



Weekly Benson Bulletin

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Message from Mrs Giblett

Ofsted Attendance Grades		
96.5% + High	96.1% - 96.4% Above national average	95.5% - 95.9% In line with national average
94.0% or below Low	90% or below Cause for concern	85% or below Persistent Absence

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96.74%.

Congratulations this week to 4Trelissick who were top of the attendance table with 99.3% attendance. Well done!

Parents' Forum

We still have spaces on our next Parents' Forum on Tuesday 22 November at 7.00pm. Please contact the office if you would like to attend.

Christmas is Coming!

I refuse to count the numbers of shopping days to Christmas but I am aware that it is fast approaching, not least because the sound of the children rehearsing their Christmas songs in the hall is wafting into my room. I am sure that you will have our key Christmas dates in your diary but I thought I would remind you all just to avoid any confusion or stress at a later date.

- Reception Christmas play – Tuesday 6/12 – 2.15pm & 6.00pm in the school hall
- KS1 Christingle – Monday 12/12 – 2.00pm & 6.30pm in the school hall
- KS2 Christmas Service – Thursday 8/12 – 6.00pm at Truro Methodist Church

Secret Santa Christmas Crackers

Keeping with the Christmas theme, George Blomfield, our school chef, has come up with a lovely idea which we hope that you will like too. As part of our Christmas dinner, the children normally either make or are given a festive hat as part of getting into the festive mood. We would like to do things a little differently this year. We have ordered and distributed a Christmas cracker kit for every child. We would love if each child could decorate

the outside of the cracker, put a small item inside the cracker and then return it to the school.

When it comes to our Christmas lunch, the children in each year group will receive a home-made Christmas cracker from another child in their cohort without knowing who has done this lovely act of kindness for them.

In order for this to work and to ensure that we are not short of crackers on the day, we are relying on your support with this. We will send out the cracker list as soon as possible to give you plenty of time. We would ask that you keep the item or items in the cracker as simple as possible. It could be any of the following - a paper hat, your child's favourite joke, a pencil, a rubber, some stickers, a miniature toy, a Christmas decoration or whatever you think your child might like to see. Please do not go to any expense as we will be reminding the children that it is loving act of a cracker being made for you that counts and not the content inside. Please feel free to return them as soon as completed – in that way we can ensure that every child has a cracker. If for some reason, you think you may not be able to make a cracker, please let your child's class teacher or TA know so that we are able to plan for this.

Please note that we are asking parents to supervise the items that are included in the cracker and to ensure that no sweets or treats are included as we do have children with various food allergies in school.

NB Please no nuts or related products

Please can you send in your crackers no later than Monday 5 December.

We All "Bee-long!"

Every year we select a whole-school Friendship/Anti-Bullying focus. We use the theme to help focus the children and staff on how we can build positive relationships and develop practical friendship strategies to use in their lives. Our theme for this year is We All "Bee-long!" Our aim is to be even better at being an inclusive and supportive school where everyone feels that they belong

Mr Kitto, our Pupil Voice Coordinator, and our wonderful School Council are leading the way with this. They have been very reflective and proactive in discussing and choosing charities to support this year that connect with our We All "Bee-long!" theme. When they reported back

to me a few weeks ago that they had lots of ideas for supporting Children in Need, I had no idea how much they had planned but it all came together today to help create a fun day with real impact.

As well as lovely activities for the children, Mrs Bullen baked a superb cake for a staff 'Guess How Many Smarties on the Cake' competition.

Mr Kitto and the school council have been proactive in wanting to share their fundraising fervour and Mrs Bullen and our Y6 school councillors, Evie G and Daniel C along with Evie G from 4T, went down to Radio Cornwall this morning to be interviewed on the Breakfast Show. A cameraman from BBC Spotlight also came into school to film some of our fundraising in action!



Year 6 House Captains and School Councillors helped to create a giant Pudsey from the donations the children very kindly brought in.



Thank you to all of you for supporting us with both spots and dots as well as coins – without your help and support, we would not be able to create these memorable occasions for the children whilst at the same time supporting children who are less fortunate than our own.

[Be B.L.U.E \(Be Loving & Understanding to Everyone\)](#)

Next Friday, 25 November, will be B.L.U.E Day in school. All children and staff can come dressed in blue (either a little or a lot) to show our support for National Anti-Bullying Week.

Normally we would not organise for there to be 2 consecutive Fridays with non-uniform activities but, because of parental survey feedback indicating some concerns about how effectively we tackle bullying, when it occurs, we felt it would be a missed opportunity if we did not avail of all the wonderful activities and resources that are available in National Anti-Bullying Week.

We do hope that you and your children go “blue” in a big way as the higher the visual impact, the more the children respond to the anti-bullying theme.

Thank you, in advance, for your support

School Uniform

We know how proud both our pupils and our parents are of our school uniform. I am currently doing tours of the school with prospective parents for next year and so many of our visitors comment on how smart our children look.

Please could I just remind the parents of our girls that if they are wearing hair bands or hair grips of any kind, then we expect them to be as plain as simple as possible. We do admire the lovely floral hair bands and bandanas that some girls are wearing but we are telling them that these are weekend accessories and not suitable for school.

We thank you for your support with this.

Mrs H Giblett

KS2 Cross Country – Tuesday 22 November

The cross country for KS2 will start at 1.15pm. Parents of children taking part are welcome to come and watch. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us! FABB will be selling tea and coffee (50p per cup) from the covered area between Y5 and Y6.

CLUBS

ALL clubs are cancelled on Thursday 1 December to enable the staff to decorate the hall for the Christmas Fair.

Christmas Fayre

Preparations are well underway for our Victorian Fayre on Friday 2 December from 5.00 – 7.00pm. We would be grateful for the following donations to be brought into school next Friday 25 November.

Reception:	Chocolate coins
Y1:	Mince pies (please check that they will still be in date for 2 December)
All other years:	Large bars or boxes of chocolate, boxes of sweets, wine, bottles of beer or mulled wine

We are really pleased to be introducing a second hand Christmas decoration and second hand book stall for the first time this year. We would welcome any donations of good quality children's books. Our collection point is under the covered area outside the Y2 classrooms.

Please remember to bring back your raffle ticket money/spare tickets as soon as possible and we are still collecting Hydrangea flowers in reception. Pots for the stall have been given out to the children to fill this week with sweets, toys, coins, stickers etc (unisex please) and they are due back by 25 November.

We will be asking for homemade cakes and buns to be brought to the collection point on the morning of the Fayre.

The children will be allowed to wear their Christmas jumpers/festive clothes to school on Friday 2 December to help us get into the Christmas spirit! We really hope that you will be able to join us on the evening.

Many thanks

FABB

Whole School Cinema Trip

On Tuesday 13 December Years 1 – 6 will be going to Truro Cinema to see their annual Christmas film. The School Council will be deciding which film they will see and we will let you know next week.

On Wednesday 14 December it will be the turn of the Reception Class children.

The trip will cost £2.10 which is fantastic value and includes an ice lolly. The children will be walking down to the cinema at 9.00am ready for a 9.30am showing of the film. They will be back at school at 12.00pm ready for lunch. It is hoped that younger children will walk to the cinema with the older ones and create a real school 'family' atmosphere.

To allow your child to attend could you please complete the permission slip below and return this to **your child's class teacher**. **Please pay £2.10 via ParentPay. You can also pick up a slip at the office or write a note with the information on it.**

We desperately need help with walking the children down to the cinema and would be really grateful if parents are able to help with this. If you are able to do so, please indicate this on the permission slip below.

Whole School Cinema Trip **13/12 – Y1 – Y6, 14/12 – Reception Classes**

I give permission for my child
in class..... to walk to and from the cinema.

I will pay £2.10 via ParentPay as a contribution towards
the cost of the visit.

I can/cannot help to walk with the children at 9.00am and
back after the showing at approximately 11.15am.

Signed.....

Emergency contact no.....

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SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH **WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER**

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS – WEDNESDAY 23 **NOVEMBER VIA PARENTPAY ONLY**

George, our chef, has been busy planning our delicious Christmas lunch. See the menu in the Kitchen News box.

Parsnip & Apple Soup with Homemade Bread

or

Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets and Gravy

or

Winter Vegetable & Mature Cheddar Wellington with
Gravy

Buttered Sprouts, Braised Red Cabbage, Honey Glazed
Carrots & Roast Potatoes

Dessert Choices

Christmas Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard
Mince Pie Pastry Slice
Fresh Fruit Salad

This is always a happy, jolly occasion with Christmas music playing. This year there will also be homemade crackers for each child (see separate letter which was sent home on Thursday).

Due to the high numbers involved, we need everyone to book via PARENTPAY by the DEADLINE of Wednesday 23 November as follows:

KS1 (Reception, Years 1 and 2)

In receipt of Universal School Meals – book choices online as usual – please note the Christmas menu is now in ParentPay so please check you have ticked the correct choices for that day. ***If your child normally has a packed lunch, but wishes to have a school lunch on that day, please book on ParentPay for that day only.***

KS2 (Years 3 to 6)

Please pay for AND CHOOSE the menu for that day. Where the menu has not been selected, it will be assumed that your child will bring in a packed lunch on that day. It is important that those in receipt of Free School Meals also book for that day.

If a child would like a milkshake or fruit juice, these have to be paid for separately on the day. They cannot be paid for on ParentPay unfortunately.

Your help in booking correctly is very much appreciated in helping this event to be organised smoothly. Thank you.

Kitchen News

The chef has changed some of the desserts on the menu this half term. The up to date menu is on the website. All other choices remain the same.

Porthpean Camp

The date for the final payment for the Year 4 Porthpean Camp is Friday 28 April. A new payment item has been added to ParentPay which will allow payments in instalments up to the full amount.

Football Matches v Truro Learning Academy

On Tuesday 15 November, our Year 6 and Year 4 A teams played against Truro Learning Academy.

Archbishop Benson A 6-1 TLA A

In this Rosewarne Shield County Cup match, our Year 6 A team started slowly and soon went 1-0 down to TLA. However, this shook us into life and we came back to dominate the first half and score 4 goals. The second half was quieter but we still managed to score 2 goals. The final score was 6-1 to Benson. It wasn't our best performance of the season but we are through to the next round! Our goals were scored by Freddie (4), Perran and an own goal.



Well done to Sam, Freddie, Jake, Lewis, Dan, Max, Perran, Noah and Oliver.

Benson Y4 4-2 TLA A

Our Year 4 A team also played against TLA's School A team as they forgot to bring their Year 4 team. However, this didn't faze us and we went out and played some excellent football. Excellent pressing from Alfie forced an own goal to put us in the lead and he then scored an excellent header to make it 2-0. Our third goal came after a fantastic pass by Louis to set Jack J free. Jack finished clinically to make it 3-0 at half time. The second half was more even but we scored a fourth when Jack J crossed to Oscar, who flicked in on to Alfie to again finish well. TLA came back well in the last few minutes to score twice to leave the final score 2-0 to Benson.



Well done to Oscar, Ryan, Jack J, Sam, Louis, Alfie, Jago, Henry, Darwin and Jack B.

School Closed Monday 28 November

Remember that the school will be closed on Monday 28 November for staff training.

Uniform Shop

The school uniform shop will be held from 3.15pm onwards and can be accessed via the Junior (KS2) playground through the door between 6J and 5C.

These are the dates for our Uniform Shop:

- **Friday 18 November**
- **Friday 9 December**
- **Friday 6 January**
- **Friday 20 January**

We do hold a reasonable level of uniform stock in school but this can get sold quickly at the Uniform Shops. Ordering online will ensure you get what you want.

Young Savers' Club

The Young Savers' Club will be held on Wednesday mornings starting at 8.30am in the Infants Entrance.

Truro Junior String Orchestra

On Friday 11 November, the Truro Junior String Orchestra took part in the Camborne Music Festival. A number of children from Archbishop Benson School, as well as children from various different schools in the area, are members of the orchestra, each playing the violin or cello.



Their conductor, Mrs Jeanette Findlay, was extremely pleased with the children's performance, as were the parents and family members who were also in the audience. This was the first year that the orchestra competed in the Festival, and they received many compliments from the adjudicators. Congratulations to the Truro Junior String Orchestra on winning 1st prize in their class!"

Cornish Hospice Care - 2016 Santa Run Calendar

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| 26/11 | Bodmin Santa Run |
| 27/11 | Marazion Santa Beach Run |
| 30/11 | Truro Late Night Shopping Santa Run |
| 03/12 | Wadebridge – Padstow Santa Cycle |
| 03/12 | Padstow Santa-v-Elves Run |
| 04/12 | Fistral Santa Beach Run and Santa Surf |
| 10/12 | Falmouth Santa-v-Elves Run |
| 17/12 | Helston Santa Run |

The Wave

Contemporary band led worship. 7.00pm this Saturday at Truro Methodist Church. All welcome.

Cornish Winter Fair 2016

The Cornish Winter Fair will take place at the Royal Cornwall Showground, Wadebridge on Saturday 19 November from 10.00am – 5.00pm. The event is free to attend and there are loads of interesting things for children to see and do on the day. There will be lots of farm animals to meet, baby chicks to watch hatch out and hold, cows to be milked and a chance to groom a pony. There will be plenty of opportunities to learn more about farming and food and even Santa will be making an appearance so go along and join in the fun.

Stay and Play

Truro Nursery School, in partnership with Archbishop Benson School, offer a Stay and Play session on Thursdays in St Paul's Children's Centre from 9.00am – 10.30am. Play and early learning sessions for families following the early years foundation stage curriculum for ages 0 – 5 years. Cost is £2.00 per family (up to 2 children). First session is free to new families.



Next session: Thursday 24/11 – Sensory Play

Dates for Your Diary

November

Tue 22/11 KS2 Cross Country 1.15pm. Parents are welcome to come and watch.
Fri 25/11 4MT class assembly – 9.00am – parents welcome to attend
Mon 28/11 **Non-uniform day** - Children to wear something blue for Anti Bullying week
School closed for staff training day.

December

Thu 1/12 Autumn music recital – 2.15pm
Wed 2/12 Truro City of Lights Parade
Fri 2/12 6FT class assembly – 9.00am – parents welcome to attend
Tue 6/12 Christmas Fair 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Reception Christmas play - 2.15pm & 6.00pm in the school hall
Thu 8/12 KS2 Christmas Service – Truro Methodist Church – 6.00pm
Mon 12/12 KS1 Christingle Service – 2.00pm & 6.30pm in the school hall

Term Dates for School Year 2016 /2017

Fri 16/12 Break up for Christmas

2017

Tue 3/1 Children return to school for Spring Term

Fri 10/2 Break up for half term
Mon 20/2 Children return to school

Fri 31/3 Break up for Easter

Tue 18/4 Children return to school for Summer Term

Mon 1/5 Bank Holiday – school closed
Fri 26/5 Break up for half term

Mon 5/6 Children return to school

Wed 26/7 Break up for Summer



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The Hub is closed on Bank Holidays.

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What does the Early Help Hub do?

- The Early Help Hub is the single point of access for professionals, families and young people to access Early Help Services in Cornwall
- The triage team decides which Early Help service best meets the needs identified in the request for help. It is then allocated to the appropriate service within 48 hours
- Support is provided: from pre-birth up to the age of 18, (or 25 when young people have additional needs) when the child, young person or family has needs that are not met solely by universal services

The Multi-Agency Referral Unit (MARU)

The Multi-Agency Referral Unit provides a multi disciplinary response to concerns about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult. With the support of the Multi Agency Advice Team (MAAT), Multi-Agency Referral Unit ensures that concerns relating to children and vulnerable adults are addressed in a timely manner, with a response that is proportionate to the needs of children, vulnerable adults and their families.

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If you wish to discuss concerns that you have regarding a child or vulnerable adult please contact the MARU on **0300 123 1116**, following operator instructions.

Urgent referrals after 17.15 pm or at the weekends go to the Out Of Hours Service **01208 251-300**

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