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 9.2.2018						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
0	1	0	0	0	5	0

Attendance News:

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 93.8%

Congratulations to Class 2KP this week who topped the attendance table with 100% attendance. Well done!

Message from Mrs Giblett

Cross-Country Gold!!!!

We are sure that you will be as delighted and proud as we are in school with the phenomenal success of our Year 4, 5 & 6 athletes last week. We are so proud of the 48 children who took part in the Truro Area cross country races at Penair School last Friday.

It is an incredible achievement that our boys & girls teams for Years 4, 5 & 6 won gold across the board in the team competition element for the six races. Almost 50% of these athletes have now qualified for the Peninsula Semi Finals on 20th and we have our fingers crossed for further future success.

Mrs Williams has done a wonderful write up in this week's newsletter and we would like to say a huge thank you to her, and her many helpers, for all their hard work and commitment to running for all children right across the school.

School meals menu

I hope that all parents have had a chance to see our new Spring school meals menu. It can be found on the school website and on the newsletter. A copy has also been sent home for each family via the eldest child.

George Blomfield, our school chef, has come up with an amazing choice of mouth-watering meals. We would encourage all children to try out the new menu as there is something there for everyone.

Well done to the boys who surveyed and petitioned for pasties going back onto the menu.

Lent 2018

We are busy in school getting ready for the start of Lent 2018 . Our Lenten theme for this year is **Give & Take.** Within the Give element of Give & Take, we have been looking at:

Give Out: The children know that they can give out some practical love in Lent. Some of them might even be inspired by the 40 Cans for Lent Challenge. Families (or a group of families) might like to collect one can a day during Lent & then donate the 40 cans to Truro Food Bank. Or they might like to gather 40 books/games/toys and donate them to a local charity shop.

Give Up: The children know that they could give up something sweet or give up a little time on their ipad or xbox or give up a habit that may be a little annoying to others.

Give More: The children also know that instead of giving something up, they could take something on. Do they ever think about all the people who serve us in one way or another each day? The postman/woman, the rubbish collector, the lollipop man/woman, their club leader and many more. They could treat any one of them to a little something as a way of showing their gratitude.

We have been exploring with the children that the Lenten message of trying a little self-sacrifice is not just a Christian message but is true of many faiths around the world as well as for people of no faith. We remind the children that it does not matter if we Follow God or Follow Good as long as we try to follow the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday which falls during half-term this year. We hope that you all have a lovely Pancake Tuesday and that you are inspired on Ash Wednesday to try a little extra Give & Take over the 40 days of Lent.

Parents Evening

Please note on Monday 12th February the parents evening booking system goes live until 23rd February.

You can book using the eSchool App which is the easiest way or on a computer via the school website using the login button at the top right hand corner.

Once the app is installed and you have entered your username and password it then stores it, so you don't have to enter it every time.

The eSchools App can also be used for seeing your child's attendance, the school newsletter and other letters.

Please book your appointment(s) as soon as possible.

Thank you
Mr Banks

Class Assemblies

Please see below updated changes to some of the Class Assemblies.

Dates for class assemblies	
Time for class assemblies - 2.30pm	
Class RR and RP graduation service	Friday, July 13th
Class 1L	Friday May 11th
Class 1W	Friday, March 2nd
Class 2KP	Friday, March 23rd
Class 2C	Friday, May 25th
Class 3K	Friday, April 27th
Class 3W	Friday, July 6th
Class 4SG	Friday February 23rd
Class 5MS	Friday, June 29th
Class 5K	Friday, May 4th
Class 6T	Friday, June 22nd

Kitchen News

Please see our exciting new menu, attached to the newsletter and also on the school website.

New Extra-Curricular Clubs Email Address

We have a new email address for any emergency or urgent queries regarding school clubs. Please feel free to email Mr. Mark Thomas on this email address:
Clubs@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk
We will try and respond to enquiries as soon as we can.

After School Pick Ups

When picking your child up from an after school club please do not park on any areas with hatching on in the car park, especially by the Infant steps. This is hazardous for our children and makes it more difficult for parents to manoeuvre safely.

Year 3 Swimming

We are very sorry to tell you that due to the expected completion date of work on the pool at Truro Leisure Centre being moved back to the 12th March, we won't be able to start swimming until the summer term. We were assured that the pool would be re-opening after half term but found out this week that this is not the case. We share your frustrations and will send details home nearer the time. We look forward to the children having a full term of swimming next term.

Year 4 Football Tournament

On Tuesday 6th February, ten of our Year 4 boys went to Truro Prep School for a football tournament. The boys did really well, winning all four of their games. They scored loads of goals and didn't concede once all afternoon. Well done to all of the players and a huge thank you to all of our kind parents for braving the cold to support them and take them to Truro Prep.

Truro Area Cross Country Races at Penair School

On Friday 2nd February 48 athletes from years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Truro Area cross country races at Penair School. We were very fortunate with the weather and the sun shone nearly all afternoon. The children ran extremely well in very muddy conditions. They all showed great determination and dedication. Consequently, all the hard work and training has paid off, with **22 runners** now qualifying for the Peninsula Semi Finals on 20th February at Pool Secondary School, at 4pm. This is the most that have ever qualified for the next round.

There were medals for those individuals that came 1st, 2nd and 3rd in their races. There were awarded to:

Year 4
Lara H gold
Saffron J bronze
Myles R gold
Charlie M silver
Hurley O bronze

Year 5
Maisy P gold
Izzy B silver
Phoebe G bronze
Jack B silver
Tarran C bronze

Year 6
Olivia G gold
Lewis T bronze

There was also a team competition element for the six races, amongst the five Truro primacy schools that entered, in which we were placed:

1st in Year 4 girls
1st in Year 4 boys
1st Year 5 girls
1st Year 5 boys
1st Year 6 girls
Joint 1st Year 6 boys (with Devoran)

What fantastic results!

I would like to say a huge well done to all those that competed and thank you to all the family members that came to support for the afternoon.

Mrs J Williams (Running teacher)

Netball League Matches

On Monday the year 6 netball team secured another two great wins in the Truro area league. First they were up against St Agnes, who had also won every game they had played. This was the toughest game so far, but we took an early lead. After great defending from both sides the match finally finished with us winning 5-3!

Our second game was against Devoran, fortunately we had enough energy left to win this game 9-2. Everyone played brilliantly. Well done to Gracie, Ellie, Silvenna (captain), Ellie-Maeve, Ella, Olivia, Bradley and Jake.

FABB

We hope the children all enjoyed the disco and a huge thank you to The Funky Thing Disco and everyone who helped at this event.

Mothers' Day coffee morning on Friday 9 March 2018
This is held in the school hall. You are invited to come along to spend some time with your children (if a Mum is unable to attend then another special grown up is very welcome). The children come into the hall in house groups. An invitation will be sent out to each family after half-term. This year's rotation is:

9.00am-9.30am Grindal
9.35am-10.05am Islip
10.10am -10.40am Tenison
10.45am – 11.15am Becket

Please check with your class teacher if you are unsure which house your children are in.

The following items will be available for purchase during the morning:

Tea/Coffee 50p (free squash/water)
Cakes 50p
Daffodils/Bracelets £1
Raffle tickets £1

We would be very grateful for donations of homemade cakes, buns and biscuits to be brought in on the Friday morning. If anyone is able to help during the morning then please let us know by email.

friendsofarchbishopbenson@gmail.com

Blues Club.

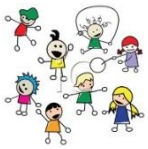
We are open every day for Breakfast and After School. We run from the St Paul's Children Centre which is on the school site.

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

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.

Drama Workshops for Girls 5-11

Fun and engaging drama workshops with an experienced tutor; it's a great way to build confidence, be creative and to make new friends. Join us now to take part in our summer show. Why not come along for a free taster session. At Pottery Preschool on Chapel Hill. Saturdays 10-11 (term-time only). £3/session.

Contact Shibon 07873 669798 or find us on facebook Inspiring Women Network.

February Half Term Holiday Club at Bosvigo

We are pleased to announce that we are opening as usual during February Half Term from Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February. We are open from 7.45am until 6pm for just £23.50 a day.

Please remember that children will need a packed lunch, waterproof coat and wellies may be advisable. For further information please contact Mrs Austin on: wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk or visit the Bosvigo School Website. For families who have booked before, you can log in and book on the school gateway.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Smoothie making	Hidden rocks painting and local walk	Baking Pizza and cookies	Clay modelling	Bowling Extra £3.50 required
Painting/ arts and crafts	DVD and Ice-cream factory		Big Build junk modelling/ dens	Baking

Capoeira Club

Capoeira is a unique art that originates from Brazil and combines elements of dance, gymnastics and martial arts. Please feel free to check out the website www.accornwall.co.uk to see club information.
The cost will be £24 for 6 weeks after half term.

Cornwall Music Education Hub - Musical Theatre Holiday Workshop For Students Aged 8+ At Penryn College

Crazy for you UK Tour Cast workshop

"Crazy for you" UK Tour cast members Kate Robson Stuart and Seren Sandham Davies will be delivering Stagecoach Truro's latest West End Workshop. Open to all children aged 4 to 18 Years (In age appropriate groups) it will be held at Penair School, Truro on Friday the 16th of February, 10am-3pm only £30.00 per child for the day.

Bring a packed lunch, wear Stagecoach uniform or if you are not a Stagecoach member please wear T Shirt, Leggings, Jazz Shoes or Trainers....Remember you can bring your friends!!!

The award winning show includes the classic Gershwin songs, They can't take that away from me", "I got rhythm", "Someone to watch over me" and your child will be able to learn from these multi talented actors who not only sing, dance and act they also play musical instruments live on stage. Also renowned actor Matthew James Hinchliffe will be visiting us.

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to learn from the cast of the ultimate feel good Broadway Musical! Enrol Now!

If you have any questions please email truro@stagecoach.co.uk www.stagecoach.co.uk/truro

Dates for Your Diary 2018

February

Fri 23rd	4SG assembly
Mon 26th	Parents Evening
Tues 27th	Parents Evening (late night)
Wed 28th	Parents Evening

March

Thu 1st	World Book Day
Fri 2nd	Class 1W assembly to parents
Fri 9th	Mother's Day coffee morning
Fri 23rd	Class 2KP assembly to parents

April

Fri 27th	Class 3K assembly to parents

May

Fri 4th	Class 5K assembly to parents
Fri 11th	Class 1L assembly to parents
Fri 25th	Class 2C assembly to parents

June

Fri 8th	Non-Uniform day
Fri 22nd	Class 6T assembly to parents
Sat 16th	Summer Fair
Fri 29th	Class 5MS assembly to parents

July

Fri 6th	Class 3W assembly to parents
Fri 13th	Class RP and RR Graduation to parents

Term Dates for 2018

February

Fri 9th	Break up for half term
Mon 19th	Children return to school

March

Thu 29th	Break up for Easter

April

Mon 16th	Children return to school

May

Mon 7th	Spring Bank Holiday – school closed

June

Mon 4th	Children return to school

July

Tue 24th	Break up for end of term

SCHOOL MENU!

Welcome to Archbishop Benson's Summer menu 2018. Our team in the kitchen- George, Korrine, Sally & Karen - hope you will enjoy eating with us as much as we enjoy preparing and serving your food. Please see one of us for dietary requirement advice.

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

WEEK 1	19/2/18	12/3/18	16/4/18	7/5/18	2/6/18	25/6/18	16/7/18
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
Sweet Potato Soup (v)	Spiced Lentil Soup (v)	Vegetable Soup (v)	Cream of Tomato Soup (v)	Chicken & Vegetable Soup			
Homemade Sausage & Beef Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce	Chicken, Leek & Bacon Pie	Roast Pork with Crackling & Gravy	Lamb Tagine with Warm Cous Cous Salad	Battered Cod			
Quorn Bolognese	Creamy Vegetable Pie	Tomato & Cheddar Quiche	Hummus Wrap with Warm Cous Cous Salad and Feta	Poached Free Range Egg			
Spaghetti, Mixed Salads, Fresh Parmesan & Focaccia	Mashed Potato & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables		Chips & Beans			
Mandarin Orange Drizzle Sponge with Crème Fraiche	Banoffee Pie	Fruit Jelly with Ice Cream	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Chocolate Crispies			

WEEK 2	26/2/18	19/3/18	23/4/18	14/5/18	11/6/18	2/7/18	23/7/18
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY			
Roast Butternut Squash Soup (v)	Tomato & Basil Soup (v)	Leek & Potato Soup (v)	Tomato & Roasted Red Pepper Soup (v)	Chicken & Sweetcorn Chowder			
Cornish Beef Lasagne	Butchers Sausages with Scrumpy Gravy	Lemon & Herb Roast Turkey With Gravy	Homemade Thai Fish Cakes with Steamed Rice, Salsa & Sweetcorn	Crantock Bakery Steak or Cheese & Onion Pasties			
Vegetable Lasagne	Homemade Vegetable Sausage Roll with Gravy	Stuffed Pancakes with Cheeses Sauce					
Mixed Vegetables & Focaccia	Mashed Potato & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Crispy Baked Potato with a choice of fillings	Chips & Baked Beans			
Rhubarb& Apple Crumble with Custard	Organic Cornish Yogurt with Granola & Honey	Hot Chocolate Sponge	Butterscotch Mousse with Banana	Cornish Fairings			

WEEK 3	5/3/18	26/3/18	30/4/18	21/5/18	18/6/18	9/7/18
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
Creamy Broccoli Soup (v)	Tomato Soup (v)	Carrot & Coriander Soup (v)	Pea & Ham Soup	Spring Vegetable Soup (v)		
Macaroni Cheese (v)	BBQ Beef Casserole	Honey Roast Ham with Gravy	Spanish Chicken & Chorizo with Steamed Rice	Homemade Pizza - Salami or Tomato & Mozzarella		
Homemade Garlic Bread, Cured Meats & Salad	BBQ Vegetable Casserole	Cauliflower Cheese Gratin	Crispy Baked Potato with a choice of fillings	Chips & Baked Beans		
	Mashed Potato & Garden Peas	Roast Potato with Carrots & Broccoli		we Love SCHOOL food		
Pineapple & Maple Syrup Sponge with Custard	Meringues with Whipped Cream and Berries	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Strawberry Cheesecake	Chocolate Brownie		