

Weekly Benson Bulletin

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| PUPIL WELFARE GROUP | | |
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| We pride ourselves on being approachable and are happy to discuss any concern with parents, no matter how big or small. | | |
| Hrs Giblett | Designated Safeguarding Lead | |
| Mr Crocker | Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead | |
| Mrs Truen | Family Support Coordinator | |
| Mrs J Williams | Special Educational Needs | |
| Mrs B Morris | Coordinators | |

| Ofsted Attendance Grades | | |
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| 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 |

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96.32%.

Congratulations this week to **3SP and 4T** who were joint top of the attendance table with 99%. *Well done!*

As you might expect we are busy planning for 2017 – 2018 and we are pleased to be able to share our class and staff allocation with you for next year. Every new academic year brings change and we always view this change positively as it creates new opportunities for the school.

Please see the details of the new classes at the end of this newsletter.

While we are always sad when members of staff move on to new positions, we embrace these occasions as an opportunity to recruit new staff with exciting skills and interests to add to our accomplished team of staff. As well as welcoming new teachers and support staff in

September, we also use each new academic year as the ideal opportunity to re-deploy teachers and support staff. The regular movement of staff across year groups and key stages is an important part of their ongoing professional development. It ensures that good practice is shared across year groups and key stages. It allows staff to work with new colleagues and to continue to enhance and extend their classroom practice, which has obvious positive benefits for our pupils.

While staff may be feeling a little weary as we approach the end of another very busy year, I know, having spoken to them, that they are excited and enthused about their classes for next year. I have already heard them discussing ideas for next year with each other!

We extend a warm welcome to Mrs Kyte who will be joining us in Year 3. Mrs Kyte comes to us from Falmouth Academy.

I am delighted with our team of staff for next year. At Archbishop Benson, we are so lucky that the size of our school allows us to have such a wonderful balance of staff combining youth and experience with a wealth of specialisms. We are set to make a great start in September.

Mrs H Giblett

Class Swaps

This year's class swap afternoon will be held on Tuesday 4th July. The children will spend time with their new teachers in their new classroom. At the end of the afternoon you will be able to collect your child from their new classroom (map at end of newsletter) and there will be an opportunity for you to informally talk to your child's new teachers. As always, there will be more formal 'Meet the Teacher' meetings in September when more information about expectations will be given.

Message from FABB

Thank you to everyone who supported the summer fair. Despite the rain we raised approx. £2500, which is a great result and will be used to benefit our children.

A special thank you to Rachel Edney, from Barclays Bank, for matched funding. We are very grateful.

A reminder that we have our next FABB meeting on Monday 3 July 7pm in the Year 5/6 work area. We look forward to seeing you if you can make it.



CHANGE IN MENU

On the Thursday (6th July) the meat option of salmon fillet will be changed to *fishpie*.

CLUBS

The following clubs have now finished for this term:

CRICKET
TOUCH RUGBY
NETBALL

It is the FINAL week next week for the following clubs:-

CAPEOIRA

Year 6 Induction Days at Penair & Richard Lander Schools 4th & 5th July

Information packs have been posted to parents of children in Year 6 by their new schools, however, for information we have also printed out information and handed it out to the children today, as well as a copy at the end of the newsletter.

Please note the children going to Penair should NOT wear school uniform, and those going to Richard Lander MUST wear school uniform.



"Truro in Bloom" Garden in a Seed Tray and Painting Competitions

- Theme: My Wildlife Garden
- Seed trays available from the school office or use your own 38x24x5 cms.
- Painting Competition rules and information also available from school office.
- Completed paintings/seed trays to be returned to school on Monday 24th July.

Music Lessons

KS2 children have the opportunity to learn an instrument. Lessons are provided by peripatetic music teachers who come in once a week and provide lessons in the following:- violin, brass, woodwind and guitar. Forms are available from the school office for any children who would like to start in September.

Woodwind/Recorder Lessons next week

Lessons will take place on FRIDAY next week instead of Thursday.

Year 4 Tennis Festival



On Friday 23rd June, 14 of our Year 4s went to Penair School for a tennis festival. The children had a fun afternoon playing lots of different activities and games. They then finished off with some matches against other schools.

A huge thank you to Mrs Glanville for driving the children to Penair in the minibus.

Young Savers Club

Children **leaving the school** at the end of term (Yr 6) should collect their passbook from the club *before* leaving. They can continue to save via any Kernow Credit Union ServicePoint (nearest is at City Hall Truro) or parents can set up a standing order to put money into their account on a regular basis.

If children **wish to withdraw money before the end of term**, please get them to pick up a withdrawal form for you to complete and sign. They can then withdraw money the following week.

If children wish to be to **draw money out over the summer holidays**, they can collect their passbook from the club, otherwise, the books will remain at school.

The final opening of the Young Savers Club this term will be **8.30am - 9am on Wednesday 19th July**. Many thanks for supporting the club.

Jenny Kwee for KCU

Volunteers

We have been bowled over this year by how generous so many of you have been with your time and your talents, and have signed up as volunteers in school. As you will know, schools are incredibly busy places. Our team of staff work so hard to try and ensure that we offer as wide and enriched a curriculum as possible. Sometimes we find it hard to do all the things that we would like to do and we hope that there are parents, grandparents, governors or friends out there who might be able to help us out as volunteers:

- We are enquiring if we have any parents, or if parents might know of anyone, who has an ASA Swimming Level 1 or Level 2 who would be willing to volunteer and help out with our weekly swimming sessions (on Monday afternoons) next year. We really would welcome your support.
- The Truro Branch of the Kernow Credit Union, led by Jenny Kwee, has run a Young Savers Club all this

year. Mrs Kwee will not be as available next year and we would love to recruit someone to work with her to keep this important club going within the school. Training and support would be provided. We hope there may be someone out there – a parent, a grandparent or retired member of the community who would enjoy helping our children to develop the “saving habit” at an early age.

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:

July

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| Mon 3rd | FABB meeting - 7.00pm in Yr 5/6 work area. |
| Tue 4th | Class Swaps |
| Fri 7th | Class RR assembly, 9am |
| Wed 19th | Year 6 Production, 7pm |
| Thu 20th | Year 6 Production, 7pm |
| Tue 25th | FABB Leaver's Reception & Summer Disco |
| Wed 26th | Leavers' service, 1.30pm |

September

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| Wed 4th | Inset Day |
| Thu 5th | Inset Day |

Further inset days for 2017/18 to be arranged.

Car Boot Sale

Sat 22nd July, 10am-12.30pm in our school grounds in aid of 8th Guides Unit.

If you wish to secure a space for £10, please contact Nicki: nicola@hockingfamily.me.uk or tel: 07929 093835

Free Netball Taster Session

Run by Saints Netball Cornwall at Truro College on *Monday 2nd July, 4.30pm-6pm* for Years 5 & 6. Contact Jean Davies: davnetball@aol.com or 07971 469608.



Bosvigo School

Bookings are now being taken for Summer Holiday Club based at the Children's Centre at Bosvigo School; open daily from 7.45am and 6pm, 27th July to 5th September.

For more information or to schedule a visit please contact Mrs Austin on: 07591 945 238 or email wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk

Sport Summer Camp – Truro School

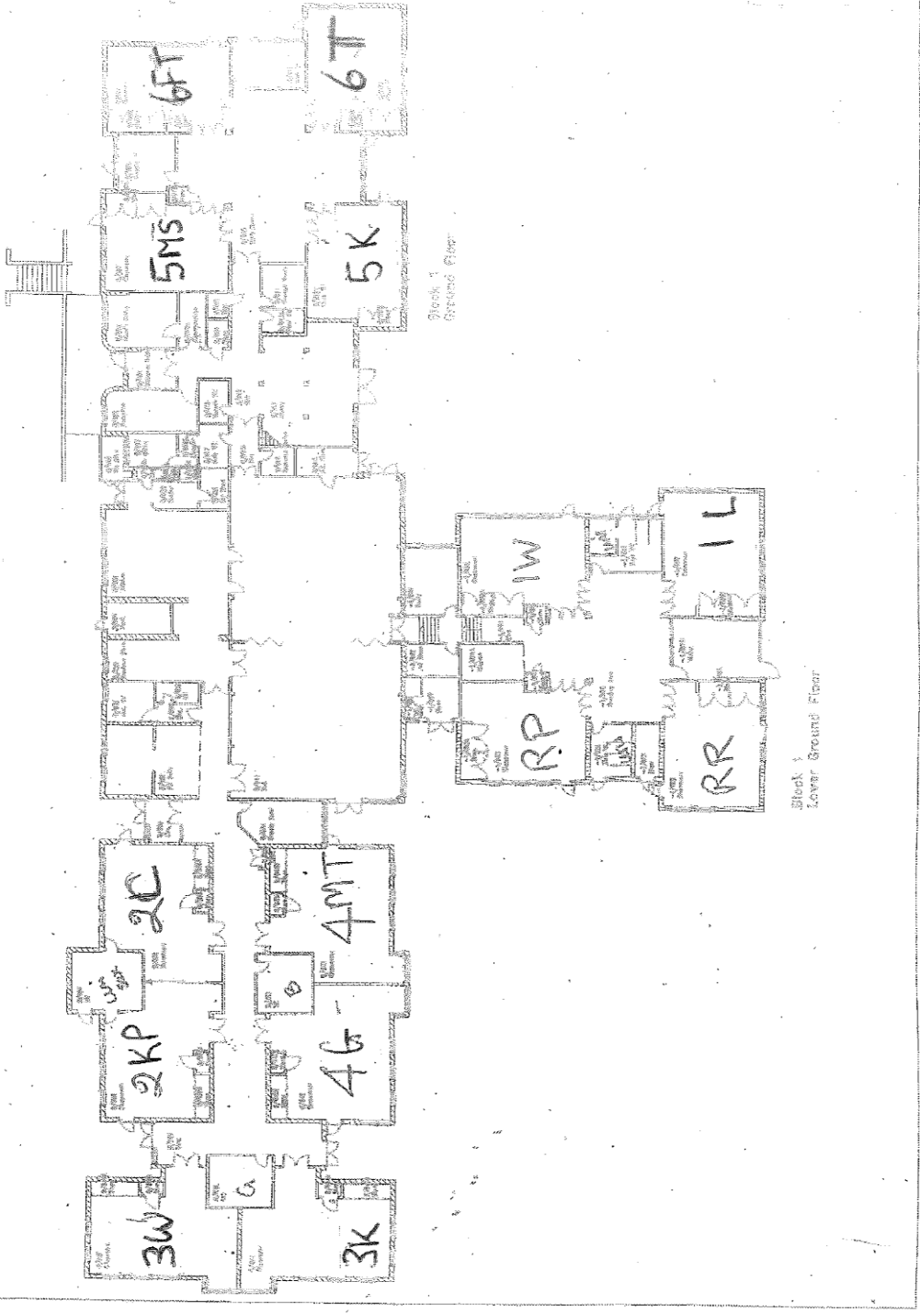
Netball, Triathlon, Hockey, Multi Sports during various dates in August.

Visit: www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com for further details.

Rugby Camp

At Truro Rugby Club on 21st August. Details at: www.cornish-pirates.com

| Current Class July 2017 | New Class September 2017 | Teacher |
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| | Reception pupils will be allocated into classes later. | Mrs Riches |
| | | Miss Palmer |
| RP | 1W | Miss N Williams |
| RR | 1L | Mrs Lyndon |
| 1K | 2KP | Mrs Power & Mrs Phillips |
| 1W | 2C | Mr Crocker |
| Class 3A | 3W | Miss B Williams |
| Class 3B | 3K | Mrs Kyte |
| 3SP | 4T | Mr Thomas |
| 3W | 4MT | Mr Galler & Mrs Sinnott |
| 4MT | 5K | Mr Kitto |
| 4WT | 5MS | Mrs Sowden & Miss McDonald |
| 5C | 6T | Mr Thomas |
| 5T | 6FT | Mrs Fleet & Mrs Tangye |



Block 1
1st Floor

Block 1
Lower Ground Floor

TRANSITION DAYS – 4th & 5th JULY – YEAR 6

PENAIR SCHOOL

- Children are to arrive at Penair School by 8.30am on both days.
- If parents are driving their child(ren) to Penair School they are to drop-off their child(ren) at the turning circle next to the bus bay of school (first entrance past the school main entrance on the left-hand side of the road); if parents are bringing their child(ren) to school on foot they are bring their child to the front entrance of school where children will then be taken to the sports hall (for safeguarding reasons, parents are not allowed in the school building).
- Children will make their way to the school sports hall; there will be Year 9 Mentors and staff around the site to take children to the sports hall.
- Children will be in lessons during the 2 days and will also be spending time with their new form tutor.
- School lunch is £2.20 (free school lunches will also be given to pupils who are eligible) and it would be advisable if they brought an additional £1.50 for a snack, if they wish, from the dining room at morning break.
- No specialist clothing is required (children will not be doing PE over the course of the two days) so children should not wear their normal school uniform but should be in casual clothes.
- Children will finish at 3.05pm. If they are being collected by parents in cars then parents will need to use the turning circle by the bus bay to collect their child; if parents are collecting children by foot they are to wait on the path area near to the front entrance of school.
- If children are getting a bus home they will need to make their way to the bus bay to get their bus at the end of the day; buses leave the school site at 3.15pm.
- The New Intake Evening for Year 6 parents only starts at 6.00pm and takes place in the sports hall. This should finish by approximately 8pm.

RICHARD LANDER SCHOOL

If your child is in one of our partner primary schools transport will be provided, if not please arrange for them to be dropped off and picked up from Richard Lander School Main Reception.

9.15 arrival - 2.30 collection.

During the Induction Days students should be in their primary school uniform, they will also need a pen and pencil. The canteen will be open at break and lunchtime (prices on the reverse of this letter) or they can bring packed lunches, students entitled to free school meals just need to give their names at the till after they have collected their food.

On the first Induction Day students will need to bring the card they have made.