



**Newsletter No. 897      12<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Next Week:**

<b>After School Club Info</b> All clubs start Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January			<b>Cross Country Club</b> <b>Cross Country Club starts today.</b>	
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>
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**Census Day Menu Change - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan**

- Option 1: BBQ Chicken Pizza
- Option 2: Vegetable Supreme Pizza
- Option 3: Jacket Potato
- Option 4: Tomato Pasta

**Farm Rota**

We have a few weekend spaces at the end of January if you're able to come and feed the animals on the school farm.

To book yourselves in:

[www.schoolinterviews.co.uk](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.uk)

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**Please spread the word to help advertise our amazing school to new families!**

Sir Robert Geffery's has a few places available in our current **Year 1, Year 3** and **Year 4** classes and would welcome phone calls to arrange a visit for interested parents (01752 851362).

The **closing date is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2024 for applications from parents who are looking for a place in Reception class** for their child starting in September 2024. Details of our admissions criteria - and a short introduction video to SRG - can be found on our website [here](#).

Thank you for helping to spread the word 😊

**Panto Fun**

A huge well done to all the children of KS2 who showed excellent behaviour on their trip to the TRP pantomime on Wednesday. Members of the public commented on their sensible behaviour around the venue and enjoyed seeing them laughing and clapping along to the entertainment. Congratulations to Jess and Zelah who have been performing in the ensemble this year - and to Joseph who was called onto stage and showed his trombone skills and to Mr O'Hara who showed good skills as a ventriloquist's dummy!

Good fun was had by all - thank you to parents for supporting their children in attending this joyful trip at the start of a new year and to the staff for giving their time into the evening.

**Reading**

We can never overestimate the importance of daily reading - for progress in reading and writing skills, for developing vocabulary and knowledge, for opening up a world of learning and for pleasure. Please ensure that you continue to hear your child read each evening... it makes all the difference to them. We have put helpful bookmarks for asking questions and supporting your child's reading at home on the website ([here](#)) and aim to send some paper ones home to younger year groups soon. Thank you for your support.

**ParentPay**

Please log in and check for any outstanding payments for school lunches and trips – especially those trips that have already taken place.

**Parents Evenings**

Save the Date – Tues 27<sup>th</sup> & Weds 28<sup>th</sup> February  
As asked by a majority of parents in the summer's parent survey, we will offer a choice of 'in person' and 'online' sessions.  
More information to follow shortly.

### Free School Meals

Please sign up for Free School Meals if your situation has changed and you think you may now be 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.

#### [Free school meals eligibility criteria:](#)

A child is eligible for free school meals if their parent/carers (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](#).

### Brass Lessons

After Year 4's successful term learning to play cornet and trumpet concluding in a brilliant assembly, Mrs Harris at Cornwall Music Service Trust is delighted to offer brass lessons to pupils who would like to continue learning.

We are very privileged here at Sir Robert Gefferys to have an extensive collection of brass instruments available to students. During individual/paired/small group lessons children can experiment with a variety of instruments and decide which one is best suited for them.

If your child would like to continue to learn a brass instrument you can visit <https://cmst.co.uk> and go to 'Sign Up'.

Please check if you are eligible for subsidised lessons. We are looking forward to creating a brass ensemble to perform at future school events!

### Meet the Governors - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 3.00pm

Our SRG Governors play a very important role in challenging and supporting leadership at different levels here at school. They are a fantastic group and are coming in to meet with their 'linked' subject leaders (each teacher in school leads one or more subjects) in a few weeks' time.

**They will be holding a 'meet the governor' informal event for parents/carers on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January in the school hall.**

Please come along between 3pm and 3:30pm to the school hall and say hello to them - tea, coffee and biscuits will be available. Thank you.

Please have a look at our governor page on the school website [Our Governors - Sir Robert Geffery's School \(sir-robert-gefferys.cornwall.sch.uk\)](#).

### Bikeability - developing confidence

Sessions for identified children in Years 3-6 have started successfully this week and children have been gaining confidence. Thank you for ensuring bikes and helmets are brought in for the remaining sessions - parents have been emailed separately if this affects them.

## Sports Update

### Landrake Run

Helen Ralph is organising the annual cross country run for SRG which is being held on Friday 15th March 2024 at 1.30pm.

Helen has applied to Cornwall Council for a road closure for the lane which comes up from the Notter Bridge into the village which will close the lane from 12-3pm to make it safe for the children who are running in the event.

The run starts at 1.30pm and attracts over 600 children from 30 different schools in the area. There will be a number of SRG children who will take part in the run, which starts and finishes at the school playground.

Parking for people taking part in the run will be at the Motor Cross Field on West Lane which Phil Congdon has kindly given permission for.

If there is anyone in the village who can spare a couple of hours from 12.15pm -2.30pm to help with marshalling on the route or with car parking/directing cars, please let the school office know. We will also be sending a letter out in early February to all parents asking for help, with a return slip with your contact details to be given to the school.

This run has been taking place in the village for over 30 years and is a fantastic opportunity for children to run three miles on fields/tracks/salt marsh on private farm land. The farmers in the village are always supportive of this event which is a great help. Monies raised from this event goes towards the school.

### Football – Year 3/4

Our second match was against a strong side from South Petherwin. We played well but found ourselves 2:0 in the first five minutes when their speedy striker latched onto a couple of misplaced passes and punished us. We were back in the game within a minute of the re-start when Henry B chased a lost cause but managed to rob their defender and put the ball past their goalkeeper. We were then undone by some excellent forward play from our opponents and despite some resolute defending from both Henry M and Rosie Holt, we conceded a further two goals to go in 4:1 down at half time. We made a couple of positional changes at half time and were rewarded when Henry Brown volleyed in a real contender for goal of the season direct from a South Petherwin goal kick. 4:2 and very much game on! Unfortunately, we couldn't capitalise on a dominant few minutes, and the score remained the same until the final few minutes when Rafferty (in the SRG goal) was beaten by a fierce shot. Although this wasn't the result we wanted, we worked hard, played some determined football and should be proud of our efforts. Final score SRG 2, South Petherwin 5.

### Help Wanted

If you're able to spare an hour on a Friday between 2-3pm to help Cat with KS2's sewing enrichment lessons, please contact the office.

### Cake Sale – leftover cake boxes

If you've not received your cake box back home again, please contact the office as we have a collection in here!

## Awards

Caring for Others	Ivy H
Cleanest Classroom	Year 2
Courtesy	Seb H
Demonstrating Values	Daisy H-H
Effort	Mia G
English Excellence	Lenny F
Enthusiasm	Alana B
Excellence	Danny C
Friendship	Raff J
Good Learning	Heidi G
Kindness	Tilly K
Maths	Alfie N
Maths Currency	Aiden D
Maths Owl	Eliza R
Maths Progress	William (Y4)
Perseverance	Monty B
Phonics	Pearl H
Progress	Rose S
Positive Attitude	Millie B
Quality of Writing	Max C
	Harry B
	Ida A
	Ted G
Reading	Bethany C
	Darcey J
	Mollie Y
Role Model	Anna G
	Nancy S
Standing up for what is right	Bonnie B
Star of the Week	Ezra W
Supporting Others	Lacey H
Teamwork	Henry B
	Rosie H
Piano	Abigail F
Singing	Milo G

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tue 16 Jan	Yr 5: Zero Gravity <b>NEW</b>
Fri 19 Jan	League Run – Cotehele
Tue 23 Jan	Yr 5: Zero Gravity <b>NEW</b>
Tue 30 Jan	Yr R: Dartmoor Zoo trip <b>NEW</b>
	Yr 4: Zero Gravity <b>NEW</b>
Fri 2 Feb	League Run - TBC
Tue 6 Feb	Yr 4: Zero Gravity <b>NEW</b>
8-9 Feb	Yr 3: Dartmoor Residential
12 – 16 Feb	<i>Half Term</i>
Tue 27 Feb	Parents Evening <b>NEW</b>
Wed 28 Feb	Parents Evening <b>NEW</b>
Fri 1 Mar	League Run - TBC
Mon 4 Mar	DRSA Swimming Gala <b>NEW</b>
Tue 5 Mar	Cake Sale - Hillside Fundraiser
Thu 7 Mar	World Book Day <b>NEW</b>
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	Yr 5: PGL Barton Hall Residential
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>

## MondayGang Youth Club

every Monday during term time (except Bank holidays) @TheChapel CommunityHub (turn right at the top of Church Street)  
3.30 - 6pm: Age 7+ including an evening meal at 5pm ish. The session finishes at 6pm with a tuck shop. Only £2 (including tuck shop).