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PUPIL WELFARE GROUP

We pride ourselves on being approachable and are happy to discuss any concern with parents, no matter how big or small.

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Designated
Safeguarding
Lead

Mr Galler

Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead

Mrs Truen

Family Support
Coordinator

Mrs J Williams

Special
Educational

Mrs B Morris

Needs
Coordinators



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

Welcome back

I would like to extend a very warm welcome back to all members of our school community – pupils, parents (and grandparents) staff, governors, volunteers and anyone else I may have forgotten! A special word of welcome to all our new pupils and parents. We have had lots of new additions over the holidays and we are almost full, which is wonderful. We look forward to getting to know the newest members of our school family in the weeks ahead.

As you might expect, members of staff have been very busy in school during the holidays.

Lots of decoration, repairs and maintenance has been carried out including:

- Re-decoration of Yr 3 Classes
- New carpets in Yr 2 Classes
- Re-decorated school hall
- A new Rainbow Room where our SENCOs and Family Support Coordinator can work with groups of children offering support like Thrive sessions, music therapy, nurture sessions, as well as space to meet with parents informally.
- Our re-furbished flagpole!

I am sure that you will want to join with me in thanking Treve Sims and Michael Williams, our site team, who have worked very hard over the summer to get this work done. I would also like to thank the cleaning staff for their understanding and flexibility in cleaning the school and getting it ready in the midst of all the work that was going on.

Staff training

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank you for your support and patience while we had three training days this week. These days allow us not just to have whole-staff training but also the opportunity to have precious quality discussion time together.

1. Pupil Health & Welfare

On the first day back we had a First Aid training day and 47 members of staff attended, which is wonderful and means that staff right across the school are now re-trained.

We like to work closely with you so that we remain aware of your child's health and medical needs. Our existing parents have previously received a copy of our Pupil Welfare Form and where a child has had particular health or medical needs (e.g. asthma, allergies, dietary requirements), this form has been returned to the school and we have used this information to create Class Welfare Registers, or individual care plans, so that all this medical information is summarised for class teachers

We will be sending this form, within our School Admissions Booklet, to all our **new parents**. We would ask them to complete it and let us know if their child has a specific medical condition that could require support/intervention in school. If a child has no medical needs, then please record **NIL** across the sheet and return to school.

Although our **existing parents** have already completed this form, we ask them to consider if their child's health/medical needs have changed over time and whether the school has been informed. Parents can put this information in writing to their class teacher or share it with teachers at the Meet the Teachers sessions.

2. *Safeguarding*

Within the School Admission Booklet, new parents are also asked to complete and return the forms listed below. Thank you if you have done so already. Existing parents have already completed these forms:

- **Use of Images consent forms:**

The front page is signed by parents to confirm that any photographic or video images taken by them at school events will only be used for personal and private use. The back page is signed by parents to authorise the use of their child's image for school purposes.

- **Home-School Agreement:**

The Home-School agreement is a statutory requirement for all schools. It clarifies what the school is trying to achieve and seeks to engage parents and pupils as partners in this process. We ask parents and their child to sign on the appropriate line.

- **Withdrawal from Religious Education (RE), Worship and/or Sex & Relationships Education (SRE)**

If parents do not wish their child to take part in RE or SRE, then they should complete the required section.

We do not re-issue these forms annually, but we will remind you of their existence and that it is the responsibility of the parent or legal guardian to inform the school if you wish to alter information or consent at a later stage.

- **Acceptable Use of Technology agreement**

We all know that digital technologies have become integral to the lives of children and young people, both within schools and outside school. These technologies are powerful tools, which open up new opportunities for everyone. These technologies can stimulate discussion, promote creativity and stimulate awareness of context to promote effective learning. Young people should have an entitlement to safe internet access at all times. Therefore, we have decided that the start of the year is a good time to update and re-issue our Acceptable Use of ICT Agreement. This agreement is intended to ensure:

- that our pupils will be responsible users and stay safe while using the internet and other digital technologies for educational, personal and recreational use.
- that school systems and users are protected from accidental or deliberate misuse that could put the security of the systems and pupils at risk
- that our pupils have good and safe access to digital technologies to enhance their learning and that they will, in return, agree to be responsible users.

Some classes have sent these KS1 & KS2 Agreements home already and some will be sent out next week. Class teachers will have discussed the Agreement with their pupils, but we would welcome parental support as well, which is why we are sending home the Agreement for you to discuss with your child in the comfort of your own home, to both sign the document and to then return the form to school. We would ask that the signed agreement is returned as soon as possible, as we must have these forms before children can access online learning in The Hub.

School Fitness Week

We have an action-packed year ahead of us and we are kicking it off by getting involved in School Fitness Week. Joe Wicks, perhaps better known as The Body Coach, is committed to getting the nation trying to get 'Lean in 15'. He has now turned his attention to helping schools to get active for the start of term.

Joe has a simple aim: to get kids moving. He was once a teaching assistant and is now returning to his roots in an effort to turn around what he sees as a concerning trend in which children and teenagers shun opportunities to get fit. For the entire week starting 11 September, he will be running an online live 30-minute high-intensity interval training (HIIT) session for schools every morning at 10am, and Archbishop Benson will be joining in!

Keep an eye on our Twitter feed on the school website next week for photos.

Meet & Greet sessions

In the week beginning September 18th, we will be holding our 'Meet The Teacher' meetings for parents and carers of children in Years 1 – 6. Teachers are very much looking forward to meeting with you and getting to know you, and your children, better. This will be an opportunity for staff to share basic expectations and routines with you, covering areas such as homework, reading, P.E., spellings, etc. It is also your opportunity to ask about anything to do with the day-to-day routine of the class your child is in.

If you have more specific questions that are relevant to your child as an individual, please feel free to speak to your teacher more privately at the end of the session.

We have timed the sessions to take place at the start of the school day. The children will be brought into their classrooms at 8.45 and once the class teachers have arranged with the TAs to supervise them, they will meet parents in the school hall. We appreciate that it may be difficult for some parents to attend these sessions, so please don't worry if you can't make it on the day. Staff are always happy to see you at the end of any day when you are collecting your child or if you wish to arrange an appointment

Date	Year Group	Time
Monday 18 th September	Year 1	9.00
Tuesday 19 th September	Year 4	9.00
Wednesday 20 th September	Year 5	9.00
Thursday 21 st September	Year 6	9.00
Friday 22 nd September	Year 2	9.00
	Year 3	9.00

A reminder that the New Reception parents' meeting is on Wednesday 13th at 6pm in the school hall.

Pupil Premium

At the Meet The Teacher meetings, teachers will have drawn your attention to the Free School Meals & Pupil Premium letter. This is a really important letter and we are asking all our parents to take the time to read it and see if it applies to them.

If you are eligible for free school meals **in any year group**, it is **very important** to sign up as registering could also raise an extra **£1300 per registered child** for Archbishop Benson School from central government to fund valuable support like intervention programmes, small group support, new resources.

KS2 children

- if you want your child to have a free healthy meal at lunchtime, that is great – they will get a free meal (saving

you more than £350 a year) as well as other extra benefits and the school gets the **extra £1300 per child**.

- If you don't want your child to have the school meals they can continue as normal – as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets the **extra £1300 per child**. By registering you make sure that your child and others in their class don't miss out.

Uniform

It was lovely to see the children looking so smart at our first whole-school assembly of the year. We are all proud of our very distinctive and attractive school uniform and we thank parents for being so supportive in terms of maintaining high standards of dress.

Having reflected on school uniform during our training days, we just have a few reminders to share with parents

Shoes: By the end of last year, some school shoes had worn out and children were wearing other shoes, including trainers to school. While we try to be understanding of this at the end of a year, we would ask that parents check and ensure that children, especially our Y5/6 pupils, are wearing correct shoes to school and not trainers.

Hair accessories: Again, by the end of last year, some pupils were coming to school with increasingly larger and colourful hair bands and bows to school. While we like to give the children a degree of freedom in the hair accessories that they wear, we would ask that they are small and discreet. Larger and bright hair accessories are best enjoyed at the weekend.

Summer uniform: We are happy for children to continue to wear Summer uniform for the present. If your child is still wearing a summer dress (which is lovely to see), please can you remember that she must wear white socks with this and not red tights, which are part of the winter uniform. We also like to see shorts still being worn

Ties: In our Uniform Policy, we state that, depending on the weather and temperatures when we return from the summer holidays, we allow our Junior children not to wear school ties up to Autumn half term. Having looked at the long-term forecast, we can see that we are not going to be blessed with an Indian summer, *therefore we would like all our Junior children to resume wearing ties from next week.*

Dropping Off and Collection Arrangements

Today we experienced a wet start to the day. It seems like a good time to remind parents of what the **dropping off and collection arrangements** procedures are both for wet and dry days.

We are always delighted to see our pupils and parents in the morning, but we would like to remind parents that staff do not come on duty until 8.30 and therefore children should not be left on the school grounds alone before that time. Staff on duty, who should be identifiable by their hi-viz jackets, are more than happy to assist parents in the morning and are really good at passing on messages to class teachers. Most of them carry a pack of post-it notes just for that purpose. The school day starts at 8.45 when the school bell rings and children line up to walk into their classrooms. To help the children in understanding about being on time, we use the phrase in school – **to be on time, be in the line.**

On dry mornings

- All Infant children should come to the red Infant gate, say goodbye to their parents and then walk into Infant playground. There are members of staff on duty at the gate and in the playground as well as Junior play leaders to encourage the children to play and socialise together before school.

- For our new Reception children – starting from 18th Sept drop children off at the Infant gate where staff will be their to greet and assist.
- For our Junior children, they should come into the Junior playground. There are members of staff on duty in the playground and we encourage the children to play and socialise before the bell rings.

On wet mornings:

- Children in Years 2, 3 & 4 should enter the school building by the entrance door beside the red Infant gate. There will be members of staff on duty there to assist.
- Reception and Year 1 pupils can be brought to their classroom doors by parents.
- Children in Years 5 and 6 should enter their classrooms directly through their external doors.

The staff on duty will make the decision as to whether it is too wet to stay outside. If it is raining as you come into school, if there is no member of staff on the playground and there are no children in the playground, it is safe to assume that our wet play procedure is in force. Duty staff will remain at the crossings, turn around and KS1 drop off point to direct traffic, ensure safety of children and answer queries on wet days.

After school

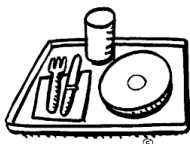
- Adults who are collecting children in Years 5 & 6 should gather in the Junior playground. The Y5 & 6 teachers will release their pupils in an orderly manner and the children will either walk home or go to meet their parent/carer in the playground.
- Adults who are collecting children from the Year 1 classes should gather next the fenced off area in the Junior playground and the Year 1 staff will hand their pupils over to the adults. *Please do not enter the Year 1 area through the gate.*
- Adults collecting children from the Year 2 classes should gather outside the classrooms and the Year 2 staff will hand their pupils over to the adults.
- Adults collecting children from the Year 3 & 4 classes should gather in the Infant playground and the Year 3 & 4 teachers will come into the playground and hand children over to the adults

Mrs H Giblett

SCHOOL MEALS

New school menus were sent home via the children at the end of last term. The menus are also available on the school website and Parentpay.

We would encourage parents to book their children's meals on Parentpay.



Water and milk are always available to all the children. Cartons of milkshakes and juice may be purchased for 50p.

Swimming Provision for Year 3

Our Year 3 children will be swimming for 8 lessons per term, running from October 2017 until June 2018. The lessons will form part of our PE curriculum and will be delivered at Truro Leisure Centre. The children will be given individual letters regarding costings and dates at the beginning of the Autumn term. Please do come in to speak to one of the Year 3 team if you require any further information.



Music Lessons

Guitar, woodwind and violin lessons will start NEXT week. Brass lessons will start the week after. Please ensure your child brings their instrument.

School Uniform

Mrs Carter has been very busy in the office with the orders ready for children starting back this term. If you require further items please order via our school website and your order will be sent home via your child. Thank you.

CLUBS

We are currently compiling a list of clubs. Details and sign up sheets will be sent home via the children at the end of next week.

All clubs will start week commencing 25th September.

Welcome from FABB

We hope you had a lovely Summer holiday and would like to welcome the new families who are joining us this term. We are looking forward to our first meeting which will be our AGM on Monday 25 September 7pm at school in the year 5 and 6 work area.

We will be reviewing the year, updating our constitution and re-electing our core team as well as sharing some drinks and nibbles.

Everyone is welcome to attend and anyone is welcome to stand for each of the posts. The existing Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer are happy to continue.

We also have someone interested in taking on the Secretarial role.

If you are interested in one of the roles or would like to nominate someone, please get in touch with us by email: friendsofarchbishopbenson@gmail.com. Alternatively you can complete the slip below and drop it into the school office FAO Emma Potter (FABB Chairperson).

FAO Emma Potter (FABB Chairperson)

Name:

I would like to nominate

Name:

For the post of:

At the FABB AGM on Monday 25 September 2017

Blues Club - October Half Term

We are now taking bookings and guarantee to be open for this holiday. We are offering a special discount rate of £20 for a full day. A full programme of activities will be sent out in September, but we welcome you to make bookings now if you will need childcare. Our staff are fully qualified and DBS checked. Blues Club is rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

For more information or to book please call us on 01637 877073

Parenting Group

Have you ever wished that you were not such a "push over"? Would you like to be able to say "no" without causing offence? Do you wish your children would listen to you? Would you like to be able to explain how you feel, even to a person in authority? Would you like your family to realise that you have feelings too? Then an assertiveness course is what you need.

The next course starts on **Thursday 14th September at 9.00 am**, in the Truro Baptist Church. A crèche will be provided. The cost is £1-50 per session to pay for the books. Each session starts with a cup of tea or coffee which is free.

Contact Polly Smyth on 07971 254 096 or Ali Stephens on 07973 452 780 if you would like more details.

Dates for Your Diary 2017:

September

Wed 28th Individual Pupil Photos

Further dates to follow once all confirmed.

WE HAVE FRESH FRUIT, MILK, SALAD & HOMEMADE BREAD AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

WEEK 1	4/9/17	25/9/17	16/10/17	13/11/17	4/12/17	8/1/18	29/1/18
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
Leek & Potato Soup (v)	Tomato Soup (v)	Spiced Lentil Soup (v)	Chicken Soup	Minestrone Soup (v)			
Cornish Beef Lasagne	Creamy Chicken Pie	Roast Topside of Beef w/ Yorkshire Pudding	Vegetable Curry w/Homemade Vegetable Samosa & Basmati Rice	Battered Cod			
Winter Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetable Crumble	Cheesy Puff Pastry Vegetable Wheels	Crispy Baked Potato w/Beans & Cheese	Poached Free Range Egg			
Mixed Cornish leaf Salad & Focaccia	Mashed Potato & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Veg		Chips & Peas			
Treacle Sponge w/ Custard	Raspberry Ripple Cheesecake	Hot Chocolate Pudding w/ Whipped Cream	Banana Loaf w/ Live Cornish Natural Yogurt	FlapJack			

WEEK 2	11/9/17	2/10/17	30/10/17	20/11/17	11/12/17	15/1/18	5/2/18
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
Cream of Vegetable Soup (v)	Tomato & Lentil Soup (v)	Carrot & Coriander Soup (v)	Sweet Potato Soup (v)	Tomato & Roasted Red Pepper Soup (v)			
Pasta with Bacon & Tomato Sauce	Cornish Beef Stew with Dumplings	Roast Free Range Chicken with Gravy	Homemade Fish Pie with Mixed Vegetables	Homemade Sausage Rolls			
Vegetarian Carbonara Pasta	Vegetable Stew with Dumplings	Vegetable Gratin	Crispy Baked Potato with a choice of fillings	Vegetarian Sausage Rolls			
Peas & Sweetcorn	Mashed Potato & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Veg		Chips & Baked Beans			
Key Lime Pie	Organic Cornish Yogurt w/ Granola & Honey	Apple & Blackberry Crumble w/ Custard	Sticky Toffee Pudding	Chocolate Brownie			

WEEK 3 18/9/17 9/10/17 6/11/17 27/11/17 18/12/17 22/1/18				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Creamy Broccoli Soup (v)	Parship & Apple Soup (v)	Thai Sweet Potato Soup (v)	Tomato & Basil Soup (v)	Chicken & Vegetable Soup
Macaroni Cheese	Slow Cooked Steak Pie	Roast Pork with Crackling	Lamb Rogan Josh with Basmati Rice & Peas & Sweetcorn	Homemade Pizzas - Salami or Tomato & Mozzarella
Homemade Garlic Bread Cured Meats & Salad	Creamy Vegetable Pie	Cauliflower Cheese Gratin	Crispy Baked Potato with a choice of fillings	Chips & Baked Beans
	Mashed Potato & Garden Peas	Roast Potato & Seasonal Vegetables		we love SCHOOL food
Apple Pie w/ Natural Yogurt	Vanilla Ice Cream w/ Fruit Salad	Rice Pudding w/ Jam	Peach Sponge w/ Custard	Homemade Shortbread

MENU BACKGROUND DESIGN BY ABBIE, YA MEI & CHARLIE, CLASS 6FT



Cornwall Council

2017/18 school term dates for community and voluntary-controlled schools



September 2017						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

October 2017						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	31
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

November 2017						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2017
Boxing Day	26 December 2017
New Year's Day	1 January 2018
Good Friday	30 March 2018
Easter Monday	2 April 2018
Early May Holiday	7 May 2018
Spring Bank Holiday	28 May 2018
Summer Bank Holiday	27 August 2018

AUTUMN TERM 2017 (73 days)

4 September - 20 December
(Half term 23 - 27 October)

SPRING TERM 2018 (56 days)

4 January - 29 March
(Half term 12 - 16 February)

SUMMER TERM 2018 (66 days)

16 April - 24 July
(Half term 29 May - 1 June)

December 2017						
Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thurs		7	14	21	28	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

January 2018						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

February 2018						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22		
Fri	2	9	16	23		
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

March 2018						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

April 2018						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
Wed		4	11	18	25	
Thurs		5	12	19	26	
Fri		6	13	20	27	
Sat		7	14	21	28	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

May 2018						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		