






Newsletter No. 892 24th November 2023

Next Week:

After School Club Info			House Cup Points Update Last week's winners were Tamblyn 	
Monday 27th Nov	Tuesday 28th	Wednesday 29th	Thursday 30th	Friday 1st December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Booster swim lessons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Booster swim lessons ● Girls football 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Booster swim lessons ● Wreath making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Booster swim lessons ● Wreath making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Booster swim lessons ● Christmas Fair 

Attendance

Congratulations to **Year R** who had the highest attendance (13-17 Nov). Mr O'Hara will be visiting to put some marbles in your jar! 

Christmas Card Orders

Christmas Card proofs came home yesterday. If you would like to place an order, it needs to be done by **Tuesday 28th November**.

Farm Rota

There are a lot of spaces on the rota to come and visit and feed the animals on the farm.



To put your names down, please go to:

www.schoolinterviews.co.uk

Code: bumnt

Diocese Visitors

This week we welcomed two current headteachers from other Church of England schools within the Diocese of Truro as part of their annual visit of support and challenge. They were very impressed with our Pupil Leadership (with the different committees of Worship, Eco, Sports, Arts and School Council) and how articulate and proud the children were of their school.

They commented on the many opportunities provided to extend and enrich the school curriculum that supported children's strong personal development.

Pre-School Online Christmas Shopping

Christmas shopping from the comfort of your armchair! Lots of fantastic sellers helping to raise funds for Pre School. Starting today until Friday 1st December. Click [here](#) to join.

<https://www.facebook.com/SirRobertGefferysPreschool>

School Photos

The closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 3rd December**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Further acting prowess

Congratulations to Georgina in Year 3 and Kristina in Year 5 who have been chosen to play various roles in the up and coming performance of The Wizard of Oz with Caradon Youth Theatre. Oz opens tonight at the Wesley Church, Saltash with another two performances tomorrow at 2pm & 7pm ([tickets](#)).

Awards

Be the Best I Can Be	Ethan B
Caring for Others	Austin M-L
Cleanest Classroom	Year 6
Creativity	Abigail F
Demonstrating Values	Ellis M Maia B
Effort	Aiden D Kara W
Enthusiasm	Frankie M
Excellence	Simeon R Dylan M Ella W
Farm	Miriam B
Friendship	William F
Growth Mindset	Amber P
Handwriting	Yumna W
Kindness	Norah C Ayla L
Learning	Jayden A
Maths	Alex H Monty B Amelia P
Phonics	Alba W-P
Perseverance	Charlie D
Positive Attitude	Oscar L
Quality of Writing	Emilia P
Reading	Lacey H Rupert E Kezia W
Resilience	Poppy H Ruby B
Role Model	Imogen Pa
Star of the Week	Henry M
Thinking	Reid T Ada F Lyra C
Times Table Champion	Sybire K
Writer of the Week	Tilly C
Piano	Levison C
Singing	Sybire K

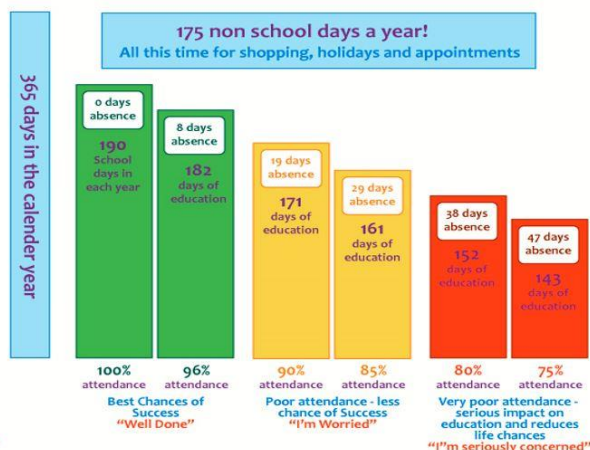
Term-Time Absence

We are reminding families of the importance of great attendance at school. Missing days can really affect learning and confidence in class. Please remember that term-time holidays are actively discouraged for this reason. If you have an exceptional request for term-time absence, please follow the procedure outlined in the school attendance policy on the website. Absence for holidays is very rarely authorised and can come with a penalty fine as outlined in the following (also previously shared):

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

Good Attendance Means...

being in school at least 96% of the time. This means 8 Days Off!



Lots and lots of sport!

We are the Champions!

The SRG girls went to the County 7-a-side football finals in Penryn on Friday last week and returned with the trophy and a place in the South West Counties finals taking place in Bristol in March next year - with a shot of making the national finals!

After winning our group back in October down in Wadebridge we arrived in Penryn excited by the prospect of playing in the County finals, but under no illusion that the task of qualifying for the South West finals was going to be a tall order against the other 7 best teams in the county.

We started against our local rivals (and the only team to beat us so far this season) Bishop Cornish. As predicted, this was a tight encounter, with some hefty challenges going in on Olivia and Bonnie in particular. We did manage to hit the post but had to thank Anna for a very brave point blank save (with her face) to stop Bishop Cornish sneaking an undeserved victory. The game petered out, with Gracie taking over in the SRG goal and managing to see out a late onslaught from our opponents. Final score 0:0

Our second game was an equally tight encounter against a very organised and strong side from Mount Hawke. When the game looked destined to end in another stalemate, some good work from Olivia on the right was profited on by Millie S who poked the ball in from a tight angle inside the last minute of the game. Some great defending from Grace and Gracie meant we held on to record a 1:0 win.

Our third game was against Bishop Bronsecombe, who again fielded some giant players. Olivia managed to hit the post direct from the kick off, but a fantastic solo goal from Olivia moments later, running from inside her own half, calmed our nerves. Alice and Gwen worked hard in midfield in this game to deny a talented side any sights on our goal. Our opponents were very physical and Daisy received a nasty kick to her ankle, meaning she had to hobble off. However, Olivia made it 2:0 with an excellent strike and we were home and dry!

Our next game against St Hilary was a very tight affair. St Hilary had exactly the same record as us, having won two and drawn one of their first three games. Despite a very sore ankle, Daisy played and she found space in the box and jinked around her defender to put us 1 up. However, some sloppy play in the SRG defence, resulted in Anna conceding our first goal as St Hilary equalised from close range. We were undeterred, and in the second half Daisy restored our lead with a neat finish into the bottom corner. Final score 2:1 SRG.

Next up were St Mewan, who had looked good in their opening 4 games. We started incredibly well, when Olivia caught the St Mewan 'keeper napping and scored direct from the kick off. St Mewan were a good side and caused us problems with their front players. It was no surprise that they equalised. But I had the feeling this was going to be our day, and a determined SRG side restored our lead within seconds when Olivia fired the ball in after some good work from Bonnie. Gracie went off for running repairs on a cut toe and Bonnie deputised well in the backline with Grace. In the second half Olivia completed her hat-trick to make the final score 3:1 to SRG.

Our penultimate game was against Roche and, for once, this was a more relaxing game and turned out to be a dominant performance from SRG with Daisy scoring first followed by two further goals from Olivia gave us a comfortable 3:0 win.

We went into our final game on a record of five wins and one draw from our six games. Home and dry... not quite, because Bishop Cornish had almost matched our results winning four and drawing two of their six games. Our destiny was in our own hands... just win and we'd be the county champions.

Our opponents, Nancledra, were the defending champions from last season and did everything to frustrate us. Midway through the first half a cross from Millie was handled in the area by a Nancledra defender... Penalty! Olivia stepped up and coolly slotted the ball into the bottom left hand corner. 1:0 SRG. We had numerous chances to extend our lead and save everyone's fingernails from being bitten, but we contrived to miss when it was easier to score and found the Nancledra 'keeper in fine form. Thankfully Grace and Gracie dealt superbly with any Nancledra attacks, meaning that Anna had a quiet last few minutes in the SRG goal. We held on to win 1:0 and clinch the title of county champions.

Our reward is a trip to Bristol in March where we will face representatives from Devon, Somerset, Wiltshire, Dorset, Hampshire, the Channel Islands, Berkshire, Gloucestershire and Oxfordshire. With one team going on to represent the South West at the national finals, which last year were held at the King Power Stadium in Leicester. I was very proud of the way the girls dug in and supported each other, with every one of them making vital contributions to our success throughout the day.

Also a huge thank you to Mrs Gurney, Mr Hill and Mrs Barr who helped transport the children down to Penryn (back to school... and on to the league run at Lanhydrock!) Thank you.



Lanhydrock Cross Country

Last Friday we took 28 runners to Lanhydrock for the second league run of the year. The weather was once again not kind to us... with the final two races being contested in driving rain, making the already slippery conditions even more treacherous!

First up were the Year 3 & 4 girls, who put in another solid performance. Ella, Idrice and Zelah all finished inside the top 20. (13th, 17th & 18th) Next in were Zara and Lyra, both inside the top 40. They were followed by Holly, who ran despite not feeling well and Lowenna, who got up and overtook more than 40 runners after falling heavily on the first half of the course.

The Year 3 & 4 boys ran well, with both Ethan and Freddie from Year 3 completing their first league runs of the year. Rafferty ran his socks off to finish 12th and was followed home by Oscar, Leo, Hector, Ethan, Freddie and Samuel.

Our Year 5 & 6 girls had done well in the previous league run, but we knew they'd be up against it today, with no fewer than 5 members of the team, high-tailing it across the county from Penryn having taken part in the county football finals during the morning. Unbelievably, Olivia finished 4th and Anna was 10th. They were followed home by Kensa, Daisy, Gracie and Tilly (who improved on her personal best by 10 places from her first run).

Finally, with the rain now hammering down, it was the turn of the Year 5 & 6 boys. Ruan was our first SRG runner home, followed very closely by William, Sidney and Ellis who all finished inside the top 40. Callum, completing his first run of the year, finished in a credible 45th place and was followed home by Ethan and birthday boy Ashton.

Thanks so much to Mr White, Miss Maxa and all the parents who came to support the children. I'd also like to pay tribute to Mr Yeoman, Mr Mugford and Mrs Brown who ran the Cross Country club back at school, and to the Rowe family (Isobel's parents) for loaning us their fields for the club.

Netball Tournament Year 5/6

On Tuesday the Year 5 and 6 netball team took part in a tournament.

The first game was a tough start against a well drilled Bishop Cornish. Thanks to Jacob's vision for long passes and Alana's movement around the centre court meant we had opportunities to win the ball back. With our first loss, the team headed straight into the second game.

Maintaining most of the possession, we had some great chances. Emily, steadying the ship in the first half, made some lovely moves into space. A shot from her skimmed the net and she rightly stuck with the awarded point. Our strong attacking moves from Ethan and Millie meant opportunities were there and interceptions were made. Into the second half, a clean, precise shot from Jacob took us 3 points into the lead! A win for the second game.

With a few games off, the team refuelled with lunch ready for the third game. Super cold but the energy was high, Anna keeping the ball away from our defence up the court meant we had goals from Ashton and we were up on points. Kensa's enthusiasm, marking and defending in the centre third kept the team in good spirits. A great third game to watch!

All the team's hard work meant we finished 3rd! Great work from all of them.

Christmas Tree Festival

St Nicholas and St Faith Church, Saltash

Our SRG Christmas tree is now installed in the [Christmas Tree Festival](#) – thank you to Trish and Jackie for putting it up and to Cat for also helping with the making of the clay decorations.



Shoeboxes for Ukraine

Thank you to all who put together a shoebox to send to orphans in Ukraine.

These have now been delivered to Kyiv and are awaiting onward transport to Kharkiv, where they will be distributed to orphans.

The photo shows a message received confirming that they have been delivered to a secure storage facility after travelling from the UK last week.



The boxes are waiting in an underground bomb proof storage facility outside Lviv and will be taken to Kharkiv orphans a few weeks before xmas .. we will receive pictures at final destination 🙏

In total around 50 boxes were collected, and the attached articles outline how grateful organisers are to everyone who donated one.

An article from the Plymouth Herald is attached to this newsletter regarding the above.

Christmas

Christmas Performances

Mon 11 Dec	5.45pm	Yr 1/2 performance
Tue 12 Dec	9.15am	Yr 1/2 performance
	5.45pm	Yr R performance
Wed 13 Dec	9.15am	Yr R performance
	5.45pm	Yr 3/4 performance
Thu 14 Dec	9.15am	Yr 3/4 performance
	5.45pm	Yr 5/6 performance
Fri 15 Dec	9.15am	Yr 5/6 performance

If you're able to help the Friends serve refreshments at any of the performances above, please contact:

friendschair@sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk
or via the facebook page.

Theatre Trips

Thu 14 Dec	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Raymond Briggs' Father Christmas
Wed 10 Jan	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 Goldilocks and the Three Bears

School Christmas Events

Fri 1 Dec	Christmas Fair
Wed 13 Dec	Christmas Dinner and wear your Christmas jumper day
Mon 18 Dec	Friends Nativity Procession and Santa's Grotto
Tue 19 Dec	Christingle Events & Class Parties

Christmas Jumper Swap

Please donate any unwanted, good condition children's Christmas jumpers in the trug just inside the main entrance (anytime between now and Friday the 8th December). Then pop along on Friday 8th December to choose a new one absolutely free! Find us outside the Twallin Building from 3pm – 4.30pm. Just in time for the school Christmas jumper day too!

*You don't have to donate a jumper to come along and choose one for your child(ren).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 5 Dec	Girls Football
Wed 6 Dec	Yrs 1/2: The Box
Mon 11 Dec	5.45pm Yr 1/2 performance
Tue 12 Dec	9.15am Yr 1/2 performance 5.45pm Yr R performance
Wed 13 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day 9.15am Yr R performance Christmas Dinner 5.45pm Yr 3/4 performance
Thu 14 Dec	9.15am Yr 3/4 performance KS1 theatre trip 5.45pm Yr 5/6 performance
Fri 15 Dec	9.15am Yr 5/6 performance
Mon 18 Dec and Tue 19 Dec	Friends Nativity Procession Santa's Grotto Christingle Events & Class Parties
20Dec – 3Jan	<i>Christmas Holidays</i>
Thu 4 Jan	<i>Inset Day</i>
Tue 9 Jan	Cake Sale for Hillside, Uganda
Wed 10 Jan	KS2 Theatre Trip
8-9 Feb	Yr 3: Dartmoor Residential
12 – 16 Feb	<i>Half Term</i>
Tue 5 Mar	Cake Sale - Hillside Fundraiser
Fri 15 Mar	Landrake Run
Fri 22 Mar	Farm: Mufti Day
Sun 24 Mar	Farm: Big Dig
29Mar – 12Apr	<i>Easter Holidays</i>
Mon 15 Apr	<i>Inset Day</i>
Tue 23 Apr	Cake Sale – for Farm
30Apr-1May	Yr 4: Dittisham residential
1-2 May Residential	Yr 5: PGL Barton Hall
27 – 31 May	<i>Half Term</i>
Mon 3 Jun	<i>Inset Day</i>
Wed 12 Jun	Sports Day
17-21 Jun	Yr 6: London residential
Tue 2 Jul	Cake Sale
Fri 19 Jul	Speech Day Farm: Band Night
Wed 24 Jul	<i>Inset Day</i>
Thu 25 Jul	<i>Summer Holidays</i>