



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

After School Clubs
Clubs start this week.

Clubs finish on Friday 6th
December.

Parent Contact Details

If you've changed your phone number or moved house, please ensure that you have informed the office. We need to be able to contact you in an emergency.

Lunchtime Clubs start this week:

Tue: Boys Singing	Mrs Suckling
Wed: Football Yrs 2/3	Lee/Charlie
Thur: Girls singing	Mrs Suckling
Football Yrs 4/5/6	Lee/Charlie

Monday 23rd

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Tuesday 24th

- KS1 Farm & Country Roadshow (in school)

Wednesday 25th

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Thursday 26th

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Friday 27th

- Individual/Family photos (8.15am for siblings not in school)

- If you would like your child to have milk at lunchtime, please pay for the item on ParentPay.

Football Club

If your child has signed up for football after school club on a Thursday, Plymouth Argyle have requested that every child has a consent form completed – there is no charge for the club so please ignore the payment part. Your child must have submitted a form beforehand. If you need another form, please ask in the office.

Pre-School Wraparound Care

Due to an increase of late collections of children in wraparound club, there will be a charge of £10 for every 10 minutes after 5.30pm, with immediate effect. This charge is to cover additional staffing costs.

Parental Consultations

These will now be Tuesday and Wednesday as Mr Crudge has a meeting. As normal, appointments can be booked through school interviews using the information below (more information on the letter coming home alongside this newsletter).

To book appointments:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

KS1 (Reception, Yr 1 & Yr 2) use code: 2p55z
Book one 10 minute slot with the class teacher
KS2 (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6) use code: 92sx4
Book one 5 minute slot with the class teacher and one 5 minute slot with your child's maths teacher.

Admission 2020

If you know parents or carers looking for a school place next September, do encourage them to visit. There is a very small cohort of this age in Pre-school and in Saltash in general. To maintain the staffing levels we have, that in turn enables us to offer the experiences we do, we rely on a full year group. Up to this point we have had no need to advertise in anyway as word of mouth has always brought children to our school. We do not do bus tours but invite people to visit individually so please suggest they ring or Email the school to arrange a convenient time.

Secondary School Admissions Deadline

The deadline for the transfer to secondary school application deadline is **31 October 2019**.

Please make sure that you apply online at:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Individual/Family Photos – Friday 27th Sept

Tempest will be in school on Friday morning to take individual and also family photos. If you have younger children not at school that you would like to be in a photo, please bring them in at **8.15am**.

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 (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.
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Support
- 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) as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods

Please note that anyone claiming Working Tax Credit, Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance is NOT eligible for free school meals, regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed.

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 1 October 2019 for the School Census – so can we please, please ask you to apply as soon as possible.

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

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

Or get a paper copy from Debbie in the School Office.

Social Media

We live in a new age where social media is used by so many people for many different reasons. Whereas I use computers and programs all the time, I do not use Facebook etc. so do not have access to any of the pages that other people tell me about. I also fully appreciate that there will be school policies or practices that some will not totally understand or support and that is why we have an open door policy.

Last week I was made aware by various parents that one of our children and the school were identified through a chain of messages on one of the sites used locally. Rightly they recognised this as a safeguarding concern, because there are people who gain information through joining a message page or just browsing.

I am certainly glad we have many staff, CCTV and additional fencing now to prevent any unwelcome strangers. It is certainly not sensible to name children and tell everybody where they are at school etc. for obvious reasons. By highlighting this I hope we will keep all our children safe in the future.

We do a huge amount of teaching children how to keep themselves safe when using the internet and intend to hold more parent workshops this year, as it really is a minefield. Children do not realise that not all people are who they claim to be and that when things are written or posted, it cannot easily be retracted.

As a school everything is logged and actioned including inappropriate use of computer games and sites by children, as this can become a safeguarding issue. We will contact parents when children disclose information etc. Unfortunately, we have again had to spend time talking to children about the use of programs that can upset others and be used inappropriately.

Please do take care with your own use and keep an eye on what children are accessing, as there are reasons for age limits.

Visitors

We have so many visitors to our school for a variety of reasons and this start to the term is no different. I am very privileged to show people around and observe learning in our school through the eyes of others.

Over the past week I have been really pleased with what I have observed. Mrs James' class have settled so well and Year 1 have made a great transition from Reception. New staff and students are already supporting learning well and have thrown themselves into the activities at SRG, and have undergone training in a number of areas. Children are reading once again and Year 6 have recorded over 4 million words already this term. A few children in KS2 are on their way to the first million and others have quizzed on 18 books depending on their reading skills etc.

I also wanted to share a few of the comments from visitors.

'Can I take some photos of displays to show to staff and governors as the standard and impact through the school is amazing?'

'This school has a real buzz and the children are so polite'

'I wish I could come back to school and experience some of these things'

'I have heard so many good things about the school and now I can see it for myself'

'There is so much good learning going on'

'The children are a credit to the school'

A huge thank you to the staff, parents and children who work hard and fully deserve to hear these comments.

Cake Sale

Thank you for the donations of so many delicious cakes last week so we could raise money for Mission Rabies.

We raised £141.18.

Thank you to all who donated cakes and also bought them.

Census day menu change

Thursday 3 October

Option 1: Beef burger and chips

Option 2: Quorn burger and chips

Option 3: Jacket Potato

First Aid

Pat Dollard, who delivered our staff first aid training, gave us an alarming statistic that only 1.5% of the population have first aid training that could save a life. All of our staff are trained at some level so can deal with any emergency that may arise.

To make sure that this important life skill is introduced and developed we have started to run a first aid course for children, we will be adding it as an enrichment activity this year. For your information we have a defibrillator that is kept in the school office so if you ever see a need for it, while you are on the premises or local area, do collect from the wall in the outer office. All you would need to do is open it up and follow the instructions. It will guide you through the stages. In school staff have had training, but it is there to be used at all times to save a life.

AWARDS

Accelerated Reader	Ava O
Determination	Harris S
Effort	Ruby W
	Lottie K
	Hazel B
English	Hope R
Enthusiasm	Aaron B
Excellence	Olivia T
Friendship	Ethan F
Good Learning	Charlie D
Growth Mindset	Megan D
Helpfulness	Nina M
	Ollie C
Maths Owl	Ethan J
Maths Superstar	Charlie G
	Alfie G
Positive Attitude	Raffy J
Reading Progress	Alice P
Reading Star	Sienna B
Resilience	Freddie M
	Eliza F
	Gracie F
	Edie C
	Archie H
Responsibility	Seren W
Progress	Jake K
	Ethan H
	Ollie C
Thinking	Finn S
Writer of the Week	James H

A note from Rame Peninsula Beach Care

We're getting back into beach cleaning season again, so wanted to let you know about our next clean and a few other events coming up over the coming months.

1) Beach clean at Polhawn: Saturday 28 Sept

There is currently lots and lots of plastic on the beach... small bits tangled up in dry weed along the strandline. It's a big tide on the 28th so hopefully it will still be there.

Meet on the beach at 11am. All equipment provided but please be aware the path down to the beach is quite tricky, so make sure you have good footwear.

2) Coffee morning: Saturday 5 October

It's our twice-yearly coffee morning at the Institute (clock tower) in Kingsand. Please join us from 10 to 12 for coffees and teas, delicious cakes, bric-a-brac, raffle, etc.

Donations of raffle prizes, cakes and (good) bric-a-brac gratefully received.

3) Film screening: Friday 25 October

Join us at the Congregational Hall on Garrett St, Cawsand for a screening of Cal Major's amazing Paddle Against Plastic film. Cal was the first person to single-handedly paddle board from Land's End to John O'Groats, facing all kinds of challenges along the way, and cleaning up (and raising awareness about) plastic pollution along the way. We are hoping this wonderfully inspirational woman will be with us on the evening to answer questions and tell us more about her work after the screening.

You can watch a trailer for the film here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kV5AazZPOBA>

Screening starts at 7pm so please be there in good time. £2 on the door.

Headlice

We have had reports of head lice in a few classes. These visitors are easily spread and a common occurrence in all primary schools. We always notify parents, as the sooner they are dealt with the better. Head lice like clean heads and should not be seen as something to be ashamed of, or kept to yourself (we have all had them!)

To prevent further outbreaks, we are writing to all parents to ask you to check your children's heads.

If head lice or their eggs are found, please follow the 'wet combing' method: after washing your child's hair in the normal way, apply plenty of conditioner to the wet hair and comb through with a fine tooth comb. This should be repeated every day for 2 weeks so that any lice emerging from the eggs are removed. If you wish to use a lotion as an alternative to this method, please would you speak to your pharmacist or health visitor, since treatments are changed from time to time to prevent head lice becoming resistant to the active ingredient in a particular product.

Head lice can re-infect those children from whom they have been disinfected and we ask you therefore to be vigilant. We do recommend that if your child has longer hair they wear it tied up for school - plaiting hair can help to prevent infection.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Mon 30 Sep	Yr 2: Apple Store (am)
	Yr 3a: Apple Store (pm)
Tue 1 Oct	Yr 6: Apple Store (am)
Wed 2 Oct	Yr 4: Apple Store (am)
	Yr 5a: Apple Store (pm)
Thu 3 Oct	Census Day: Menu Change
Mon 7 Oct	Yr 1: Hearing Screening
	Yr 3b: Apple Store (pm)
Wed 9 Oct	Yr 5b: Apple Store (pm)
14-18 Oct	Booster Swimming Lessons
Tue 15 Oct	Parents Evening (date change)
Wed 16 Oct	Parents Evening
Thu 17 Oct	Cake Sale
Fri 18 Oct	Harvest Festival – 9.00am start
Sun 21 Oct	Harvest at St Michael's Church
21-25 Oct	Half Term
Mon 28 Oct	Inset Day
Thu 21 Nov	Cake Sale
Thu 28 Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisation (R-Y6)
Wed 11 Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas Play
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Thu 12 Dec	5.45pm KS1 Christmas Play
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Bazaar
Tue 17 Dec	9.30am KS2 Christmas Play
	1.30pm KS2 Christmas Play
Wed 18 Dec	5.45pm KS2 Christmas Play
Thu 19 Dec	KS1 Theatre trip
Fri 20 Dec	Christingle 1.30pm – St Michaels

23 September 2019

Dear Parents

Booking System for Parental Consultations

Parents Evenings will take place on:

Tuesday 15 October and

Wednesday 16 October

To book appointments, please follow the instructions below.

Log on to www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Enter the event code number:

To book an appointment with a KS1 teacher, it is: 2p55z

To book an appointment with a KS2 teacher, it is: 92sx4

Then follow the on-screen instructions.

You can then book which teacher you need to see for each child.

The timetable will appear and available slots will show.

Tick the slot you want and press go.

When booking slots, please remember that:

- If you need to see several teachers, leave enough time between appointment slots to move from one to the other. Teachers will be in their own classrooms.
- **KS1:** You need to book one ten-minute slot per child with their class teacher
- **KS2:** Check who your child has maths with as you will need to book one slot with their class teacher and one slot with their maths teacher (who may or may not be their class teacher). **It is important to remember that if they have the same teacher for maths and literacy, then you book ten minutes (ie two consecutive five minute slots).** If this is not booked correctly it affects those who have booked after you as your appointment then over runs.
- Year 6 Appointments - Mrs Cunningham will see all Year 6 pupils for literacy this time and those children in her maths group.
- Mrs Curtis will see those children who are in her maths group.
- If you feel that you need to speak to a teacher for longer than the five minute slot, you are able to book a further consecutive five minutes. However, if you need more than the 10 minutes, please can we ask that you make arrangements with the teacher for an additional appointment on another day. This is to take into account that teachers need enough time to see all parents over the two evenings.

When appointments have been made, you will receive a confirmation email.

To ensure smooth running on the night, please stick to time.

If you have any queries, or problems making appointments, please see Debbie in the Office.

We suggest you book as soon as possible.