



Weekly Benson Bulletin

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Message from Mrs Giblett

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

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96.35%.

Congratulations this week to **3Wendron** who were top of the attendance table with 100%. *Well done!*

Y4 Porthpean Trip

I know that the Y4 parents will want to join with me in saying a BIG thank you to all the staff who contributed in so many different ways to the success of this year's Porthpean trip.

We are very grateful to Mr Galler for coordinating and leading the trip so well, but he would be the first to say that he was wonderfully assisted by Mr Thomas, Miss Palmer, Miss Williams, Mrs Medcalf, Mrs Glanville, Mrs Austin and Mrs Matthews.

Thank you also to Mrs Williams and Mrs Morris, our SENCOs, who also popped up to the Porthpean outdoor education centre to lend their support and good humour! I would also like to say thank you to all the staff in school this week who held the fort admirably while their colleagues were away at Porthpean.

Recently we had some School Improvement Officers, from the local authority, in school working with the Senior Leadership Team. One of the things that they particularly noticed was the excellent way that we ensure that all our pupils are included in the life of the school. The success of this Y4 trip has been a great example of this in action.

Y6 SATs

Similarly, I would like to say another big thank you to staff for all the hard work, good will and good humour that went into planning for and administering the Y6 SATs tests this week. Ensuring that the needs of all 63 of our Y6 pupils are met for each test is a huge task and relies on real team work.

So many staff were involved in supporting our Y6 pupils, but I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Tangye, Mrs Fleet, Mrs James, Mrs Jones and Mrs Beaumont who

have worked tirelessly this year, and particularly this half-term, to make sure that the children were ready. Thanks also to Mrs Power who spent a lot of time on the National Curriculum assessments helpline this week ensuring that any child who required last minute adjustments, got their full entitlement

I would like to let our Y6 parents know that we are VERY proud of our Y6 pupils. They approached these tests with real determination and we were bowled over by their positive mental attitude each morning at the SATs breakfast. Thank you to FABB for paying for this breakfast treat.

We know that they could not have worked any harder and that they all did their very best. We know that they will have much to celebrate when the SATs results are known, but in the meantime we look forward to making their remaining time with us as special and memorable as possible

Parents Forum

The Summer Parents Forum meeting has been arranged for *Tuesday 23rd May, 7pm-8pm*. The subjects for discussion will be parent/school communication and swimming.

All parents are invited, but numbers for each forum are understandably limited. We do not want to set too much of a limit on numbers as we know that parents who want to attend are interested in that particular issue, but we also want to ensure that the number present allows for a meaningful discussion.. For this evening meeting, we can facilitate about 15 – 20 parents.

If parents are interested in attending any forum, then we ask them to contact the office. On a first come, first served basis, we will ensure that if sufficient parents express an interest in attending that there is representation from all classes. Having done that, if there are additional spaces available then we open it up to the other names on the list in rank order. If we have too many requests, we may need to consider who attended forum meetings already in the year and offer it to those who have not yet attended.

School uniform

Thank you to our parents for supporting us in ensuring that our pupils continue to wear our school ties for the rest of this half-term. I need to point out that there are a number of boys in the Y4, 5 & 6 who are still not wearing a tie. We would be really grateful if parents could either find the missing tie or pop into the school office and buy a replacement one.

We have also noticed that some of our Junior children are wearing school sweat shirt instead of the official school jumper. Again we would be grateful if parents could speak to their child if this is happening.

Mrs Giblett

Parent Governor Election

On Thursday 1, (with two witnesses) opened and counted the votes received in respect of the Parent Governor elections. Amanda Colwill was duly elected to serve. May I express my thanks to all those who took part in this election, either as a candidate or as a voting participant. In accordance with the guidance from the National Governors Association, the ballot papers will be retained for 6 months.

Revd. Mark Dunn-Wilson (Chair of the Governing Board)

THANK YOU

Mrs Teasdale would like to thank everyone for their good wishes and generous gifts. She was overwhelmed with everyone's kindness.

Parents Meeting re Year 6 London Trip

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 16th May in the hall after school for all parents of children going on the London trip with details of final arrangements.

Assembly – Porthpean Camp (Year 4)

All parents of children who are attending the Porthpean camp next week are invited to an assembly on Friday 19th May, 9am when the children will be able to share with you what they have been up to on camp!

Sun Cream and Hats



As the weather gets sunnier and warmer, can you please ensure that your child has sun cream applied **BEFORE** coming to school and bring a **SUN HAT** with them for outdoor play. It doesn't have to be a school sun hat, but we do sell school caps at the school office priced £3.50. (However, please note we have currently sold out – new delivery end of next week – apologies.)

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle filled with water (no juice or squash please).

Donations of Dressing Up Clothes – KS1

Our KS1 staff would be very grateful for any donations of dressing up clothes for children's playtime. Thank you.

KITCHEN NEWS

If you pay for your child's school lunches on Parentpay please remember to book the days when lunches are required using the Menu option. Thank you.

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.



Truro Methodist Church invite you to **Muddy Church** on Tues 16th May, 5.15pm. We will be exploring the bible story of Esau and Jacob. Please meet at St Clement, Truro

Please wear suitable clothing bearing in mind it will be muddy! *Please note* – no unaccompanied children as this is a family event and adults are responsible for their children at all times. No charge, but donations at the end welcome for food provided. Will only be cancelled if VERY bad weather.

Further details: Janet Tredrea 07800 586016

CLUBS

Please remember to let the school office know if your child is unable to attend a club. Thank you.

Go Active

After half term "Go Active" will be providing the following clubs on FRIDAYS after school:

Bubble Football/Zorbing – KS2 (£30)

Football – Yrs 1, 2 and 3 (£20)

Forms available from the school office.

Dates for Your Diary 2017:

May

Tue 16th Year 6 London trip meeting, 3.30pm
Fri 19th Yr4 assembly, 9am (Porthpean)

June

Fri 9th Class 1W assembly, 9am
Fri 16th Class 2L assembly, 9am
Tue 20th June Sports Day
Thu 22nd June Reserve Sports Day
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

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

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



ARCHBISHOP BENSON SCHOOL
SUMMER FAIR
SATURDAY 24TH JUNE

11-1PM **FREE ENTRY OPEN TO ALL**

- ★ MILKSHAKE BAR
- ★ BBQ
- ★ RAFFLE
- ★ BUCKET OF BOOZE
- ★ BOUNCY CASTLE
- ★ FAIR STALLS
- ★ SPECIAL GUESTS
- ★ LIVE PERFORMANCES

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TRURO LAWN TENNIS CLUB
FREE OPEN DAY
Saturday 13th May

ALL SESSIONS RUN BY T.L.T.C. COACHES HEADED BY RYAN FERN

A great day for all the family

FREE COACHING

Hit with your own Children, friends or coaches

Whatever your age it is a great opportunity to give this fantastic sport a trial
 And for existing club members to try out new things.

SNACKS TEA & COFFEE

TIMES FOR THE SESSIONS

9am - 10am 5-9yrs old
 (Parents can also come on court to hit with their children)

10am - 11am 9-12yrs old

11am - 12.30pm 13yrs plus and adults

FOR MORE INFORMATION
 CONTACT HEAD COACH RYAN FERN
ryan@ryanfern.org.uk
 07814553087

SPEED GUN PRIZES!



ALL STARS

Big moments

All Stars Cricket gives children the chance to play, learn great skills and meet new friends!

Truro Cricket Club
 Sessions start Monday 5th June for 8 weeks
 5:30 - 6:15pm
 Contact Rob on:
 07921 365908 or thamson1981@yahoo.com

Starting from May 2017
 For children aged 5 to 8
 Register at allstarscricket.co.uk

Includes Personalised Kit!



Sundays...
12th March, 14th May
and 11th June .. at 4.00 pm

Launchpad

Music **Games** **Reflective Activity**

Bible Stories **ALL WELCOME**

Count Down 5-4-3-2-1 blast off!

Picnic Tea Provided

Craft Activities for all

Truro Baptist Church **TRURO BAPTIST CHURCH . CHAPEL HILL . TRURO**
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