

SIR ROBERT GEFFERY'S SCHOOL A School for Enthusiasts

Where we 'live life in its fullness' (John 10.10) Knowing that God is our Strength and with His help we will be the best we can

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Next Week:

| Clubs | | Woodwind lessons | | |
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| Cricket Club is not running Friday 5 th May | | Because of the bank holidays, Steve's Monday lessons will be held on a Wednesday for the next two weeks. | | |
| Monday 1 st May | Tuesday 2 nd | Wednesday 3 rd | Thursday 4 th | Friday 5 th |
| • BANK HOLIDAY | Yr 2: Class Assembly 9am Yr 2: Zero Gravity | • Yr 2: Cricket | Yr 4: Residential Yr 5: Class assembly 9am Netball match | Yr 4: Residential Coronation celebrations |

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 2 who had the highest attendance (17-21 Apr). Mr O'Hara will be visiting to put some marbles in your jar!



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!



Safe Driving and Parking

Thank you to the very vast majority of parents who, if they are not able to walk for the drop offs and pickups, drive and park very considerately.

Unfortunately, there are still reports from local residents of a few individuals who do not. I have received a copy of a letter from a local resident who has written to the police and county council regarding unsafe parking and alleged collisions where on separate occasions a car was driving too fast and actually collided with him whilst using the red marked pedestrian walkway clearly such incidents are dangerous and a police matter.

I would urge ALL parents and visitors to please drive carefully and considerately and to park with safety and consideration of other road users, pedestrians and neighbours in mind. This is to do everything we can for the safety of children and adults, as well as to maintain a positive relationship with the village community.

Coronation Celebrations

We will all have a picnic together on the field at lunchtime.

- W Children can bring a picnic blanket and/or a flag
- 🗹 Mufti wear red, white and blue, or 'dress up as a Royal' (no financial contribution)
- W School lunch choice is ham or cheese roll with hot wedges
- 🔟 In the case of wet weather, we will set up classrooms for an indoor picnic.



| Awards | | Music | Teddy S-J |
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| Art | Katie P | Needlecraft | Bodhi W |
| Be the Best I Can | Talia H | Necalcolate | bouin W |
| be the best real | Sam R | Phonics | Heidi G |
| Creativity | Lowena C | Playground Buddy | Teddy C |
| Demonstrating Values | | 1.1.18.00.00.0000 | Imogen B |
| | Rosina T | Perseverance | Imogen P |
| | Mawgan T | Presentation | Georgia C |
| | Ava J | Progress | Ava W |
| Determination | Tilly C | | Sophie D |
| Dinner Hall | Millie B | Reading | Beauden S |
| Effort | William B | | Alfie N |
| Excellence | Evie C | | Brooke G |
| | Jacob T | Resilience | Evalyn M |
| Farm | Heidi G | Role Model | , Рорру Н |
| Forest | Hazel E | | Max B |
| Good Manners | Harley H | Service | Charlie M |
| Growth Mindset | William W | Spelling | Rosie H |
| | Harriet H | Sports | Anna G |
| Handwriting | Melody W | | Eliza R |
| Helpfulness | Levison C | Star | lda A |
| | Tommy C | | Teddy C |
| | Rebecca J | Supporting Others | Jemima F |
| Kindness | Henry M | Writer | Ezra W |
| | Isaac P | | Charlie Da |
| Maths | Trystan O | | Eddie S |
| | Holly F | | Bethany N |
| | Tilly K | Piano Award | Holly F |
| | | Singing Award | Rosina T |
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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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Accelerated Reader

Whole school word count: 68,971,423 Total books read: 6,835

<u>Class word count</u>

Year 2 3,258,411 Year 34,268,634 Year 4 17,228,694 Year 518,981,686 Year 6 25,428,793

Top word count per class

| Year 2 | Leo C | Year 3 | Sybire K |
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| Year 4 | Emily F | Year 5 | Ashton B |
| Year 6 | Eris B-T | | |

Good Progress

Year 2 Iona P, Zara B
Year 3 Harriet H, Oscar L
Year 4 Cai C, Felix C
Year 5 Raff J
Year 6 Ava J, Bob T

Sports News

SRG footballers catch the eye in Bodmin tournaments

On Wednesday we took a Year 3/4 team and a Year 6 team to the Girls football tournaments in Bodmin.

The Year 3/4 team consisting of Emily E, Idrice C, Evelyn G, Bethany N, Holly F, Lowenna H, Ella W, Millie W, Seren H and Eliza R started the day with some coaching drills and then moved onto a mini-tournament in the sportshall. The girls were split into two teams with Millie, Seren and Idrice playing as part of a joint team with some children from Threemilestone Primary School. Millie caught the eye with some excellent individual skills on very tight pitches. Our other SRG team won one of their matches when Emily scored the only goal of the game. In their other three matches they drew two and were beaten by Marhamchurch, despite some incredible heroics from Eliza in the SRG goal.

The Year 6 team played in a tournament on the astro turf and performed superbly throughout. The team, depleted by illness, injury and a Year 5 residential trip, was bolstered by Anna from Year 4 who agreed to play with the Year 6 girls meaning we had the bare 7 players. This didn't seem to matter as we quickly found our feet notching up consecutive 3:0 victories over the Bishops School and St Mewan. We played some fantastic football in these two games with Katy and Esme, who took it in turns to don the goalkeeping gloves as virtual spectators, thanks to the shield of Ruby and Ava in midfield and Anna and Merryn in defence. Our third game was a fairly evenly balanced affair against Roche. Katy made a comfortable save in the first five minutes and SRG enjoyed lots of possession. There was some great inter-play from Seren, Ruby and Ava. In the second half there was some strong defensive play from the SRG backline of Katy, Merryn and Anna, with another Roche shot easily dealt with by Esme in the SRG goal. Despite lots of SRG possession and pressure, Ava had two guilt-edged chances, but failed to beat the impressive Roche goalkeeper and the game ended in a 0:0 draw.

Our fourth and fifth games came in quick succession, we recorded a narrow 1:0 win over Marhamchurch and actually conceded our first goal in a 1:1 draw to Kilkhampton. We did show great tenacity to come back from a goal down and Seren rounded off a superb three player move to slot home a deserved equaliser. Our final game was a routine 2:0 win against St Neot. Six games played, 4 wins and 2 draws and only 1 goal conceded all afternoon! Our goals were scored by Katy, Seren and Ava (who helped herself to 6 goals over the course of the tournament).

I'd like to say it was an absolute pleasure to take the girls out to this tournament and would like to publicly thank Mrs Chapman who not only came to cheer on the girls but found herself embroiled in helping supervise the teams. (She also wrote one of the match reports!) Thank you!







The United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is the basis for all of UNICEF's work and upholds children's rights all over the world.

This week we have discussed - Article 9 (separation from parents), Article 20 (children unable to live with their family), Article 21 (adoption) and Article 25 (review of treatment in care).

If a child has been placed a

There are many different reasons why children might not be looked after by their parents. And in these circumstances several articles of the Convention can help guide everyone to ensure that the child or young person's best interests remain central to the decisions taken.



Last week, we discussed **'Earth Day**', making links to Articles 6 and 24. KS2 reflecting on ways they already help the planet and that we can all make a difference, no matter how small, to protect earth for future generations.

Earth Day takes place every year on April 22 to show support for the protection of the environment and our planet.

Since 1970, Earth Day has brought together people, governments and companies from around the world, supporting them to do something positive for the environment. It promotes the fact that 'change starts with action' and we can all take action and encourage others to take action that positively impacts on the world around us.

For more information, please visit:



https://www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/unconvention-child-rights/

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-andeducation/schools-and-colleges/schoolmeals/#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 <u>online</u>.

Music at SRG

Brass

Attached to the newsletter this week is a letter from Kathryn Harris, our Brass teacher at school. It highlights how to sign up for brass lessons at school with herself following the success of first access for both Years 4 and 5 this year. This is a wonderful opportunity is not to be missed! Use of school instruments can be discussed for those students and families interested

Guitar

I have been teaching guitar in schools since 2004. I also run ensemble sessions and provide individual tuition in homes or online via Zoom. I have always considered my key role to be one of encouragement. Whether students are absolute beginners or come with prior knowledge, I encourage their development, help them to retain that initial spark, and continue to grow as musicians.

To achieve this, I use a variety of teaching aids: guitar tab, standard musical notation and most importantly encouraging them to listen critically and to deconstruct songs in order to understand the guitar's role within a piece. I always hope, with all my students, that they will continue to play, and most importantly, create music. Lessons with Cornwall Music Service Trust are booked through the Paritor System linked to below, you choose a lesson length that your happy with and I'll be in touch when I've received it.

https://www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/sign up

https://www.cornwallmusicservicetrust.org/fees



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 25 Apr 26-28Apr Fri 28 Apr Mon 1 May Tue 2 May Wed 3 May Thu 4 May 4-5 May Fri 5 May Mon 8 May 9-12 May Tue 9 May Mon 15 May Tue 16 May Wed 17 May 22-26 May Tue 23 May Wed 24 May Fri 26 May 29May – 2Jun Tue 6 June Wed 7 June Thu 8 Jun Fri 9 Jun Tue 13 Jun Wed 21 Jun Thu 22 Jun 26-30Jun Wed 28 Jun Fri 30 Jun Tue 4 Jul Tue 11 Jul Fri 14 Jul Fri 21 Jul Mon 24 Jul Tue 25 Jul Wed 26 Jul

Yr 1: Zero Gravity NEW Yr 5: Residential Bowls **Bank Holiday** Yr 2: Zero Gravity NEW Yr 2: Cricket Netball Match Yr 4: Residential Bowls Bank Holiday SATs Week Cake Sale Yr 1: Zero Gravity NEW Hardball Cricket comp Yrs 5/6: Spaceport trip Yr 2: Zero Gravity NEW Yr 6: Cricket **No clubs** (staff training) Pre-School fully booked NEW Y6: London Residential Yr 1: Zero Gravity NEW Yr 3: Cricket Pre-School - 4.30pm close May Half Term Yr R: Beach trip NEW Cake Sale Yr 1: Beach trip NEW Hockey tournament Yr 2: Beach trip NEW Yr 4: Cricket NEW Sports Day Yr 5: Cricket NEW Yr 6: Duchy College NEW Yr 6: Enterprise week **NEW** 5.15pm Summer Concert Friends – Summer Fair 1pm Cake Sale Yr 4: Playhouse Speech Day Pre-School - 4.30pm close Inset Day Inset Day Summer Holidays