



**Next Week:**

<b>Clubs</b> Clubs start Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> April.		<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Due to staff training, we will not be running clubs on Wednesday.</b> We will have a limited number of spaces in H/W club, but please let us know beforehand so we know numbers.		
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>
•	• Yr 1: Zero Gravity	• Yr 5: Residential • NO CLUBS TODAY	• Yr 5: Residential	• Yr 5: Residential

**Attendance**

Congratulations to **Year 5** who had the highest attendance (27-31 Mar). Mr O'Hara will be visiting to put some marbles in your jar!



**School Gates**

It is important that the school gates are closed outside of school hours, for both the safety of animals on the farm and the school buildings. Please ensure you close all gates, including farm gates when using the school grounds.

**National School Farms Day - Sunday 30th April**

The Farm Committee will be holding an Open Farm session on Sunday 30th April, 10am - 12pm, on this National day of celebration of all school based farms.

Come and cuddle the guinea pigs, meet and feed the lambs, plant a seed or brush Polly!

Free entry, bring your whole family and get up close to our amazing animals.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**Class Assemblies**

We are excited to share the dates below for the up-coming class assemblies. They will be a chance for each class to showcase some of their learning to parents. It would be helpful if children arrive at 8:45am on those days so that they are ready to start the assembly for visitors at 9:00am. The assembly will last for between 20 and 30 minutes and be followed by a chance for children and class staff to say hello and chat to parents afterwards.

Year 2	Tue 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 5	Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 1	Tue 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 4	Thu 25 <sup>th</sup> May
Year 3	Thu 8 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Year 6	Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> June
Year R	Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> June		

**Early Bird Sessions**

On the mornings of 14th and 16th June, parents are invited to pop into their child's class between 8.40 and 9.00am to sit with their child and have a look at some of the work they are so proud of.

Parents fed back that it would be good to see the children in their classroom environment and we hope having the option of two sessions enables parents with siblings to see each and to try to fit in with parents' own busy schedules.

Lessons will be starting at 9.00am and we would kindly ask that parents say goodbye by this time, so that staff and children can focus on learning.

**Allergies**

Having gone through residential forms, we have noted that a few children have an allergy to penicillin that we weren't previously aware of. Please contact the office ([admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk)) to let us know if your child has an allergy that we need to be aware of.

## Jigsaw PSHE - new topic for Summer Term 1

A new term means a new focus for our whole class PSHE lessons. This acronym stands for:  
P = Personal      S = Social  
H = Health      E = Economic.... education!  
At SRG, we recognise the importance of these lessons for children's personal development and prioritise this session for a Monday morning with the class teacher each week. We use the 'Jigsaw' resource to teach across the school and have done for many years. This is a widely used resource by both primary and secondary schools nationally.

Our new topic for the first half term every summer is 'Relationships'. Each year group will have age appropriate learning linked to this topic. The topic was launched this Tuesday in a whole school assembly so as all staff and children have a common understanding of what we are striving to achieve - happy healthy relationships! (We do this each half term with each new PSHE topic and the children tend to really enjoy the interactive nature of the assembly - please see the attached pictures from this week's in which volunteers helped 'stir the mix' of the suggestions from all about the important 'ingredients' of a good relationship.)



## Staffing update

Izzy in the office has taken the wonderful opportunity of early retirement and will be finishing here at the end of the month. We will miss Izzy's hard work and sense of humour in school and I know the full community will share our thanks and best wishes to her after such a long service at SRG. She will hopefully still be helping out occasionally, so we look forward to keeping in touch.

The classes will cover the following themes:

- Year R Friendships, falling out, family life and bullying.
- Year 1 Being a good friend, people who help us, being a good friend to myself and celebrating special relationships.
- Year 2 Different types of families, physical contact boundaries, friendship and conflicts, secrets, trust and appreciation.
- Year 3 Family roles and responsibilities, friendship and negotiation, keeping safe online, being a global citizen, being aware of how my choices affect others, appreciation.
- Year 4 Jealousy, love and loss, memories of loved ones, getting on and falling out, types of relationships, showing appreciation.
- Year 5 Self-worth, building self-esteem, safer online communities, rights and responsibilities online, online gaming, reducing screen time and SMART internet safety rules
- Year 6 Mental health and self-awareness, love and loss, managing feelings, power and control, assertiveness, technology safety and responsibility.

The topic for the second half of the summer term is Changing Me, we will send information about this very soon to keep parents informed.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and if you have any questions then please feel free to ask Mrs Cunningham (PSHE lead) or Mr O'Hara via the office.

## KS2 Maths

During this half term only, all KS2 children will be remaining in their own classes for maths lessons. This is partly due to the number of different events taking place over coming weeks (including Y4, Y5 and Y6 residential; Y6 SATs week; science week; two bank holidays).

Class teachers will ensure (as they always do) that maths learning will still be 'pitched' to the appropriate level to keep children challenged and progressing in their maths. Normal maths groups will resume after half term.

### **SRG putt on a masterclass**

On Wednesday, 10 pupils from Years 4 – 6 took part in the inter schools Tri-golf tournament in Bodmin. The challenges tested their ability to putt, chip and hit bombs against schools from across Cornwall. The team was captained by Charlie T of Year 4 who showed his clear golfing ability; he was joined in the boys team by Arthur, Harris and Aaron from Year 6 and Ashton from Year 5. The girls consisted of Katy, Penny and Eris from Year 6 and Katie and Gwen from Year 5. SRG started slowly with the first two stations testing their ability to pitch and chip the ball. Aaron was steadily scoring, with the others supporting without any fireworks. We then moved on to a putting drill which seemed to spark a desire in SRG and the points began to flow. Katie P was a natural, knocking over cones at will and this inspired the girls team who began to pick up points regularly. At the half way stage SRG were now beginning to make their way up the leader board and this seemed to give them real confidence.

After a short snack break SRG were back with a bang! Two stations running, the stewards commented on the consistency and accuracy of SRG, with both Gwen and Harris receiving particular praise for their point scoring.

### **Year 3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics team Faster, Higher, Stronger!**

On Wednesday this week we took a team of 20 Year 3 & 4 pupils to the East and Mid Cornwall Sportshall Athletics Games Day in Bodmin. We took part in 6 different track events and 6 different field events.

Both boys and girls teams got off to a great start by winning their opening track events - the obstacle relay. The field events also seemed to be going well, with many children beating their own personal bests. The boys team of; Edmund, Henry, William, Charlie M, Rafferty, Shepherd, Ellis, Felix, Max C & Tom won 3 of their 6 track events and came second in two further events. Their only blemish was when Edmund stumbled over a hurdle when in the lead on the last leg of his relay and fell heavily on his elbow and hip. After a bit of TLC (in the form of a banana and some wet paper towels) he was able to take part in further events, and threw the javelin a huge distance to win that part of the event for SRG!

With two events to go, SRG knew they needed a big finish if they were to have a chance of taking home a medal. Head girl Katy B was motivating all of the team and celebrating every success. An accuracy putting drill was the penultimate event and it was here where SRG came into their own. Led by captain Charlie, the team hit their targets consistently, amassing a huge amount of points which had the team fizzing with belief. The final station again yielded rewards for SRG with Eris, Gwen and Ashton hitting maximum points. The scores were collected in and after some suspense from the judges, SRG knew they had medalled but were unsure of the colour... We were now in the hunt for silver or gold. After a long pause... SRG were awarded the gold medals after a comprehensive victory where they won by a staggering 68 points! SRG were incredibly humble in victory and applauded all the competitors as they received their medals. Mr W was very much proud of the squad- not only for their efforts at golf- but for their behaviour and competitiveness throughout the day. Well done SRG golf team!



The girls team consisting of; Eliza, Tilly C, Emily, Imogen, Ella, Anna, Grace, Lowenna, Rose & Millie also performed superbly on the track, winning two of their 6 events, coming second in two and third in the remaining two track events.

We waited excitedly for the results and were pleased to hear that we'd amassed 376 points and had come first!. We are awaiting our overall position in the competition as there were 7 other schools in attendance during the morning's competitions and we'll have to wait and see our final finishing position when both the morning and afternoon points are combined.

Sam and I were really proud of how determined our team was, as once again, they gave everything in their performances.

Well done SRG - you were a pleasure to take out of school and represented our school with distinction.

### Free School Meals

Please sign up for Free School Meals if you are eligible. We receive additional funding and children become eligible for discounted music lessons and other activities, so please still apply even if your child is in KS1 and receives a free meal anyway.

Our budget is always tight and this makes a difference. If you think you may be eligible, follow the link below. This additional money lasts for six years even if your circumstances change. The funding given to schools makes a real difference to your child and what we can offer.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/#eligibility>

#### Free school meals eligibility criteria:

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent/carer (or the child themselves) receives any of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS)
- Job Seekers' Allowance (Income-Based) and equal based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA-IR) and equal based Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (CTC) with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guarantee Element of Pension Credit (GPC)
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (IAA) Supports.

If you are claiming the benefits listed below you are not eligible for free school meals. This is regardless of what other benefits/credits are being claimed.

- Working Tax Credit
- Contribution-Based Job Seeker's Allowance and/or Contribution-Based Employment and Support Allowance

The easiest way to apply for free school meals is [online](#).

### Farm Rota – May and June

Please book yourselves in on the farm rota to visit and feed the animals on the school farm over the weekends and half term.



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### RNLI

The RNLI came in to school this week to talk to children in KS2 about water safety in assembly. Hopefully they remember the four water safety messages (Stop and Think, Stay Together, Float and Call 999 or 112).

### Music Awards

Piano	Imogen Pe.
Singing	Georgina H

### E-Safety

Before Easter, we re-shared tips for parents about supporting children to stay safe online when using internet enabled devices at home. Children learn lots about e-safety at school and they are taught to make safe choice all the time. We all know how many children enjoy accessing games and messaging services etc. on tablets, gaming systems and increasingly, phones at home.

Several parents have highlighted to us the parent control app Family Link. Other apps are available that let parents set maximum screen and/or internet time, block and filter websites and help track your child's use of the internet. Please consider this and other means of helping your child stay safe online - e.g. only using the internet in 'shared' spaces at home like the lounge, rather than bedrooms.

### Road Safety

Please keep advising your children on road safety, including awareness of traffic and safe places to cross.

### Outstanding Payments

Please log in to ParentPay and clear any outstanding monies owed for lunches or trips. Many thanks.

### National Emergency Phone Alerts

Just a reminder that the government are sending out an automated emergency alarm to all phones on Sunday afternoon. Information can be found online, including for how to turn off this alarm if this would cause concern.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 25 Apr	Yr 1: Zero Gravity <b>NEW</b>
26-28Apr	Yr 5: Residential
Fri 28 Apr	Bowls
Mon 1 May	Bank Holiday
Tue 2 May	Yr 2: Zero Gravity <b>NEW</b>
Wed 3 May	Yr 2: Cricket
Thu 4 May	Netball Match
4-5 May	Yr 4: Residential
Fri 5 May	Bowls
Mon 8 May	Bank Holiday
9-12 May	SATs Week
Tue 9 May	Cake Sale
	Yr 1: Zero Gravity <b>NEW</b>
Mon 15 May	Hardball Cricket comp
Tue 16 May	Yrs 5/6: Spaceport trip
	Yr 2: Zero Gravity <b>NEW</b>
Wed 17 May	Yr 6: Cricket
	No clubs (staff training) <b>NEW</b>
22-26 May	Y6: London Residential
Tue 23 May	Yr 1: Zero Gravity <b>NEW</b>
Wed 24 May	Yr 3: Cricket
Fri 26 May	Pre-School - 4.30pm close
29May – 2Jun	May Half Term
Tue 6 June	Yr R: Beach trip <b>NEW</b>
	Cake Sale
Wed 7 June	Yr 1: Beach trip <b>NEW</b>
Thu 8 Jun	Hockey tournament
Fri 9 Jun	Yr 2: Beach trip <b>NEW</b>
Tue 13 Jun	Yr 4: Cricket <b>NEW</b>
Wed 21 Jun	Sports Day
Thu 22 Jun	Yr 5: Cricket <b>NEW</b>
	Yr 6: Duchy College <b>NEW</b>
26-30Jun	Yr 6: Enterprise week <b>NEW</b>
Wed 28 Jun	5.15pm Summer Concert
Fri 30 Jun	Friends – Summer Fair 1pm
Tue 4 Jul	Cake Sale
Tue 11 Jul	Yr 4: Playhouse
Fri 14 Jul	Speech Day
Fri 21 Jul	Pre-School - 4.30pm close
Mon 24 Jul	Inset Day
Tue 25 Jul	Inset Day
Wed 26 Jul	Summer Holidays