



Weekly Benson Bulletin

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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

PUPIL WELFARE GROUP	
We pride ourselves on being approachable and are happy to discuss any concern with parents, no matter how big or small.	
Mrs Giblett (Headteacher)	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mr Galler Assistant Headteacher)	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs J Williams and Mrs B Morris	Special Educational Needs Coordinators
Mrs J Truen	Family Support Coordinator
PHASE GROUP LEADERS	
Mr Crocker	Y1-2 Phase Group leader
Mrs Kyte	Y3-4 Phase Group leader
Mr Kitto	Y5-6 Phase Group leader

Available pupil places at Archbishop Benson School Updated 10.11.2017						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1	2	0	0	0	6	0

Attendance News:

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96.8%.

Congratulations to 5Mousehole this week who topped the attendance table with 100% attendance. Well done!

Woodwind Lessons

The woodwind lessons will take place on Friday next week instead of on Thursday so if your child plays a woodwind instrument, please remind them to bring it in on Friday!

FABB Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre Friday 1st December 5pm-7pm

1 week to go! It was great to see everyone in Christmassy non-uniform today and a huge thank you for all your donations. The prize draw winner and the colouring competition winners should have received their prizes this afternoon. The programme is being prepared and will be sent out soon. We have lots of lovely stalls this year including gifts made by the children so look out for those at the fayre. If there are raffle tickets or filled pots still to be returned please send those in.

Father Christmas Grotto

There are still some Santa slots available (groups of up to 4 children at a time). These can be pre-booked and will need to be paid for prior to the fayre. There are only a set number of places available so it would be really helpful if you could join with friends to see him.

If you would like to make a booking, please email friendsofarchbishopson@gmail.com. Please include the names, ages and classes of the children who will be in your group. Once we have received an email we will reserve a slot for you and email you with your time. If you are unable to email for any reason, please write down the information (marked for FAO FABB) and send it in using the class folder. Once a space has been reserved, we will hold it for up to 3 school days to enable payment to be made.

Payment of £3 per child needs to be sent in via the class folder in an envelope marked FAO Father Christmas and FABB (please include the child/children's name with the payment). Once payment has been received, we will confirm your place and send tickets home via your child / children.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fayre. In order to minimise congestion inside, you are welcome to leave buggies in the covered area outside Year 2.

FABB

CLUBS

PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE, NETBALL CLUB WILL BE CANCELLED NEXT WEEK, FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER.

Whole School Cinema Trip

On Monday 18 December Years 1 – 6 will be going to Truro Cinema to see their annual Christmas film which this year is "The Star". This is a newly released film, hence the increase in price this year.

On Tuesday 19 December it will be the turn of the Reception Class children.

The trip will cost £3.40 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 £3.40 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 & see your class teacher to sign the volunteers' form, if you haven't done so already.

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18/12 – Y1 – Y6, 19/12 – Reception Classes

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

I will pay £3.40 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.....

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Parking

Please can we remind parents not to use the staff parking areas when dropping off children in the morning but to use the drop off zone instead. Thank you for your consideration.

Kitchen News

IMPORTANT – KS1 & RECEPTION

Even though your child receives a Universal Infant Free School Meal, you MUST still choose your child's meal online on ParentPay. If you don't do this, the menu choice defaults to the main meal of the day, which your child may not like. We've had several children in tears because they're not receiving a meal that they like, but it's then too late for our chef, George, to cook something different. None of us like to see the children upset, so your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS – FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER VIA PARENTPAY ONLY

George, our chef, has been busy planning our delicious Christmas lunch.

Pumpkin & Ginger 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
Ginger Bread Angel
Fresh Fruit Salad

This is always a happy, jolly occasion with Christmas music playing.

There will not be any other menu choices available on that day so if your child doesn't want the Christmas lunch, please can you send in a note to inform us of that and provide them with a packed lunch on the day.

Due to the high numbers involved, we need everyone to book via PARENTPAY by the DEADLINE of Friday 1 December.

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.

Litter!

Hello, we are Archbishop Benson Eco Club. We meet every Wednesday lunchtime.

Last week we went litter picking around the school. We were shocked at how much litter had been dropped around the school. We found numerous bottles, wrappers and crisp packets etc around the grounds.

We are writing to please ask children to put your rubbish in a bin during break time and lunch time. Also parents, at home time, if you give your child a snack, please either take this rubbish home, put it in a rubbish bin or even better, you could recycle it! We were really shocked to find rubbish in the hedges around school paths.



Thank you! We hope this will help to improve the future of our school!

Ollie, Bryan, Joe, Keby, Taya, Aylin, Lucy, Laura, Mia, Ada, Maisy

Boys' Football Matches v Kea School

On Friday 17th November 2017, our Year 5 and 6 football team played against Kea School in a league match. It was an extremely exciting and action packed match. In the end, we triumphed 3-2 with goals from Sid, Alfie L and Alfie T. Well done to all of the boys.

Boys' Football Matches v Truro Learning Academy

On Tuesday 21st November 2017, 19 of our Year 5 and 6s went to Truro Learning Academy. Our A team played against their A team in a County Cup match. It was an exciting game in very windy conditions. We played well and scored some good goals to win 3-1. Alfie L scored two and Jake one. Our B team also played their B team

in a friendly match. It was a really good, close and hard fought match which finished in a 0-0 draw.

Well done to all of the children and huge thanks to all of the parents who supported the boys and helped take them to Truro Learning Academy.



Blues Club.

We are open every day for Breakfast and After School. We run from the St Paul's Children Centre which is on the school site.

Our team of qualified staff will ensure that your child is cared for in a safe and stimulating environment. Healthy breakfast and snacks are provided every session. If you would like to find out more about what we do please pop in and meet Esther and the team any day.

Our staff are fully qualified and DBS checked. Blues Club is rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

You can also phone us on 01637 877073 to find out more information, or email us at info@firststepscornwall.co.uk

Scratch Coding

Free Family Learning course at Truro Library/Link into Learning.

Your child is learning Scratch computer coding - why should they have all the fun?! Make a game like Pac-Man; experiment with robots...

9 week course on **Wednesdays 10-12** starting 17th January.

To find out more and book a place, why not drop in and meet the tutor on 10th January 10am - 11am? Or contact Ian Barnes on 07811 179401/ ian.barnes@cornwall-acl.ac.uk

Christmas Jumper Day

Hello, my name is Karen and I am the shop manager for Save the Children in Truro. As part of our Christmas jumper day celebrations this year we will be holding a meet and greet with Frozen's Elsa and Olaf on Saturday 16th December 11-2pm.

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.

Dates for Your Diary 2017

December

Fri 1st	4T Class Assembly, 9.00am
Fri 1st	Christmas Fayre 5.00 – 7.00pm
Mon 4th	KS2 cross country finals and Santa Hat Charity Fun Run.
Wed 6th	Reserve day for the above
Thu 7th	Music recital, 2.00pm in the school hall
Tue 12th	Reception classes' nativity 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Wed 13th	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Thu 14th	KS2 Christmas Performance 6.00pm - Truro Methodist Church
Mon 18th	KS1 Christingle Service 6.00pm in the school hall
Wed 20th	Inset day

January 2018

Thurs 4th	Inset day
Wed 10th	FABB Meeting will be at 7.00pm in the year 5/6 work area

Christmas Lights 2017

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2017

6.00-7.00PM

**BEHENNA DRIVE MALABAR TRURO
TR1 3RB**

Come along and see this year's lights extravaganza! Mark has worked hard once again to put on a display in aid of CLIC Sargent and donations would be appreciated.

From 6.30pm on the night, your little ones will have a chance to meet OLAF from Frozen. Weather permitting.



Enjoy a glass of Mulled wine and a Mince pie on the 9.12.17. Weather permitting

Please visit our Just giving page. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-verran1>