



Newsletter No. 853 21st November 2022

This Week:

Clubs		Awards		
Clubs finish on Friday 2 nd December.		Please have a look around at home and return any weekly awards ASAP and we are missing quite a few in school.		
Monday 21 st	Tuesday 22 nd	Wednesday 23 rd	Thursday 24 th	Friday 25 th
•	- Football Match - Closing date for Christmas card orders	Closing date for nasal flu consent (midday)	Football match at St Austell	Nasal Flu Immunisations

Mornings

A quick reminder that:

Registration is 8.45 – 8.55am

Lessons start at 8.55am

Nasal Flu Immunisations – Friday 25th

The consent form needs to be completed for all children – to either give consent, or to not give consent – by midday on Wednesday 23rd.

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu> SRG Code: EE137257

Communication

As shared previously, please consider the wellbeing of all in your communications with school. Please could any emails to school staff be sent within 'normal' working hours. If you are writing an email earlier than 8.00am or after 5.00pm, please consider whether it can be delayed sent. This is for the benefit of all, including the children, whom staff are caring for all day. Thank you for your support and understanding in this.

Christmas Card orders

Last week you will have received a proof of the Christmas card your child designed in school. The closing date for orders (all information is on the card proof) is midnight tomorrow, Tuesday 22nd November.

School Photos

School photos are coming home today. These can only be ordered online now – to have free return to school, orders need to be in to Tempest by 30th November. Any orders received after that will be subject to a postage cost. If you do not receive a proof copy of your child/ren's photo, please email the office and we will send you the codes to order online.

Change of Wednesday vegetarian option

On Weeks 2 and 3 of the lunch menu the vegetarian option will be Quorn Roast from now on. (Week 1 will stay as Vegan sausage casserole.)

Christmas Tree Festival

St Nicolas and St Faith Church, Lower Fore Street, Saltash

We are pleased to say that, once again, we have a tree on display at the Christmas Tree Festival. Trish and Jackie have worked hard with the children in KS2 to produce decorations for our tree.

The exhibition is lovely to see - please go and visit and see if you can find our tree.

The festival is open from Saturday 26th November to Sunday 11th December.

10.00am - 6.00pm on Saturdays

2.00pm - 6.00pm on Sundays and weekdays

Also, to 8.00pm on 3rd December to coincide with the town festivities.

Entrance is free (donations welcome).

Refreshments are served.

Choir

Mrs Suckling is changing the day for Choir from Thursday lunchtime to Tuesday from now on.

Christmas Performances

Some questions have arisen over the Christmas performance format. In the past (pre-Covid) the children performed as a whole Key Stage with the older class doing the main performance with the other classes slotting in mini-performances.

During Covid only, each class did their own performance (in many schools there were no performances during this period).

This year, we are performing in 'phases' ie. Reception on their own; Year 1 and Year 2 together; Year 3 and Year 4 together; Year 5 and Year 6 together.

Across the school we have agreed that the older year group in each phase will perform the bulk of the 'acting', with the younger year group having supporting performances such as song, dance and/or short scenes.

This pattern will continue into coming years enabling children fair opportunities, learn from each other and grow in confidence over time. We felt that this was better than returning to whole Key stages with the very cramped performances, less opportunity to perform and limited places for parents and families to attend of several years ago.

We are asking parents to 'book' tickets again this year, so we have an idea of numbers. We are limiting this to two tickets per child, per performance to start with and if we have space we will open it up with more tickets.

To book:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Code: rewa6

When booking tickets:

If booking two tickets...

One x Ticket 1 and one x Ticket 2

If booking one ticket...

One x Ticket 1

Please contact us if you have any queries

admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk.

Awards

Caring for Others	Emily E
Class Role Model	Norah C
Demonstrating Values	Millie W
	Eddie S
	Georgina H
Effort	Alex H
	Aaron B
	Amber P
Excellence	Katie P
	Hector M
Farm	Vanda B
Good Learning	Reggie C
	William B
Good Manners	Ezra W
Growth Mindset	Millie S
	Tom G
Kindness	Rosie S
Maths	Eliza R
	Emilia P
	Oliver M
	Abigail F
Needlecraft	Seb H
	Evie T
Positive Attitude	Bonnie B
Progress	Oscar M
	Kezia W
	Lowenna H
Reading	Alice G
Resilience	Lowenna B
	Lois G
	Charlie O
	Alby W
Responsibility	Rosie H
	Penny B
Role Model	Danny C
Science	Finn S
Service	Ryan J (Poppy Sales)
Spellings	Tommy C
Standing up for Right	Henry B
Star of the Week	Ellis M
	Ida A
	Tula E
	Ethan F
Thinking	Lowena C
	Lacey H
Writer	Evalyn G
	Bethany N
Writer of the Week	Charlie M
Piano	Jacob R
Singing	Anna G

Sports Roundup

League Run 2 Results - Lanhydrock

On Friday we took 27 children to the latest league run at Lanhydrock, looking to build on consistent performances from all four teams at the first league run in October. Lanhydrock is probably one of the most scenic courses in the calendar, but is certainly the toughest run with a long uphill finish which tested all our runners.

First up were the Year 3 & 4 girls who were in 4th place after the first run. We ran well as a team with both Anna (5th) and Grace (on her first league run - 6th) finishing inside the top 10. Ella and Emily replicated their last positions to the exact place - finishing 29th and 31st respectively for the second race in a row. Lowenna improved hugely on her first run and was an excellent 44th and Imogen (also completing her first league run) was 47th. Rose completed a good team showing coming in 72nd.

Next up were the Year 3 & 4 boys who were 2nd after race one. Again the boys produced some gutsy runs with William the first SRG boy home in 28th. He was closely followed by Henry (32nd), Ellis (38th), Ethan (44th). Next in were Max (70th) and Charlie (78th).

The Year 5 & 6 girls were 5th coming into this round and, like the Year 3 & 4 girls, we managed two finishers inside the top 10 for the second race in a row. Ruby was 4th and Olivia 5th. Seren built on her excellent run in October and improved a further 15 places to finish 20th. Next in were Kensa (38th) and Gracie (40th). Again, both these girls improved significantly in their placings from race one. Eris, on her first run of the year was 56th and Katy came in 58th, rounding off a really good team performance in a field of over 120 girls!

The final race of the afternoon was the Year 5 & 6 boys, who were lying in 2nd place after race one. The Blackmons were our 1-2 last time out and this was the case again today, but it was Arthur this time who was our first boy home in an excellent 6th place and was followed closely by Riley who came 13th - earning them the **unofficial** title of 'Fastest Twins in Cornwall!' Next home was William who finished an excellent 19th. He was closely followed by Dougie (32nd) and Bodhi (35th) and then Ashton (62nd) and Ben (68th). Ashton ran well, improving a full 13 places from last time out and Ben should be commended for finishing the race at all with only one shoe on!

I'd like to say thanks to Mr White who oversaw the start of each race, ensuring all the children were in the right place at the right time, Mrs Brown and the PTA who have purchased a very shiny new SRG banner and to all the parents and grandparents who came along to support the children throughout.

The next league run is not until January now, but cross country club continues for the next couple of weeks.



UN's Convention on the Rights of the Child

This week we will be discussing **Articles 2 and 23 – International Day of People with Disabilities**. The Convention says 'Children must be supported, included, listened to and involved in decisions about their education. A disability is a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long term negative effect on your ability to do daily activities.'

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Appeal

'A simple shoebox gift packed with love and fuelled by prayer can have a huge impact'.

Thank you for all your kind donations. Miss Appleby dropped all the shoeboxes off at the collection point this weekend.

Accelerated Reader

Whole School Word Count 29,562,479

Whole School Book Count 2,671

Whole Class word count:

Year 2 700,723

Year 3 1,389,434

Year 4 6,561,115

Year 5 7,613,050

Year 6 12,777,649

Top individual word count:

Year 2 Lyra C

Year 3 Monty B

Year 4 Ethan J

Year 5 Millie S

Year 6 Isaac P

Good reading progress:

Freddie T, Hector M, Brooke G, Tommy C, Seren H, Charlie T, Florrie M, Seb H, Arthur B, Harley H

National Younger Leadership Conference

On 15th November, SRG took part in the National Younger Leadership Group Conference - hosted by the Archbishop of York. The Head and Deputy Head children with Mr Brodey (one of our student teachers) participated in an online Zoom meeting with over 100 different schools around the country - all of which are Church of England Schools. The focus of the meeting was for young people and future leaders to discuss what the church means and what they would like to see from the future of the church. The children gave great ideas and contributed to the strategic development of the Church of England. 'We really enjoyed contributing to the discussions around improving the church' - Bodhi (Year 6)

<https://www.archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.co.uk/projects/nylg>

Christmas performance times

This year's Christmas performances start times will be as follows. More details for the specific drop off times and arrangements so that children can get ready in class etc. and collection times for the evening performances will be shared soon.

Reception: Tue 6 Dec 5.45pm
Wed 7 Dec 9.15am

Year 1 & 2 Thu 8 Dec 5.45pm
Fri 9 Dec 9.15am

Year 3 & 4 Mon 12 Dec 5.45pm
Tue 13 Dec 9.15am

Year 5 & 6 Tue 13 Dec 5.45pm
Wed 14 Dec 9.15am

Dates for your Diary

Mon 28 Nov	Yr 6: Callington NEW
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)
	Wraparound Care 4.30pm close
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
Fri 10 Mar	Landrake Run
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