-start-school-or-transfer-to-junior-secondary-or-ks4-school-in-september-2022/>

### Collection

Whilst waiting for your children at pickup time, we would ask that car engines are switched off to lessen the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on the school site.

### Inhalers

Please ensure that if your child needs an inhaler that they have one in school and that it is named, so it can be returned if found. One was found outside last week which couldn't be returned as it was unnamed; so has left the child concerned without one to use if needed. Please can you check with your child that they have their inhaler.

### Wanted

Newspapers  
Colourful wool

### Lost Property

Black school shoes – in a white plastic bag with a water bottle.

## AWARDS

Art	Chloe B	Maths	Ava J
Class Role Model	William F		Megan SA
Consideration	Bonnie B		Ewan G
Courtesy	Ed S		Keira B
Demonstrating Values	Katy B		Sidney W
Determination	Adam C		Rafferty J
Eco	Evie G	Netball	Daisy HH
Effort	Rebecca J	Perseverance	JJ H
	Jacob T		Sybire K
English	Noah K	Phonics	Ellis M
Enthusiasm	William D		Monty B (Effort)
Excellence	Joseph P	Positive Attitude	Jayden A
	Norah C		Felix C
Farm	Archie H	Progress	Trystan O
Friendship	Millie W		Jasmine H
	Imogen C	Reading	Leyla C (English)
Good Learning	Sam G		Poppy T (English)
	Sophie D		Evalyn M
	Aaron B		Shepherd W
	Zac J		Bea T
	William B		Effie S
Growth Mindset	Alby W	Resilience	Simeon R
	Filip W	Science	Charlie T
	Libby C	Star of the Week	Imogen P
Kindness	Merryn S		Max B
Literacy	Oscar M (Writing)	Writer of the Week	Lenny R
			Henry T
		Piano Award	Tilly C
		Singing Award	Brooke G

## Mathletics

Congratulations to Jacob R who achieved his second Mathletics Gold certificate last week.

## Accelerated Reader

Whole school wordcount: 13,070,143

Total books read to date: 1,225

### Class wordcount: (year to date)

Year 2 321,262

Year 3 3,091,555

Year 4 1,571,315

Year 5 4,449,414

Year 6 3,561,825

### Top 5 wordcounts (last week)

Year 2 Evelyn G      Year 3 Charlie T

Year 4 Kensa A      Year 5 Ethan F

Year 6 Ed S

### Meet one of our trustees

James Oliver became Clerk to the School Governors and Clerk of the Ironmongers Company soon after retiring from the Royal Navy in 1989. He oversaw the construction of the existing school building and the sale of the old school building and its site. James retired as Clerk in 2005 and is now a Member of the Academy Trust and a member of the Ironmongers' Court. He is currently Trust Manager for an ancient but substantial Charity involved in alms houses and making educational financial awards. He lives near Marlborough and drives carriages for the local RDA. He has had a very long and happy association with SRG and is inordinately proud of its exceptional approach to holistic education for its very fortunate pupils. James currently is a trustee.

### Meet a Governor - Mandy Kellagher

I had two daughters at SRG from 1993-2002 during which time I was a Foundation Governor and was involved in recruiting Julie Curtis as Headteacher. I retired from the position when my younger daughter left, but having finally moved into the village in 2016 I was invited to re-join the board. I am currently Chair of the Premises Committee and Link Governor for Science, so I come on regular visits to walk around the school and its grounds and try to spend time in Science classes, particularly during Science Week. My daughters are full of envy for the SRG pupils; it was always a great school but the opportunities on offer now are something else!

I worked as a vet in Saltash for 25 years and then had a complete change of direction and taught English as a second language to students in Plymouth. I now do a bit of work for a friend's ceramics business and am currently vaccinating people (including Mr Crudge!) at Home Park, and occasionally dogs on Mission Rabies vaccination drives in Third World countries. In my spare time I enjoy walking, do as many sports as possible despite arthritic knees and play the cello after a fashion.

### Dates for your Diary

Wed 13 Oct	Yr 5: Tamar Trails
Fri 15 Oct	XC League Run – Great Trethew
18-22 Oct	Swimming Catch-up lessons
Tue 19 Oct	Parent Consultations
Wed 20 Oct	Parent Consultations
25-29 Oct	Half Term
Mon 1 Nov	Inset Day
Wed 3 Nov	Nasal Flu Vaccination R-Yr6
8-9 November	Yr 3: Residential
Fri 12 Nov	XC League Run
Wed 17 Nov	Individual School Photos Confirmation Service
Friday 3 Dec	After school clubs finish
Thu 16 Dec	KS1: Theatre trip
20Dec – 3Jan	Christmas Holidays
Tue 4 Jan	Inset Day
Wed 5 Jan	Inset Day
Wed 12 Jan	KS2: Theatre trip - Aladdin
Fri 14 Jan	XC League Run
Fri 4 Feb	XC League Run
7-18 Feb	Yr 3: Daily swimming lessons
21 – 25 Feb	Half Term
Fri 4 Mar	XC League Run
Fri 18 Mar	Landrake Run
11-22 Apr	Easter Holidays
27-29 April	Yr 5: Residential
Mon 2 May	Bank Holiday
30May-3Jun	Half Term
Fri 10 Jun	Inset Day
w/b 20 June	Yr 6: London residential
30Jun-1Jul	Yr 6: Jnr Ten Tors experience
Tue 26 Jul	Last day of term
Wed 27 Jul	Summer Holidays