



This Week:

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| <p>Clubs After school clubs have finished for the term – although we do still have homework club running.</p> | | | <p>Last day of School – Friday 17th December School will be closing at 2pm on this last day to ensure the school is ready for Mr O'Hara.</p> | |
| Monday 6th | Tuesday 7th | Wednesday 8th | Thursday 9th | Friday 10th |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football Match vs Callington CANCELLED | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Football Match vs Dobwalls | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm Meeting 2pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • |

Last week saw me off site for the longest I have ever been in my whole career, but on reflection thank goodness for technology and the vaccinations for Covid. Whether it was my recent booster or some other reason, I was well enough to remain working at a distance and my symptoms were mild. A huge thank you to all staff on site who stepped up and worked tirelessly to cover not only for me, but for Debbie and Kim Hawkings as well. We all hope to be back tomorrow in time for the final few weeks. It is great to have a strong team who are so committed to the work of the school and the learning of the pupils.

Although we keep reading and seeing it, from personal experience now, please book your vaccinations when you are able to do so.

Handover

Over the past few weeks I have been meeting virtually with Ed O'Hara and we have shared so much information already. Policies and procedures are all filed in preparation and a handover document with important information, as suggested as good practice, is being compiled. Files and folders both physical and on the computer have been organised to aid a smooth transition. In the week after Christmas Ed and I will be able to meet on site before we have a formal handover on 31st December, so he officially becomes headteacher on 1st January 2022. I know he is really looking forward to getting to know the school community and working with you. He is a real enthusiast and will fit in so well.

Cold Weather Reminder what we do

Hopefully this is for information only. We will ordinarily try to keep the school open whenever possible and safe to do so. If it is icy, the meet and greet that happens every morning will only happen at the top carpark to prevent cars going down the hill and onto our playground.

If it becomes likely that roads will be affected during the day, a text and email will be sent out to all parents saying that they can collect. If you live in an isolated area and need to do this for safety, please ring and arrange with the office. If the school needs to be closed, an email and text will be sent out to inform you.

In the event of school closure, the google classrooms will be opened so that children will be able to login and register with teachers and be given instructions about what is planned for the day. (If it is a one off some snow time will be built in to give first-hand experience!)

The school will inform the local authority that the school is closed so it will be on the local radio and websites.

This is only likely to happen rarely and in severe conditions. Staff will remain on site to care for pupils and will leave gradually when numbers allow this, with those with greater distances to travel leaving first. Fortunately, we do have a number of local staff and also we are close to main roads for travel.

Farm Meeting Wednesday 8th December

If you'd like to come along to our Farm Committee meeting, come to the school at 2pm.

Farm

Thank you to all who have put their names down for visiting and feeding the animals on our school farm over the weekends and holidays. Instructions will be sent out to all beforehand.

New Guinea Pigs

We have rehomed some new female guinea pigs as we are very conscious that ours would all become old at a similar time. They are very used to children and being handled and have settled in well. Thank you to Nic who has quickly become our in-house expert in so many ways. She does such an amazing job in so many areas.

Hens

We have had a slight nightmare gaining our new henhouses so that our hens are housed due to avian flu. Loretta Hughes has, again with Nic, been great at chasing and organising this for us. Our older arks were very heavy to move and falling apart so these lightweight replacements will be useful to us. Currently, the children's access to the hens is restricted in line with the guidance.

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 (!)

Football News

After waiting so long to play football this term, SRG were fortunate to play their second game in as many weeks as they travelled to Callington to play their opponents in St Neots.

The first half started very brightly with constant pressure from the SRG boys causing problems for their opponents resulting in shots on goal for JJ and Josh. It wasn't long before SRG were rewarded for their hard work and efforts with two quick fire goals from JJ putting SRG in a strong position going into half time.

After a pep talk from Mr A at half time - warning against complacency seemingly failing to register, St Neots quickly pulled a goal back through a breakaway. This seemed to galvanise

SRG however who hit back immediately with Joseph bundling the ball home from close range. A few substitutions were made- bringing back on the energetic Dougie who led from the front and ran his socks into the ground. SRG pressure was rewarded when a Samuel cross was finished by JJ securing his hat-trick for the game. In the closing stages Dougie was rewarded for his great performance with his first.... and a fifth goal for SRG leaving the score at the final whistle 5-1 to the boys in green!

Well done SRG and on to the next game.

Opposition MOTM- Dougie Brown
SRG MOTM- Zak Jeffrey

ParentPay

Even if you do not pay for dinners, having a linked account to our system is vital so you receive texts and messages from school. Please email Tamsyn (admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk) if you are not set up, so you do not miss out. We do email as well, but text messaging works so quickly for all.

Christmas

Christmas Performances

There has been much in the press, and I am pleased we had already made our nativities as Covid friendly as possible like last year. We will be able to offer refreshments and will also have the raffle so do remember to bring change.

We will be requiring all to wear masks and to sanitise hands on entry to keep all safe.

We will be wiping down in between times and keeping doors and windows open for ventilation - do bring your coat!

We do need you to book seats for the performances as we will be setting chairs out, as last year, in small groups.

We ask that all who come to watch our Christmas performances take a lateral flow test on each day you attend.

Christmas Tree

A huge thank you to Trish for sorting out our exhibit at the Christmas Tree Festival in St Nicholas and Faith Church. Jackie and Trish are not only superb at displays but their creative skills never fail to amaze me and they come up with so many new ideas. The smell of the Christmas puddings hanging from the tree was an added extra this year - a real sensory experience. Do go and see for yourself. It was lovely that Lynne Watts was able to go with Trish and help set up again this year as she had been responsible for our tree in the past.

Nativity

The lovely figures that Malcolm restored a couple of years ago are once again the focal point of our preparations for Christmas and displayed in our chapel. Please peer in when you attend a play, it helps us focus on the real meaning of Christmas. This is easily forgotten with shopping and other events keeping us busy.

Christmas Performances

If you're yet to book tickets, please do so here:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Event Code: sputd

Monday 13th December

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| 9 - 10am | Year 1 |
| 10 - 11am | Year 2 |
| 11 - 12 | Year 3 |
| 2 - 3pm | Year 4 |
| 3 - 4pm | Year 5 |
| 4 - 5pm | Year 6 |

Tuesday 14th December

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| 9 - 10am | Year 3 |
| 10 - 11am | Year 4 |
| 11 - 12 | Year 5 |
| 1.45 - 3pm | Year 6 |
| 3 - 4pm | Year 2 |
| 4 - 5pm | Year 1 |

Wednesday 15th December

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| 8.45 - 10am | Year 6 |
| 10 - 11am | Year 5 |
| 11 - 12 | Year 2 |
| 2 - 3pm | Year 1 |
| 3 - 4pm | Year 3 |
| 4 - 5pm | Year 4 |

Thursday 16th December

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| 8.45 - 9.45am | Reception |
| 3.30 - 4.30pm | Reception |

Christmas Raffle

Thank you for all the mufti money – we have raised over £240 to compile our hampers to be raffled on each day of the Christmas plays.

Christingle - Friday 17th December

Reverend Laura will be delivering our Christingle services this year, timings are as follows:

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| 9am | Reception and Year 1 |
| 9.45am | Year 2 and Year 3 |
| 10.30am | Year 4 and 5 |
| 11.15am | Year 6 |

We will be closing the school at 2pm on this day.

Awards

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| Art | | Music | Millie B-C |
| Being the Best I Can | Ethan J | Needlecraft | Lyra C |
| Class Role Model | Joseph A | | Georgia C |
| Demonstrating Values | Norah C | Perseverance | Ewan G |
| | Lola O-R | | Molly T |
| | Jacob T | Positive Attitude | Eliza R |
| | Florence W | | Isobel R |
| Dinner Hall | Ember H | | Monty F |
| Effort | Ashton B | Progress | Teddy S-J |
| | Arthur B | | Pippa I |
| | Ruby C | Reading | Grace D |
| | Dougie B | | Cody S-B |
| | Harris S | | Oscar M |
| Friendship | Evie G | | Seb H |
| Good Learning | Ember H (RE) | | Shanjanah S |
| | Isaac P | Resilience | Cai C |
| Growth Mindset | Tilly K | | Sophie D |
| | Jacob R | | Georgia C |
| | Penny B | School Role Model | Nina M |
| Literacy | Francesca A | Special Award | William Br |
| Maths | Edmund F | Spelling | Alice G |
| | Seren H | Thinking | Lyra C |
| | Fleur B | | Gwen H |
| | Myles C | Writer of the Week | Henry T |
| | Charlie O | | |
| | Evelyn G | Piano Award | Leo C |
| | Erin R | Singing Award | Eliza R |

Dates for your Diary

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| Mon 13 Dec | Yr1-Yr6: Christmas Plays | Tue 4 Jan | Inset Day |
| Tue 14 Dec | Yr1-Yr6: Christmas Plays | Wed 5 Jan | Inset Day |
| Wed 15 Dec | School Christmas Lunch | Wed 12 Jan | KS2: Theatre trip - Aladdin |
| | Yr1-Yr6: Christmas Plays | Fri 14 Jan | XC League Run |
| Thu 16 Dec | Yr R: Christmas Plays | Fri 4 Feb | XC League Run |
| | KS1: Theatre trip | 1-2 Feb | Yr 3: Residential DATE CHANGE |
| Fri 17 Dec | Last day of term: 2PM PICKUP | 7-18 Feb | Yr 3: Daily swimming lessons |
| 20Dec – 3Jan | Christmas Holidays | 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 |
| | | 6-7 Jun | Yr 6: Jnr Ten Tors DATE CHANGE |
| | | w/b 20 June | Yr 6: London residential |
| | | Fri 22 Jul | Last day of term NEW |
| | | Mon 25 Jul | Inset Day DATE CHANGE |