



## Weekly Benson Bulletin 20 January 2017 No 17

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### Message from Mrs Giblett

Ofsted Attendance Grades		
96.5% + <b>High</b>	96.1% - 96.4% <b>Above national average</b>	95.5% - 95.9% <b>In line with national average</b>
94.0% or below <b>Low</b>	90% or below <b>Cause for concern</b>	85% or below <b>Persistent Absence</b>

### Attendance

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96.85%.

Congratulations this week to 1Kynance who were top of the attendance table with 99.7% attendance. Well done!

### Going for Goals!

We are using the month of January to explore with the children personal goals for 2016 – 2017. Within our assemblies, I have been both delighted and impressed by the range of challenging goals that they have set themselves. Some children are choosing to try and give up something, e.g. fizzy drinks, or do less of something, e.g. less time on their iPads. Other children are looking to start something new like join a club or learn a new skill. Some are looking at ways that they can focus on a particular aspect of their behaviour or personality e.g. some have said that they want to be better time keepers this year, while others have said that they want to be able to walk away from problems in the playground and not get wound up. I could share so many more lovely examples with you, so we thought you might like to talk to your child over the weekend and find out about the goal(s) they have set themselves for this year – you might be surprised and impressed with their choices.

In helping the children to come up with their personal goals, we have been presenting them with lots of ideas. This Monday, at assembly, we suggested that some of the children (and adults!) might like to think about a personal goal linked to healthy eating and living. We made ourselves very hungry by looking at how we would create healthy, nutritious and delicious lunch boxes. Even if your child has school meals, we wanted to encourage them to try out new foods at the weekend. I hope they are able to share some new ideas with you.

One aspect of healthy living that we did particularly emphasise was the need for us all to drink lots and lots of water. Following on from the assembly, each class was

asked to talk about how they can ensure that they can easily and readily access drinking water during the school day. Every class has their own arrangements but they are broadly similar:

- Some classes have the children's water bottles on their tables and they can access them regularly during the day
- Other classes have the water bottles on a separate table or trolley and the children are given regular opportunities during the day, particularly before and after break times, to have a drink.

Most children are fairly good at drinking water across the day but we recognise that some children may forget to do so or be reluctant to do so. We have made a couple of suggestions to the children which we would like to share with you too.

- Some parents have put markers down the side of their child's water bottle to remind them how much they would like them to drink by a certain time in the day. In that way both the child, and the class teacher and TA, have a visual reminder during the day.
- Any parent, or child, can speak to the class teacher and ask if they can help to remind the child regularly during the day to have a drink. If the class teacher and TA are aware where there may be an issue with a child not drinking enough, then he/she could quietly arrange for them to remain back for just a minute at one or more of the break times to have an extra drink.

*Mrs H Giblett*

### Girlguiding World Thinking Day – 22 February

World Thinking Day is a special day for members of Girlguiding. It is a time when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts across the world think of each other and their commitment to international friendship and understanding. Traditionally, all members of Girlguiding are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school, college or work on World Thinking Day. Usually it falls in half-term but this year it happens in the middle of the week following half-term. Therefore, on this occasion, the school is happy to give permission for members of the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and the Senior Section to proudly wear their guiding uniform to school on that day

Naturally, we would be willing to consider similar support for other groups like Cubs and Scouts.

## CLUBS

**KS2 Running Club (Monday Lunch)**  
***Please can children bring warm clothing and spare socks as they will be running on the field.***

### Parents' Evenings

Parents' evenings will be held on the following dates:

Mon 27/2	All classes apart from Y6
Tue 28/2	All classes (late night)
Wed 1/3	All classes
Thu 2/3	Y6 only

Booking via eSchools will open on **Monday 20 February**.

### JEFF SMITH MEMORIAL GARDEN - TESCO

#### WE NEED YOUR VOTES TO "BAG" US THE £5,000!

Archbishop Benson School is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch the monthly funding scheme, which sees grants of £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – all raised from the 5p bag levy – being awarded to local outdoor community projects.

Three groups in every Tesco region have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and this month shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

Archbishop Benson School is one of the groups on the shortlist.

***"As Headteacher of Archbishop Benson School for 23 years, Jeff Smith was renowned for his unwavering commitment to creating a nurturing and enriching school in the heart of Truro. He would be delighted to know that our proposed memorial garden, in his honour, is a continuation of his compelling vision for the school.***

***In a world that is becoming increasingly busy and demanding for children, we want to create a calm and peaceful garden area that would allow our pupils to freely engage in quiet interaction and contemplation on a daily basis. We are very excited at the potential opportunity to create a landscaped outdoor area, with seating, that could be used creatively and therapeutically to enrich the lives of our children. We feel passionately about the health and wellbeing of our pupils and we know that many groups of children ranging from our Breakfast and Lunchtime Clubs through to our nurture groups and Family Learning groups would benefit enormously from such a tranquil spot, as well as being freely available to all children at Breaktimes and lunchtimes.***

***It would mean the world to the children, parents, staff and governors of Archbishop Benson School if we received community support and backing for this memorial garden, as we continue to endeavour to***

***serve successive generations of Truro families to the very best that we possibly can."***

Voting is open in stores from 2 January to 28 January. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

Tesco's Bags of Help project has already delivered over £24 million to more than 2,400 projects up and down the UK. Tesco customers get the chance to vote for three different groups each month.

Please make sure that if you're not offered a token at the checkout, you ask for one ..... or two ..... or three!!!!!!

## Kitchen News

**The current menu will continue until the Spring half term.**

### Reception and Year 5 Trip to Eden Project Thursday 26 January

Reminder – if you haven't yet paid for your child's school trip to the Eden Project on Thursday 26 January, can you please do so as soon as possible on ParentPay. Signed permission slips should also be returned. Thank you.

### Year 1 Trip to Falmouth Maritime Museum Monday 23 January

Please ensure the signed permission slip has been returned and payment made via ParentPay. Thank you.

### Year 5 Netball News

On Monday we went to Penair School to play two more matches in the local league. First we were up against Devoran School and we were really excited to be winning at half time. The match finished 5-0 to us – our first ever win! Next we had to take on Bosvigo, who had already beaten Devoran but to our surprise we were again winning 3-0 at half time. Bosvigo tried to fight back in the second half but we held on and scored again winning the match by 5-0! Our goal scorers were Silvenna (4), Ella (4), Elizabeth (1) and Poppy (1). Well done to the whole team – Jake, Jayden, Ellie-Maeve, Silvenna, Ella, Poppy, Evie and Elizabeth. Thanks to Mrs Olds and Mrs Reynard for taking us and to all the parents who came along to cheer us on. We can't wait for our next match!

### Jake and Ella

### Truro Primary Schools Basketball Competition

On Friday 13 January 2017, our A and B Year 6 basketball teams went to Penair for the Truro Primary Schools competition. There were 12 teams competition and it was a fantastic afternoon of basketball!

Both of our teams did really well. Our A team won all five of their group games to qualify for the final against Threemilestone School, who won the other group. We managed to win a closely fought final to win the competition and we now qualify for the next round, the Partnership finals.



Our victorious A team: Max, Daniel, Freddie, Cadan, Noah, Maisie and Evie.



Our B team: Mason, Lewis, Luke, Poppy, Serena, Oliver and Daniel.

Well done to all of the children and a huge thank you to the extremely competitive Mrs Fleet for coaching the children so well and taking them to Penair.

### Gymnastics

On Thursday 19 January, three of our gymnasts went to Penryn Gymnastics Centre to take part in the Partnership finals. The children qualified after coming 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Truro competition in December. Therefore, we made up three out of the four members of the Penair primary schools team!

It was a fantastic morning's gymnastics and all of our gymnasts, Maisy, Ela and Luke, did extremely well.



Luke, Ela and Maisy

A huge thank you to Mrs Polkinghorne for taking the children.

### Rotary Young Photographer Competition For Year 5 & 6 Pupils

We would like to invite pupils in Year 5 and 6 to enter their photography into the Rotary Young Photographer Competition. This year the theme is 'Reflection', and the children are invited to submit a portfolio of 3 photographs to represent this theme. Details of the competition may be found on our school website from Monday onwards.

The closing date for completed paperwork & entries is Wednesday 25 January – please hand them to Mr Kitto in an envelope by this date. We have had excellent results in previous years, with two of our pupils' photographs being included in a charity calendar last year.

Good luck and happy snapping!

### SCOPE - "About Disability"

Free workshop for parents and carers of **children with additional needs**:-

#### **SLEEP SUCCESS**

Helping your child to sleep

- Raising awareness of good sleep practice
- Strategies for parents
- Discussion with time to share ideas

Includes:

- The impact of sleep disorders
- The bedroom environment
- A good bedtime routine
- Night waking
- Keeping a sleep diary

Date: Friday 24 February

Time: 9.30am – 1.30pm

Venue: St Paul's Children's Centre (next to Archbishop Benson School)

Please book your free place via the school office.

**Mrs J Williams - SENCO**

### Uniform Shop

The school uniform shop will be held from 3.15pm onwards and can be accessed via the Junior (KS2) playground through the door between 6J and 5C.

These are the dates for our Uniform Shop:

- **Friday 3 February**
- **Friday 24 February**
- **Friday 10 March**
- **Friday 24 March**

We do hold a reasonable level of uniform stock in school but this can get sold quickly at the Uniform Shops. Ordering online will ensure you get what you want.

### Young Savers' Club

**The Young Savers' Club is held on Wednesday mornings from 8.30am in the Infants Entrance.**

### Year 6 London Trip

We are now finalising the itinerary and payments have to be made to guarantee the trips for the children. The deadline for the final payment of the Year 6 London trip has been extended from 31 January to **Friday 10 February**. Payment via ParentPay please. Thank you.

We would like to invite all Year 6 parents to a meeting on **Tuesday 24 January** in 5C at 3.30pm where we will be able to give you more information.

### Porthpean Residential Camp

The date for the final payment for the Year 4 Porthpean Camp is **Friday 28 April**. A new payment item has been added to ParentPay which will allow payments in instalments up to the full amount.



### Language Café

Do you speak another language? Why not come along to Vertigo in Truro on Thursday evenings 7.30pm – 9.00pm. Meet new people and have a chat in your language of choice over a glass of wine or a cup of coffee. Just turn up or for more information, call Sharon on 07980 924813.

### “All In”

Truro Methodist Church invite you to their all age band led family worship held fortnightly on Tuesdays, 6pm-7pm, starting Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January. All ages welcome.

### Baby Massage Classes

Small group classes held at Truro Nursery School for babies aged 6 weeks to 6 months. 4 week course. £30 including notes and oils. To book phone Truro 274693 or email: [secretary@truronurseryschool.org.uk](mailto:secretary@truronurseryschool.org.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.



**Next session: Thursday 26/1 – explore small world play.**

### Dates for Your Diary

#### 2017

#### February

<b>Fri 3/2</b>	Cross Country qualifier at Penair, 12pm-3pm (Yrs 4, 5 & 6)
<b>Thu 9/2</b>	Valentine's Disco
<b>Mon 27/2</b>	Parents' Evenings – all classes apart from Y6
<b>Tue 28/2</b>	Parents' Evenings – all classes (late night)

#### March

<b>Wed 1/3</b>	Parents' Evenings – all classes
<b>Thu 2/3</b>	Parents' Evenings – Y6 only
<b>Wed 15/3</b>	FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
<b>Fri 24/3</b>	Mother's Day Coffee Morning

#### May

<b>Thu 4/5</b>	FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
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#### June

<b>Sat 24/6</b>	Summer Fair
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#### July

<b>Mon 3/7</b>	FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
<b>Tue 25/7</b>	Leaver's Reception & Summer Disco

### Term Dates for School Year 2016 /2017

#### 2016 -2017 Term Dates

<b>Fri 10/2</b>	Break up for half term
<b>Mon 20/2</b>	Children return to school
<b>Fri 31/3</b>	Break up for Easter
<b>Tue 18/4</b>	Children return to school for Summer Term
<b>Mon 1/5</b>	Bank Holiday – school closed
<b>Fri 26/5</b>	Break up for half term
<b>Mon 5/6</b>	Children return to school
<b>Wed 26/7</b>	<b>Break up for Summer Holidays</b>

