



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Club Info

All clubs finish on Friday 6 December.

Coming home with the newsletter

- Christmas dinner letter
- Clubs list for Spring term

Christmas Plays

Have you booked your tickets?
Info on page 3.

Monday 2nd

- Multi-sports

Tuesday 3rd

- Football match vs St Cleer
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Wednesday 4th

- Stage club show

Thursday 5th

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Friday 6th

- Cross Country Club is a Santa run.



- Please be aware that there has been a case of worms at school.

Christingle

On the last day of term we will be holding our annual Christingle Services.
KS1 and Reception invite you to join them in the hall at 9.15am.
KS2 will invite you to join them at 1pm at St Michael's Church.
We make a collection for the Children's Society and have some candles to fill with coins.

Clubs List

Today you will also receive next term's club list. We have a few changes:
Football will be split into key stages for half a term each.
We also have a Random Acts of Kindness Club. Children will be recognising members of our school and local community who deserve a mention.
They will be looking at ways they can help or show kindness and carry them out eg. making bird food, holding a tea party for older people, writing letters to show actions are valued etc.

Dentist/Doctor's Appointments

Where possible, please make routine check-up appointments for out of school times.

Reminder to singers for this week only

Girls singing will be on Wednesday lunchtime.
Songfest will be on Thursday lunchtime.
Back to normal next week.

Grammar

We held a workshop last week and we are very happy to hold more in the future if they are helpful.
We do have some study guides available to help you and your child if you would like one. They are available from the office at £2.25.
Grammar information is also going to be added to the new folders on the website in the next few weeks.
This is the poem referred to in home learning menu and we hope all children will learn it next term if they have not mastered it yet!

The Rules of Grammar

A **NOUN** is the name of a place, person or thing
Such as a school or garden, hoop or swing.

ADJECTIVES describe the kind of noun
As great, small, pretty, white or brown.

Instead of nouns the **PRONOUNS** fit-
As he, you, they and it.

VERBS tell of something being done
To read, write, count, sing, jump or run.

How, when and where the **ADVERBS** tell,
As slowly, near, now, or well.

CONJUNCTIONS join the words together,
As men **AND** women, wind **OR** weather.

The **prepositions** describe the relation
As over the hill or through the station

The **INTERJECTION** shows surprise,
As Oh, how pretty, Ah, how wise (!)

It is Cool to Be Kind

I am unsure which TV programme the term 'cool kids' has come from, but over the past few weeks children have referred to actions occurring due to their desire to be accepted, or to impress, or be part of a particular group. As a staff we have discussed how it is important for every child to have a voice and not be influenced by others. Systems in school need to be explained and all children need opportunities to participate and feel able to voice an opinion. As normal at this time of year our Kindness Elves are coming out and we are encouraging random acts of kindness. So in December instead of Gold Cards we are giving Cool to Be Kind Cards that are on blue card. Children receiving one of these in a week will be part of an additional play opportunity. As the children from next week will be class based there will be plenty of opportunity for them to work with different children and their table places will move just like maths and English tables do.

We want to promote and reward those children who do stand up for the right thing and challenge others to do the right thing.

Our school rules, as the children can quote are:
Kind Hands Kind Feet Kind Words
Walk quietly on the left and follow the first instruction

We have so many really positive role models in the building and I know that their actions will quickly stand out.

We also work really hard to support children to learn from mistakes and understand how to make the right decisions.

Behaviour Policy

We have a positive behaviour policy and reward children in many ways, sometimes this is verbal praise, sometimes stickers or other school awards. However, there are also sanctions when children do not follow the instructions given. In general the behaviour in classrooms is very good and often commented upon by visitors to our school.

Over the past few weeks we have noticed that a small number of children can distract others or do not follow the instructions so we are going to remind all children of the sanctions and what is acceptable. We expect all members of our community to be respectful.

In all classrooms...

The right behaviour will be praised as all children will be reminded about it.

If the wrong action continues the child's name will be written on the board.

A mark will be placed next to the name if there is no change and time will then have to be made up at lunchtime in the work room.

All teachers are going to be consistent with the same expectations eg. no shouting.

More praise will be given, as positive reinforcement of the right behaviour is very effective, but we want to make sure that every learning minute counts.

Apprenticeships

We have had great success with our apprentice programme and it is always sad when the courses are completed. We see so much growth and development of individuals as they learn in these roles. It is a good springboard from school to workplace.

Lee has not only completed his Sports apprenticeship, he will also be leaving with a TA apprenticeship. By taking his learning into a new placement, he hopes to then undertake a university course.

Previous apprentices are already on the road to teacher training – Hannah and Ellie still come in as part of their TTL degree course.

Sadly in early January, Sharna our office apprentice, will complete her course and is already looking at her next steps.

We do hope to appoint a new apprentice in the near future to learn in the office.

Christmas Play Tickets

Each child has six tickets available to watch their Christmas performance. A maximum of 2 tickets for the evening performance and 4 tickets for the morning and afternoon performances.

To book your Christmas play tickets, please visit:
www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

You will need to click on 'Make a Booking' then put in the relevant event code.

KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Wednesday 11 December

9.30am and 1.30pm Code: ydscq

Thursday 12 December

5.45pm Code: sp43y

KS2 (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6)

Tuesday 17 December

9.30am and 1.30pm Code: 3kequ

Wednesday 18 December

5.45pm Code: k8aux

Year 5/6 residential

These are both on ParentPay for you to pay by instalments.

Eco Competition Winners

Simon Few (CEO G.E.M) presented prizes to the competition winners for their innovative designs for the use of the by-product CO2. Simon also presented Mrs Curtis with a bursary for the Eco-Committee and also books for the library.

Congratulations also to Megan HH (who doesn't appear in the photo.)



Photographs/Filming of Christmas Plays

Just a reminder to all, that if you take a camera to the Christmas plays, that you only photograph or film your own child/ren.

School Christmas Lunch

We will be having our school Christmas dinner on Wednesday 18th December. Letters are coming home alongside this newsletter to ask what option your child would like on the day. We need these forms returned by the end of the week so the school cook has an idea of numbers.

On that day, we are also inviting children to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper.

Christmas is coming!

Children's Bazaar will be on Friday 13 December

This is when children have the opportunity to buy items or a package that they have made during Christmas DT week. Card making, cooking and creating using a wide range of materials will take place each day. Children usually spend £3 - £4.

We will also be selling bottles of our Landrake apple juice.

School Theatre trips

Last week we sent home letters for trips to the theatre – KS1 (Yrs R, 1 & 2) will be watching the Elves and the Shoemaker at Theatre Royal on Thursday 19 December. KS2 will be watching Cinderella on Thursday 16 January. Please complete and return the consent slips on the bottom of the letter by the end of this week. Payment (£10 per child) can be made via ParentPay.

Festive Fun Run

1st Liskeard Scouts are hosting a Fancy Dress Festive Fun Run on Sunday 15th December.

You can run 1, 2 or 3 miles

Pensilva Primary School

Registration from 10am, Starts at 11am.

Entry: £2 per adult, £4 per child.

Child runners get a selection box and cake.

Adult runners get a hot drink and a mince pie.

SPORTS NEWS

Dominant display from SRG footballers

Last Thursday SRG played their first league game of the season away against Burraton's C team. We played at a high tempo from the start and carved out four or five great openings in the first minute. We were clinical in front of goal and were 3 nil up after just three minutes with Joel helping himself to two goals and Hayden scoring the third. Joel completed his hat-trick after 9 minutes to make it 4-0 to SRG and Alfie scored the goal of the game from just past the half way line to make it 5-0 at half time.

The second half saw us shuffle our formation, with Finley going in goal and William playing in defence. There were great debut performances from David B and Charlie V and we continued to control the game in midfield, with Shea working hard both on and off the ball. We continued the scoring, netting a further four goals in the second half with Ed and Joel both scoring two goals a-piece. The final score was Burraton C 0, SRG 9.

Hockey Heroes

On Tuesday we took a hockey team to play in the Saltash Cluster festival at St Stephens Primary and narrowly missed out on being crowned champions. The team consisting of Lottie, Olivia T, Kamora, Merryn B, Ruby F, Sam, Hayden, Shea, Ed and Tom R played brilliantly. We chased and harried down every ball and, at times, put our sticks in bravely to win the ball. We won our first three games; 3-0 against St Stephens, 2-1 against Brunel and 2-0 against Burraton to set up an 'all or nothing' final game against the also unbeaten Bishop Cornish team. We played our socks off and raced to a 2-0 lead with goals from Shea and Lottie; only to find ourselves pegged back to 2-2 in the last minute of the game. As both teams had finished level on points - we then played a final match against Bishop Cornish and despite some excellent play all round we came up short losing 0-1.

I was immensely proud of the whole team who gave everything to the cause throughout the whole afternoon. Sam scored four of our goals, but there were excellent performances from the whole squad.

Cross Country Club – Friday 6 December

As this is the last cross country club of the year, we will be having a Santa Run – so bring your santa hats or tinsel to make it a festive run!

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Mon 9 Dec	Football vs. Sandy Hill Academy Girls and boys teams
Wed 11 Dec	9.30am KS1 Christmas Play 1.30pm KS1 Christmas Play Yr 3: Saltram
Thu 12 Dec	Yr 4: Saltram 5.45pm KS1 Christmas Play
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Bazaar
Mon 16 Dec	Yr 1: Saltram
Tue 17 Dec	9.30am KS2 Christmas Play 1.30pm KS2 Christmas Play Yr 2: Saltram
Wed 18 Dec	Christmas Dinner & Jumper day 5.45pm KS2 Christmas Play
Thu 19 Dec	KS1 Theatre trip
Fri 20 Dec	9.15am – KS1 Christingle (hall) 1pm – KS2 Christingle (church)
23Dec-3Jan	Christmas Holidays
Mon 6 Jan	Inset Day
7-24 Jan	Yr 3: Swimming lessons every day
Thu 16 Jan	KS2 Panto – Theatre
Fri 17 Jan	Sportshall Athletics League Run – Cotehele
Fri 7 Feb	League Run – Lanhydrock