



Weekly Benson Bulletin

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Message from Mrs Giblett

| 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 97%.

Congratulations this week to **5Carne and 5Towan** who were joint top of the attendance table with 99%. *Well done Year 5!!*

Farewell to Mrs Teasdale

We had a special assembly in school today so that we could come together to say a big goodbye to Mrs Teasdale. Staff, pupils, parents and governors came together to celebrate her time with us.

Mrs Teasdale has been at Archbishop Benson School for 18 years and in that time she has made a huge contribution to the school. She has taught the children of so many families in our school and is remembered by all with great warmth and affection.

Mrs Teasdale has been a tireless SMSC coordinator within the school and she has been the mastermind behind so many special events and celebrations over the year including our highly enjoyable St Piran's Celebration Day recently.

She is taking up a new teaching post in a local school and while we are both excited and pleased for her, we will miss her greatly. We wish her the very best with this new step in her career.

Mrs H Giblett

Year 6 SATS Breakfast – 8th to 11th May

The Year 6 SATS breakfasts will take place from Monday to Thursday. Children should arrive at 8.15am if they want to take part. This is a chance for them to get together over a snack before they start the tests. There will be food served but it would be best for your child to have their breakfast before they come to school.

For your information this is the timetable for Year 6 SATS:

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| Mon | English reading |
| Tues | English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1 |
| | English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2 |
| Wed | Mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic |
| | Mathematics Paper 2: reasoning |
| Thurs | Mathematics Paper 3: reasoning |

Class Photos

Your child should have brought home an order form this week. If you wish to order a class photo, please return order forms and payment in the envelope provided to the school office by **Wed 10th May**.

Violin Lessons

As it is a bank holiday on Monday, Mrs Findlay will do her Monday lessons on Friday instead.

The Great Truro High Bake Off

Following her win in the first round, Dulcie P took part in the semi finals this week. Although she didn't make it through to the next round she was complimented on her inventive and tasty recipe by the Head Judge. *Well done Dulcie!*

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

It's time to give it your all, as it's the last week to collect Active Kids vouchers. Make sure you grab as many vouchers as you can before 2nd May. Last year, Archbishop Benson CE Primary School collected 13820 vouchers. Let's see if we can beat it in 2017!

Children ask your family, friends and neighbours to pop down to Sainsburys and collect Active Kids vouchers *before 2nd May*. The vouchers will be spent on updating our sports and cooking equipment.

Marathon Run

Well done to Mrs Bullen, Revd Mark Dunn-Wilson and Dr Andy Dye who completed the Southampton Marathon on Sunday! They ran to raise funds for ALD Life - **Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) is a rare, genetic, terminal brain disorder that affects mainly apparently healthy young men.**

It is still possible to donate on their Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/trundling>, by completing the sponsorship form in the reception area of the school or via your Mobile Phone. Text TRUN57 followed by £2, £5 or £10 to 70070 (texts are charged at your usual rates plus the donation)- and you will have the option to gift aid your donation.

Truro Parent Support Group

If you would like some help or support as a parent of teen or pre-teen children then this group is for you! Held on Thursdays, 9am at Truro Baptist Church. £1.50 per week. Free crèche provided. For more information please contact: Polly Smyth 01872 870743/07971 254 096 or Ali Stephens 01209 213290/ 07973 452 780.

Junior Golf Academy

Coaching at Truro Golf Club for Juniors on Wednesdays after school and Sunday mornings.
Further details from Scott or Ben. Tel: 276595

'Tadpoles Got Talent Too'

Truro Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society's Youth Group invite you to their presentation on Saturday 13th May, 7.30pm at Redannick Theatre. £5 entry on the door (seats unallocated).

Sports Day

This has now been booked for Tue 20th June, with a reserve date of Thu 22nd June. KS1 will take place in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon. Further details nearer the event.



Cornwall School Games - County Finals: Indoor athletics

Well done to the year 3 & 4 team who qualified for the county finals of the Indoor Athletics. This really exciting event was held at Truro School on Friday 21st April, with eight primary schools in Cornwall qualifying for this final round.

The children all participated in two track and two field events, over the course of the morning. The results were as follows:

3rd - Archbishop Benson School

2nd - Goonhavern Primary School

1st - St Columb Minor School

Our team of 18 children all received a Cornwall School Games tee-shirt for representing the Peninsula area and a huge bronze medal each. They also had the opportunity to meet with the guest triathlete for the day - paraolympian David Hill. A special well done goes to Maisy P, who managed 50 speed bounces in 20 seconds and beat David Hill who only managed 43.

Thank you also to all the parents and grandparents who came to support.

Mrs J Williams (Athletics Teacher)

CLUBS

All clubs start next week.

Peninsula School Sport Partnership – Mini Basketball Finals

On Wednesday 26th of April, the A-team for basketball (Freddie I our Captain and star scorer, Daniel P, back up star scorer, Caden, Max D, Maisie M, Evie G and Noah H) went to Penryn College to play the Peninsula finals, having had a superb victory at the Penair Partner Primary competition at the beginning of February.

The competition this time was really stiff - with teams from Roskear, St.Mary's Catholic, Trevithick, Mullion, Constantine, Threemilestone (runners up in February) and ourselves.

We had not had the chance to practice unfortunately since our victory in February. However we won our first match against Roskear in great style 14-4. It was however our only victory out of the 6 games we played in the round robin competition. We ended up finishing 6 out of the 7 teams ahead of Roskear - we rallied in our final match against Mullion and were winning till the last moments of the game with a final score of 10-8. Freddie I and Daniel P doing great impressions of the 'Highland Globe Trotters' scoring with great style .

Mr Issaka, Freddie I's Dad, is a PE Teacher and he was there coaching us in new skills and tactics from the side line. He was assisted by Mr Groves, Evie G's Dad and one of our school Governors, timing it so that substitutions were done at equal intervals. Mrs Phillips was a great support shouting encouragement from the side line. Basketball is really great fun and we had a fantastic time even if we did not win the competition, the other teams were really strong and have Basketball clubs in their schools. It would be great to have a club in our school as well.

A very special thank you to Mrs Robillard for driving some of us down to Penryn. Also thanks to Mr Issaka for coaching us from the side line, Mr Groves for taking us there and back and support on day, and Mrs Phillips for her support and making it happen on the day.

Evie G (6FT)

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.

Our next session: sand and water play.



Dates for Your Diary 2017:

May

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| Thu 4th | FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room |
| Mon 8th to 10th | Porthean Camp – Year 4 |
| Fri 5th | Class RP assembly, 9am |
| Fri 19th | Yr4 assembly, 9am |

June

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| Fri 9th | Class 1W assembly, 9am |
| Fri 16th | Class 2L assembly, 9am |
| Wed 21st | Eucharist Service, 9am |
| Sat 24th | Summer Fair, 11am-1pm |
| Fri 30th | Class 5C assembly, 9am |

Mon 12th to 16th Year 6 trip to London

July

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| Mon 3rd | FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room |
| Fri 7th | Class RR assembly, 9am |
| Tue 25th | FABB Leaver's Reception & Summer Disco |
| Wed 26th | Leavers' service, 1.30pm |

Term Dates for School Year 2016 /2017

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| Mon 1st May | Bank Holiday – school closed |
| Fri 26th May | Break up for half term |
| Mon 5th June | Children return to school |
| Wed 26th July | Break up for Summer Holidays |

School Summer Fair 2017 **June 24th 11am – 1pm**



A Cornish Summer
Games
Food and Drink
Activities
Raffle
Special Visitors
And much much more.

If you can help, please speak to any member of FABB or contact Sarah on sarahzoehills@gmail.com

