



This Week:

Clubs <u>NOT</u> running during this week due to parents evenings Yogalates Colour and Chat Eco Ukulele Netball		Parents Evenings If you've not had a confirmation email with your meeting link, please contact the office before midday Tuesday.		
Monday 17th	Tuesday 18th	Wednesday 19th	Thursday 20th	Friday 21st
•	• Parents Evening • Cake Sale 	• Parents Evening	• Yr 6: Jnr Ten Tors	• Yr 6: Jnr Ten Tors
Monday 24 th – Friday 28 th October HALF TERM				
Monday 31st	Tuesday 1st Nov	Wednesday 2nd	Thursday 3rd	Friday 4th
• BACK TO SCHOOL • Closing date for secondary school applications.	• Friends AGM 6pm	•	•	• Yr R & 6 – Height & Weight Checks

Parents Evenings

Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th October

If you've not booked your appointment yet:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk.

- Instead of coming into school at the time of your appointment, click on the link that will be in the booking confirmation email. The teacher will then 'let you in' to the meeting.
- The system can only support parents calling in from *one* device.
- Please consider the teachers and other parents – if you need to speak to the teacher for longer than your allotted time, please check whether this can be arranged.

KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) Code: yzkfv

Book one ten-minute slot per child, per teacher.

KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) Code: b7mnc

- If your child has maths with their class teacher, book two consecutive five-minute slots with them.
- If your child has maths with a different teacher, book one five-minute slot with their class teacher and one five-minute slot with their maths teacher.

If you have not received a confirmation email, contact the office and we will get one out to you.

Farm Rota

Please put your name on the farm rota if you're able to come and feed the animals over a weekend or during half-term.

Full instructions will be sent out by email and are also written on the board in the shed.

To book:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Code: 89hzj

Cake Sale – Tuesday 18th October



If able, please bring in cakes for us to sell to the children at break time tomorrow. We sell them for 20p each and all the money raised is donated to a charity.

This month we are sending all proceeds to Hillside School in Uganda.

Please ensure all cakes are nut-free – they can be homemade or bought. 

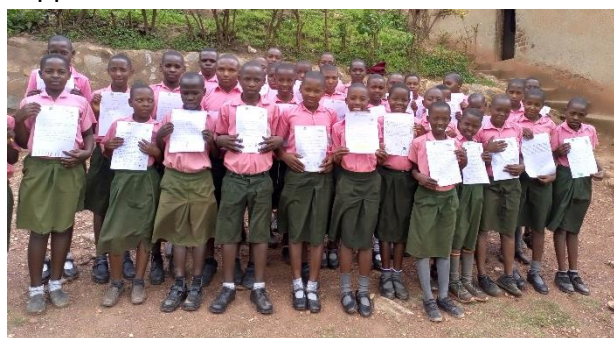
Secondary School Transfer

The closing date for secondary school transfers is Monday 31st October. If not done so yet, please log in here:

www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Hillside School, our twin school in Uganda

In the summer term, children in KS2 received letters from children there and wrote some beautiful response letters (see photo) - it was a great opportunity to learn about each other's everyday lives. Opportunities like this are a key part of the children's personal development and understanding of their place in the world as global citizens. We also thought about our friends at Hillside during our Harvest service last week at church. Through cake sales and other fundraising over the last few years and thanks to your kind donations, we were able to send £2500 of funds to the school in June. This will give essential support to fund every day teaching and learning - books, pencils, rubbers, paper - all the things that we take for granted. Thank you again for your support.



Accelerated Reader

Whole School Word Count 19,194,956
Whole School Book Count 1,443

Whole Class word count:

Year 2	296,129
Year 3	862,844
Year 4	4,307,438
Year 5	4,121,498
Year 6	9,575,178

Top individual word count:

Year 2	Leo C
Year 3	Tommy C
Year 4	Charlie M
Year 5	Ethan H
Year 6	Ruby C

Good reading progress:

Kezia W, Elodi C, Ellis M, Katie P, Dougie B,
Myles C, Evie G, Tilly C, Leyvyn S, Ben C

¼ Millionaire

Ellis M, Leyvyn S

1 Millionaire

Ethan F

Religious Education

This half term, KS2 have reflected on the importance of Hindu beliefs, comparing them to our own as Christians. Years 3 and 4 have been discussing the symbolism behind diya lamps and how they represent 'good over evil' and 'darkness over light' in the story of Rama and Sita, as part of the 'Festival of Light' known as 'Diwali'.

Diwali will be held on Monday 24 October this year to mark the 15th day of the month of Kartika, in the Hindu calendar.

The word Diwali directly means 'a series of lights' and will be celebrated typically over five days. I have encouraged Years 3 and 4 to light their lamps on Monday 24th to join in the celebrations and discuss their new learning with you. They'll be bringing the painted lamps home this Friday. It would be fantastic if you could share some pictures to your Google Classroom.



For the story of Rama and Sita please visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p028qhff>

Thank you, Miss Appleby



Early Years Position

Monday to Friday (term time only)

Hours: 930am to 3.00pm.

(One year contract – potential to extend)

Sir Robert Geffery's Preschool need an enthusiastic, self-motivated, fun, kind member of staff. With a passion for early years' education.

Early Years Qualification desirable but not essential

Please apply via email: srg.preschool@live.co.uk

Salary Dependent on Qualification/Experience

Website News

We are beginning a project to update our school website. If you get a chance, please do [take a look](#) at the 'News' page where we are putting occasional articles about things going on at school. This is also the go to place for previous newsletters.

Awards

Bookworm	Poppy H
Caring for Others	Freddie M
Demonstrating Values	Lyra C
	Rafferty B
Eco	Albie C
Effort	Noah H
	Evelyn G
	Dougie B
Excellence	Zenna P
	Chloe B
	Abigail F
Farm	Bethany Y
Friendship	Lily W-P
	Felix C
Good Learning	Hattie P
	Charlie M
	Seb H
Good Manners	Rebecca J
Growth Mindset	Henry B
Helpfulness	Filip W
	Daisy H-H
Maths	Tommy C
	Ethan J
Needlecraft	Archie H
	Florrie M
Perseverance	Nyana E
Positive Attitude	Ryan P
	Jacob R
	Kensa A
Progress	James C
	Sidney W (English)
	Lois G (Writing)
Reading	Liccy T
	Imogen P
	Leyvyn S
Resilience	Sybire K
Responsibility	Ethan B
Role Model	Anna G
School Ambassador	Zara B
Science	Finley S
Spellings	Katy B
Standing up for Right	Rosie S
Star of the Week	Darcey J
	Hector M
	Shanjanah S
Supporting Others	Jaida K
Thinking	Alby W
	Joseph P
Piano	Myles C
Singing	Emily F

Note from Mr Twallin – Chair of Governors

I am sorry to have to report that two former chairmen of the Governing Body have died recently: Richard Poulton on 23rd September aged 84 and Sir Graeme Davies on 30th August aged 85. Both had very distinguished careers in education and there are many obituaries for them online. Richard was headmaster of Bryanston, Wycliffe College and Christ's Hospital and Sir Graeme held senior posts in many universities throughout the UK, finishing his career as Vice Chancellor of the University of London. Both contributed greatly to life at Sir Robert Geffery's through their immense academic knowledge, expertise and experience. Amongst their many achievements, Richard was instrumental in establishing the school as an Academy Trust, following the Government's lead but minimising any impact on the school's operation whilst Sir Graeme initiated the introduction of interactive whiteboards in every classroom back in 2005-6, ensuring that the advantages from ICT continue to be maximised.

I am sure those of you who remember them will be thinking of their families at this difficult time. Mr O'Hara and Mrs Curtis are writing to both families on behalf of the School.

Headlice

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!). 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.

Plymouth Football Boot Bank

We are very pleased to announce our newest recycling initiative here at SRG. We have a blue bin in the school entrance from local charity Plymouth Football Boot Bank who collect and recycle used football boots, trainers and sports kit.

The boot bank will clean all items and pass back out on request to support any child/family struggling financially. 90% of boots etc. donated are upcycled and reallocated within the Plymouth and Cornwall areas, while any kit that does not pass quality control is sent out to the village of Bissary in Gambia, West Africa to help support their community.

Plymouth Football Boot Bank is currently receiving extremely high levels of requests from local families asking for help and therefore they are looking for both child and adult sizes, male/female/unisex, astro turf/studs/moulded - basically any boots etc. you have lurking at the back of your wardrobe or gathering dust on the shoe rack will be very much welcomed.

Plymouth Football Boot Bank can be contacted via Facebook please do like/follow their page and support if you are able but above all if you are struggling do not hesitate to get in touch with them via private message.

Challenge SRG:

Can we fill our boot bin by Christmas?



Dates for your Diary

Thu 10 Nov	Football Matches
Fri 11 Nov	School Disco
Tue 15 Nov	Cake Sale
Thu 17 Nov	Individual School Photos
Fri 18 Nov	League Run
Fri 25 Nov	Nasal Flu Immunisations
Fri 2 Dec	Christmas Fair
Thu 8 Dec	Yr 1: Hearing Screening
Tue 13 Dec	Christmas Dinner
Wed 14 Dec	KS1 Theatre Trip
Thu 15 Dec	Christmas Parties
	Nativity procession and Santa
Fri 16 Dec	Christingle
	(KS1 morning KS2 afternoon)
19Dec – 2Jan	Christmas Holidays
Tue 3 Jan	Inset Day
Wed 4 Jan	Back to school
Tue 10 Jan	Cake Sale
Wed 11 Jan	KS2 Panto trip
7-8 Feb	Y3: Residential
Tue 7 Feb	Cake Sale
Fri 10 Feb	Inset Day
13 – 17 Feb	February Half Term
27Feb-10Mar	Y3 Swimming Lessons (daily)
Tue 7 Mar	Cake Sale
3 – 14 Apr	Easter Holidays
Mon 17 Apr	Back to school
26-28Apr	Y5: Residential
Mon 1 May	Bank Holiday
4-5 May	Y4: Residential
8-12 May	SATs Week
22-26 May	Y6: London Residential
29May – 2Jun	May Half Term
Mon 24 Jul	Inset Day
Tue 25 Jul	Inset Day
Wed 26 Jul	Summer Holidays