



Welcome Back

Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

It was great to welcome back so many of our children last week and after hours of planning and discussions, it was such a relief that our systems appeared to work well. We were constantly reviewing and working out what needed tweaking. Overall, we were pleased that the school was filled with chatter and laughter and the children and staff were safe and happy.

We quickly realised the new menu was not fit for purpose and by day two the cook had put some emergency changes in place, the new menu was emailed out and posted on the school website on Friday. There will be a vegetarian offer each day for vegetarians and fish and chip day will be on Thursday when there will be more children in school. It is great to have our kitchen open and hot dinners served and more importantly, our catering team want to help and adjust things to suit our needs.

The staggered starts and use of the KS2 playground works well, as do our new handwashing facilities. The school grounds and the opportunity to learn outside in so many ways have certainly helped us follow the guidance. The teachers are delivering lessons live and through video and there are many staff to support learning tasks.

Every child will have had a chance to meet with Nic and Susan and this will continue as it is important for them to have time to talk. Over the next few weeks this will continue to be a priority. We have two outside areas set up for this and if in a small group it is with children from their bubble. We are committed to supporting the wellbeing of the children. The eight bubbles created are working well because of the skill set and expertise of the staff. The children have established rules and are reminded about social distancing etc. Handwashing is a very regular occurrence and a good long-term habit to have been established.

Trish comes in and cleans again at lunch time, but all staff wipe surfaces after every session. We pay particular attention to bannister rails, light switches and door handles and pushes as well. We keep windows open and use door stops to prevent the need to open.

A huge thank you for all the messages of appreciation we have received, because as always, we want to get it right for the children and our staff do go the extra mile. Equally if there are things you notice that we could improve to make things better, please email me as we do value your input.

We look forward to the day when all our pupils can return safely, and this will be as the guidance is given and our own risk assessments made. As you would expect, the governors take the duty of care to the staff and pupils very seriously, an extraordinary meeting was held to examine and challenge the risk assessment before confirming extending our opening. Mandy, our premises governor, also visited and toured the site prior to opening to see the preparations first-hand.

At Sir Robert Geffery's we are so fortunate to have an experienced, skilled and committed team of governors who have a strategic overview of the school and are so supportive at all levels.

Coming Up

- ✧ Health Fitness and Safety Week 22nd June - including Virtual School Games
- ✧ Mayflower 400 Activities
- ✧ Arts Week

School Entry 2020

We still have two places available in reception for September. This is unusual for us, but we know numbers are low in all our local schools. However, in a normal year we would probably have filled them over the past few weeks. If you know of anybody who may be interested in joining this cohort, please ask them to ring and talk to us.

Equally for other year groups, please let us know as soon as possible if your child is not going to need their place at Sir Robert Geffery's in the future, as we are building waiting lists, despite of lockdown, for other classes.

Thank you

September Staffing

In September we will not be making any great changes to staffing because of the strange time we have experienced. We are pleased that we will be extending out SEN time with Mrs Jones to a full day and Mr Hambly will be increasing his hours back with us once again.

We are pleased that we can do this next year as we support a transition back to school.

Reception	Mrs Hawking
Year 1	Mrs James
Year 2	Mrs Clark
Year 3	Miss Appleby
Year 4	Mr Arundell
Year 5	Mr Crudge
Year 6	Mrs Cunningham

Over the next few weeks we will be organising the teams working in each of the classrooms and will publish this as soon as possible. We will be continuing to break into smaller maths groups when school returns to more normality.

Theme Weeks

Children learning at school or home will be experiencing activities related to our theme weeks as we normally do. Activities on Google Classroom will link with the themes.

15 th June	Mayflower 400
22 nd June	Health, Fitness and Safety - this will include our RSE and drugs education program
6 th July	Arts Week Theme -All in this Together
13 th July	British Values Activities
13 th July	Leavers' Fest for Year 6

Year 6 Leavers' Festival

We are planning a unique end to Year 6's time at Sir Robert Geffery's and we would like to be able to stage a festival week of fun and activities on the field. We envisage being able to set up a tent city for daytime use, and hope that each child could bring in a small tent that they will be able to learn to put up in Junior Ten Tors Style. Social distancing in place.

We will organise the week in accordance to the guidance in place at the time - more details will follow.

We will be doing our Leaver's Play during this week; this is likely to be performed outside so we will have to look at the weather forecast for that week. We are probably going to do two performances so hopefully all families will get to one. We are sorry we cannot be more specific at this time, but I'm sure you understand the reasons why. We are determined that all children will leave with great memories, even if the last few months have been different.

On Wednesday 22nd July, the last day of the school year, a mini Year 6 Speech Day will be held, and every child will be recognised for the talents, achievements and the contributions they have made during their time at SRG. Again, timings and arrangements will have to be flexible and will be published nearer the time.

Cornwall Together for Families

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/childrens-services/childrens-community-health/school-nursing/>

Requests for School Nurse Support

Client Advice Line: 01872 322779

For telephone advice and signposting for Children, Young People and their Families.

Opening times:

Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Children's Management Centre: 01872 221400

Opening times:

Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

Requests for Early Help is made via the Early Help Hub: 01872 322277

Opening times:

Monday – Thursday 8:45am – 5:15pm

Friday 8:45am – 4:45pm

Closed on Bank Holidays

RNLI Water Safety

This summer, Lifeguards can't be on every beach, meaning a heightened water safety risk to beach goers.

In a normal year, the RNLI helps thousands of people who end up getting into difficulty in or close to the water when doing these types of activities.

Throughout the summer term, our local team of trained volunteers and Lifeguards do their best to visit as many of the schools, colleges, and youth groups in our region as possible. However, due to the ongoing coronavirus outbreak we have not been able to engage with school communities as we normally would.

Below, you will find out ways in which you can help at this time.

Download and use our [education resource pack](#). Educating young people about how to keep safe, in on and around water is fundamental to saving lives at sea and a core part of the RNLI's water safety activity. This term we have put together two downloadable packs of resources focusing on **keeping safe this summer**. This will help your teams engage young people with essential – and lifesaving – water safety lessons in schools and as part of home school packs.

[Water Safety from Home resources](#) - If you're a parent or teacher looking for ways to engage, educate and entertain your children at home, play our Water Safety Wednesday series – perfect for primary school-aged children.

[Beach Safety Campaign](#) Beach lifeguards cannot be everywhere this summer – although we are hoping to patrol around 70 beaches later this year – it is vital every one of us takes responsibility for our own, and our families', safety.

Summer Reading Challenge

Information on the Summer Reading Challenge is on the next page – we will set up codes during this week and will send them out ASAP.

Awards

Millie BC	Brilliant engagement
Aaron B	Maths
Penny B	Creative Artwork
David B	Creating his own animation
Dougie B	Raft building
William B	Creative Artwork
David B	Input to class discussions
Albie C	Spelling
Leyla C	Beautiful mandala
Hazel E	Phonics
Holly F	Super literacy
Samuel G	Phonics
Brooke G	Enthusiastic learner
Lois G	Reading
Anna G	Phonics
Gwen H	Maths fluency
Esme H	Growth Mindset
Ethan J	Overall effort
Zac J	Perseverance and AR
Jake K	Reading and being the best he can be, giving 100% effort to all his work
George J	Producing a range of different pieces of work
Samuel M	100% commitment to everything he does
Lola OR	Creativity
Imogen P	Writer of the week
Evie P	Great work with her sister
Katie P	Creativity
Joshua P	Enthusiasm and positivity
Jacob R	Science enthusiasm
William R	Sharing photos with class
Erin R	English work
Harris S	for making a fantastic ramp and explaining using time conjunctions to sequence the instructions
Rosie S	Art
William S	Presentation in maths
Poppy T	Perseverance
Seren W	Beautiful mandala
Miss Gibbings	Science Award
Libby H	Helpfulness Award
Team Surfers	Settling back into school brilliantly



The Summer Reading Challenge

Despite current circumstances, the annual Summer Reading Challenge will still take place this year. The challenge for children aged 4-12 to read 6 books over the Summer will be a little different, you can find out more details about this year's digital challenge at www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

To help children get free access to reading material, Cornwall Library Service have provided each child in the school with an electronic library card number. This will allow them free access to e-books and e-audiobooks through the Borrowbox library app. There are no overdue charges, no loan charges, it is completely free!

Children will be able to access this material in school and from home if a mobile device is available. If you wish to access from home, the library card number will be provided by email. You will need to:

- Download the Borrowbox app (available for all Android and Apple devices)
- Sign in.
- In the Library box select **Cornwall Libraries Primary School**
- Type your library card number in the Borrower Number box
- Your PIN is the last 4 digits of your library card number
- The first time you log in you will need to enter an email address, this is not shared and is only used to let you know when your reservations are available or if a book needs to be renewed.
- If siblings are sharing a device then it is recommended that only one login is used. Borrowbox remembers which page of the book you have reached but if you log out and then back in again, this page number is lost. Each login can borrow up to 10 ebooks and 10 e-audiobooks so there should be enough for two users.
- Books are borrowed for 2 weeks after which they disappear from your device. If you haven't finished, you can renew for up to four more weeks. If you finish your book quickly or decide you don't like it then you can return it early.
- You're all set. Start reading or listening!

(Just like in a real library some books will have waiting lists. If a book you want is not available immediately click Reserve and add yourself to the end of the queue. If waiting lists become too long Cornwall Libraries will look to buy extra copies.) There will always be something available to borrow.

If you wish to upgrade this electronic membership to a full Cornwall Library membership then you can join up for free at your local library when these reopen and have access to the huge range of Books, DVDs, and activities that are available.

If your child already has a Cornwall Library Card, they can of course use this. However, you may prefer to use this new membership number when using Borrowbox, as it will only contain children's books.