



**WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:**

School Disco

Friday 11 October  
KS1: 5.45 – 6.45pm  
KS2: 7.00 – 8.00pm  
£1 per child  
(plus change for tuckshop)

Newsletter

For your information, the newsletter is uploaded to the website (under News Bulletins) every week.

Letters sent out:

- Apple Store – to various year groups. Please complete slip and return immediately.
- Dinner Money payment reminders

Monday 30<sup>th</sup>

- Yr 2: Apple store
- Yr 3a: Apple store

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>

- Yr 6: Apple store

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Yr 4: Apple store
- Yr 5a: Apple store

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Census day – menu change

Friday 4<sup>th</sup>

- Music Assembly

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

**Census day menu change**

Thursday 3 October

- Option 1: Beef burger and chips  
Option 2: Quorn burger and chips  
Option 3: Jacket Potato

**Parental Consultations**

Appointments can be booked through school interviews using the information below (a copy of the letter is on the website).

To book appointments:

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

**HELP Needed! Farm Feeding Rota - Saturdays**

We need help in setting up a School Farm feeding rota for Saturdays.

Can you help by offering to do a Saturday a month, or every other month, to feed the animals?

If you can, it would be much appreciated - please let the office know by emailing [secretary@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk), phone or pop in. Many thanks

**Admissions 2020**

As there is another very low intake expected next year in the local area, we need your support to make sure that our places are filled. We can maintain our provision by having consistent numbers so we can budget accordingly. If you know anybody with a child due to start school, do come and collect a pack for them to look at and also encourage them to visit. Word of mouth is always best.  
Thank you

**Eye sight and hearing**

Eyesight

It is a good idea to take your child for regular eye sight checks at an optician - it is surprising how many children have problems that go unnoticed and this has an impact on learning. Sometimes they cannot see the board clearly and at other times it is small print that causes them concern.

Hearing

If you think your child is having difficulty in hearing ask the GP to arrange a hearing test.

**Home Learning**

This term the grid incorporates tables, mathematics and reading. A KS2 copy is available on the website.

### **Social Media and misuse**

We often get free literature into school and last week we received a book called Goldilocks, helping children to make the right decisions about the use of social media and communication.

It is difficult for children to understand that once they have sent a message or posted a comment, that it can be seen or owned by others and is always going to be there. The upset and damage caused by the misuse of chat sites has taken us hours to unravel in the past. As children in our school are not meant to have the access due to their age, it means that older siblings or even parents have helped or supported their use. We cannot prevent this, but do hope that the security settings are high and adults are monitoring comments etc.

For the first time ever it has been brought to my attention that guiding adults or older siblings may not be positive role models, by the posts or comments that are made relating to other children etc. If you ever have concerns, please do not publically put children at risk on any site by naming or identifying them in a way that puts safety at stake. Likewise please do not discuss other people's children or incidents on class group sites. I have worked with so many children and parents over the years and it is amazing how many children who need support initially become the best role models. Please be empathetic to all and share concerns or worries in the right way with the class teacher or me, instead of using social media.

We want every child to enjoy their learning journey and have many ways to provide support when needed.

### **Cake Sale – raising money for Mission Rabies**

I'd like to say a big thank-you to everyone who made cakes for Mission Rabies - they were all fantastic (I bought several!) and I loved the creativity of the shaggy dogs and bones. I couldn't believe how much money you raised. I was also really pleased with the interest that the children showed in Mission Rabies and I hope to be able to share a blog with them and show them some photos and videos when I get back.

Many thanks, Mandy Kellagher

### **Additional Needs and Support in School**

During a child's school career, it is likely that they will need additional support for a short or longer period of time. This can be as simple as joining a group for additional writing support, taking part in a reading intervention, or spending time with our THRIVE trained practitioners. For some children they may need additional support throughout their school years and this sometimes results in having an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP).

Children can have a variety of needs, some with a diagnosis of autism, ADHD, dyslexia, hearing or sight impairments etc. If you ever have a concern, please speak to the class teacher initially. Our SENDco, Nic Jones, may become involved and we can also sign post and refer to outside agencies such as Speech and Language and Occupational Therapy etc.

We have many successful interventions running at SRG to support children and also work effectively with outside agencies to support needs. In every classroom there will always be children who need support and I am pleased we have such high adult to pupil ratios to meet the needs of all. Some children with an EHCP have individual support funded separately.

### **Early Hub Support**

The Early Help Hub is the single point of access for Early Help services for children, young people and families in Cornwall.

Their aim is to ensure that services to support children, young people and their parents are there when they need them. Early Help is about identifying problems at an early stage and providing purposeful and effective help as soon as possible once they have been identified, working with families to solve those problems before they get worse.

If you would like support with anything, do look at the Early Hub as you can complete a referral yourself in any area. This support can be through the school nurse, speech and language or family support. Mrs Jones is our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) and can help, after discussion, with any referral that needs a professional to complete.

### **Thrive**

This year we will be training Susan Green as a second Thrive practitioner to support children as needed.

### 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>

Paper copies are available from the office.

**Please ensure you've returned the Annual Consent/Medical Forms. If you require another copy, please ask in the office.**

### AWARDS

Be the best you can	Max C
Courtesy	Olivia J
Eco	Lucy P
Effort	James S Hope R Elodie C
Enthusiasm	Ryan J
Excellence	Ayla G
Friendship	Eliza F
Good Learning	Ewan G
Good Manners	Evelyn G
Growth Mindset	Charlie V
Helpfulness	William D Charlie G
Kindness	Rosie H
Literacy	Alice G Ben C
Maths Owl	Monty B
Maths Superstar	William B
Perseverance	Eddie S Lowenna H
Phonics	Joseph P
Positive Attitude	Oscar L Hayden W Hazel S
Progress	Mia S Kamora K
Reading Star	Ruby C Connor P
Resilience	Grace D Isaac P Erin R Callum C Harry F Melody E
Role Model	Nyana E Alfie B Evaly M
School Ambassador	Lillie A
Science Effort	Hazel B
Spelling Progress	Bodhi W
Supporting Others	Imogen P
Thinking	Millie W William F
Writer of the Week	Charlie T Arthur B
Piano	Lucy P
Singing	Millie J
Apologies for missing these off last week:	
Piano	Lottie K
Singing	Katie P

## Reading

Cat works with many children on a one-to-one or two-to-one basis. This can be with phonics and comprehension. We often target these early skills and children in Year One and Two particularly.

In the afternoons this term, Colin will be supporting children to read short texts and to quiz as we are prioritising reading skills. If children can access and understand texts they will be more confident in their work across all areas of the curriculum.

Hearing children read and reading to them is the most important thing we encourage you to do. Remember, we do have CDs you can borrow so children can listen and quiz on other texts.

We have now finalised the names of who will be our School, Eco and Sports Council members:

### School Council

Yr 1:	Max C	Tilly K
Yr 2:	Gwen H	Ruan H
Yr 3:	Pippa I	Jacob T
Yr 4:	Ewan G	Lola OR
Yr 5:	Lauren G	Jack K

### Eco Council

Yr 1:	Felix C	Norah C
Yr 2:	Elsie-Rose G	Raffy J
Yr 3:	Ruby C	Merryn H
Yr 4:	Florence W	Keira B
Yr 5:	Eliza F	Matthew S

### Sports Council

Yr 3:	William B	Albie C
Yr 4:	Alfie B	Bea T
Yr 5:	Charlie V	Poppy C

## Music Lessons

### Woodwind

On Friday 4 October there will be a woodwind music assembly, so those children who have lessons with Steve on a Monday, please remember to bring your instruments in on Friday.

Steve has space for new children to start lessons – if your child would like to learn to play clarinet, flute or saxophone, please ask in the office for details.

## Piano and Singing

Mrs Suckling would like to apologise for missing lessons on Wednesday last week as she was away on a course. Lessons will either be made up or refunded.

Apologies for any confusion with school dinners last Friday, there was a slight miscommunication somewhere along the line.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Mon 7 Oct	Yr 1: Hearing Screening
	Yr 3b: Apple Store (pm)
Wed 9 Oct	Yr 5b: Apple Store (pm)
Fri 11 Oct	School Disco
	KS1: 5.45-6.45   KS2: 7.00-8.00
14-18 Oct	Booster Swimming Lessons
Tue 15 Oct	Parents Evening
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
Wed 6 Nov	Friends AGM 7pm
Fri 8 Nov	Friends Mufti Day
Thu 14 Nov	Friends Christmas Fair 2.30-5pm
Thu 21 Nov	Cake Sale
Fri 22 Nov	Swimming Gala (Yrs 5/6)
Thu 28 Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisation (R-Y6)
Wed 11 Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas Play
	1.30pm KS1 Christmas Play
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 Michael's

Our new website is now up and calendar dates are being added all the time. We are now also able to upload more information against calendar dates, so pdf copies of trip letters will be uploaded into the calendar entry as and when they are done. The nasal flu letter with details how to give consent for your child is also there.

## **LOST PROPERTY**

School jumper, named Noah Knight