



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.

Hrs Giblett (Headteacher)	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mr Galler Assistant Headteacher)	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs J Williams & 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

Attendance

Our whole school attendance last week was 97.8% .

Congratulations to 2Perranporth, 5Kynance and 5Mousehole who had 100% attendance last week. *Well done!*

Message from Mrs Giblett

At Archbishop Benson, we love being a large two-form entry school located in the heart of Truro. We have capacity for 436 pupils and we are usually full across the year, although occasionally families move and places do become available. We also have 4 additional spaces that become available in Year 3 every year.

This year, we thought we would share our numbers on roll in the newsletter so that if places do become available, then there may be families in our local area who would wish to know.

This year, the 4 available places in Year 3 have been filled very quickly but we so have some spaces in Year 5 which were never filled when these children moved into Y3 three years ago.

Year Group	Capacity	Available spaces
Reception	60	1
Year 1	60	4
Year 2	60	0
Year 3	64	0
Year 4	64	1
Year 5	64	6
Year 6	64	0

Harvest Service

We are busy in school getting ready for our Harvest Eucharist Service next week. The theme of the service is linked to our SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social & Cultural) focus for this year – Values in Action. This term we are celebrating local organisations which are putting important values into action e.g. Shelterbox, Surfers Against Sewage. (If you come to the Harvest Service, you can see how our hall displays are celebrating these organisations)

Year 2, who are leading our Harvest Service, chose Truro Food Bank as an important local organisation that is putting the value of compassion into action every day. Last week we let you know what food donations the Food Bank particularly needs at the moment. We would like to thank you for your kind donations so far to our Harvest collection but we are appealing for even more.

Reception/Year 1	Tinned potatoes
Years 2 and 3	Tinned fruit
Years 4 and 5	Coffee
Year 6	Tinned tomatoes

For period 1st January – 31st December 2016

A TOTAL of **2121** people were fed by Foodbank and this includes 764 children. The amount of food donated was 29.742 tonnes, and the amount of food distributed was 30.456 tonnes.

The aim is to provide a 3-day supply of non-perishable food, which is nutritionally balanced. A menu is provided, and the pre-prepared boxes of food are for single people, couples or families. All the food given is in date.

4T class assembly

A couple of weeks ago, I explained to you how we had re-arranged the timing of the class assemblies to the afternoon this year to allow teachers & TAs to be able to make the maximum use of precious teaching & learning time in the mornings. We will have to make one exception this term. 4T's class assembly is scheduled for Friday, December 1st which is also the same day as our Christmas Fayre. If we were to hold the class assembly at 2.30pm, then FABB would not be able to begin setting up until 3.30pm which would make it quite tight for time, so on this occasion 4T's class assembly will take place at 9.00am.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Reason to celebrate

The new academic year has gotten off to a great start. Having had a chance to look at the work in the children's books last week, I was delighted to see what great work the children were doing and how much fun they are having with their topics for this term. Things are going to get even better for our Year 1 pupils very shortly as we have had workmen in all week working on our new Y1 outdoor area. We would all like to say a huge thank you to FABB who have donated very generously to help make this project a reality. We will continue to develop this area so that, year on year, successive Year 1 pupils can carry on enjoying their love of outdoor learning which is nurtured so wonderfully in Reception

Exciting news!

The Year 1 shelter has been finished and the children are extremely eager to start using it. This amazing addition to Year 1 will enable pupils to have access to the outdoor learning environment come rain or shine. This will support the children in becoming independent and curious learners.

Wanted!

Year 1 are looking for any wooden cable reels for the outside area. If anyone can help please contact Miss N Williams (Year 1)



Another reason to celebrate this week is because we are delighted that Archbishop Benson won The Truro in Bloom shield as the best participating school celebrating last year's Year 1 classes' involvement in planting containers in the Year 1 outside area and also for going to watch a bat box being put up at Daubuz Moor. Congratulations to all involved.



Myself, Mr Kitto & Miss Williams attended the award ceremony in the Town Hall on Tuesday evening and watched very proudly as lots of our pupils received their awards.

We could like to say a big thank you to Mrs Newlyn- Jewell, mother of Tobias in 2C, who is a wonderful ambassador for Truro in Bloom and supports the school in taking part in this important community event.

Parent Governor Vacancy

As I mentioned last week we have a parent governor vacancy and are inviting nominations for this role. The closing date for nominations is Friday 13th October.2017 All nominations should be handed into the school office or emailed to clerk@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk

Pupil Welfare & Behaviour

In last week's newsletter, we introduced our 3 new phase group leaders to you.

Years 1 and 2 – Mr. Crocker.

Years 3 and 4 – Mrs. Kyte.

Years 5 and 6 – Mr. Kitto

In a school of our size with 430 pupils on roll and over 300 families, we feel that it is a good thing to have several senior leaders, along with myself, Mrs Power (Deputy Headteacher) and Mr Galler (Assistant Headteacher), located across the school to be available for parents & pupils. We just wanted to make you aware that if parents ring up the school and ask to speak to myself, Mrs Power or Mr Galler regarding a query or concern, it may be that you will be referred to the relevant phase leader in the first instance. I am always available to meet with parents but the school is focusing this year on developing phase leaders & teams which offer an additional and equally valuable tier of communication for parents.

As well as being on hand to engage with parents, phase leaders will also be supporting pupils within the phase groups. They are already visiting the classes within their phases and familiarising themselves with the children.

Where needed, they will also support with pupil welfare & behavioural issues. This could mean that from time to time, the phase leader may be involved in speaking to children about their behaviour if class teachers in that phase group have concerns that children may not be responding to class rules & expectations. This is rare in school but we wanted to make you aware of this slight change in our behaviour management system in the event that your child might mention that a phase leader has had to speak to them or because a phase leader may contact a parent to discuss an issue within that phase group.

All 3 phase leaders are very experienced teachers, so please feel able to approach them. They will enjoy getting to know you, if they don't know you already.

Mrs Giblett

Girls' Football Festival

On Friday 29th September 2017, ten Year 5 girls went to Penair for a girl's football festival. They had a great time and enjoyed practising their football skills.

Thank you to Mr Sims and Mrs Glanville for taking the children.



Harvest Eucharist Service

All parents are warmly welcomed on Wed 11th October, 9am in the school hall.

We will be supporting Foodbank again this year and are collecting the following:-

Reception/Year 1	Tinned potatoes
Years 2 and 3	Tinned fruit
Years 4 and 5	Coffee
Year 6	Tinned tomatoes

Please bring on the day. Thank you.



School Meals

A particular reminder to new parents of our Reception children to book your child's lunches on Parentpay. Where a booking hasn't been made your child will be served the meat option unless they are vegetarian.

Purchasing of items at school office

Thank you to everyone for using Parentpay to purchase items such as school uniform, lunches, etc. We do still sell a few items via the school office, but keep very little change. We would request that if you wish to make a purchase at the school office you have the correct change. Thank you.

School Photos

The children's photos have been taken.. Orders should be returned to the school office no later than **Tuesday 17th October.**



Message from Janet Crocker

Thank you so much for all the good wishes, cards, presents and flowers. I was overwhelmed by everyone's kindness. I am missing everyone, especially the children. I have enjoyed many happy times during my time at school and have made many lasting memories. However, I am enjoying my new job and look forward to a new chapter in my working life. Best wishes to you all. Janet Crocker

Truro School Open Morning

Saturday 7th October, 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Truro High School Open Morning

Saturday 14th October (am). To book tel: 242904.



Blues Club Before/After School & October Half Term

We are open every day for Breakfast and After School. Our team of qualified staff will ensure that your child is cared for in a safe and stimulating environment. Healthy breakfasts and snacks are provided every session.

We are now taking bookings and guarantee to be open for half term holiday. We are offering a special discount rate of £20 for a full day. A full programme of activities will be sent out in September but we welcome you to make bookings now if you will need childcare.

Our staff are fully qualified and DBS checked. Blues Club is rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

For more information or to book please call us on 01637 877073 or email us at info@firststepscornwall.co.uk

Bosvigo Wraparound

Bookings are now being taken for October Holiday Club; we are open daily from 7.45am and 6pm between 23rd October and 27th October.

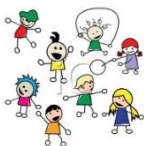
The Wraparound team are busy planning for an exciting range of activities including; cooking, arts and crafts, park trips, workshops, beach trips, bowling, gardening, BBQs and much more. Friday 27th October will be our Halloween Party

The daily rate has been held at £23.50 with half days at just £15. You can catch a glimpse of some of the things we get up to on the Bosvigo School website, the Bosvigo Wraparound Facebook page or better still, pop in to see us in action after school one day.

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



Dates for Your Diary 2017:

October

- Wed 4th** YR6 Parents to meet rep from Penair School. 3.30pm in classroom.
Wed 11th Harvest Eucharist – School Hall, 9am
Mon 30th School nursing team vaccination Programme for R,1,2,3 & 4

November

- Mon 13th**
– Wed 15th Parents evenings YR – Y5
Tue 14th
– Thu 16th Parents evenings Year 6

MULTI SPORT ACTIVITY CAMP

**OCTOBER HALF TERM
FUN FOR CHILDREN
AGED 6 - 14 YEARS**
 Monday to Friday 0830 - 1730
HOT LUNCH INCLUDED

£25 per day

• Contact 01872 246050 or e-mail: sport@truroschool.com for bookings/enquiries
 • Download an application form from www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com
 • Also available from the Sports Centre Reception. Truro School, Trennick Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH

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SIR BEN AINSLIE SPORTS CENTRE
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GO ACTIVE

Fri 17th
Wed 22nd

6FT Class Assembly, 2.30pm
 City of Lights parade

December

- Fri 1st** 4T Class Assembly, 9.00am
Fri 1st Christmas Fayre
Thu 7th Music recital, 2pm school hall
Mon 4th KS2 cross country finals and Santa Hat Charity Fun Run.
Wed 6th Reserve day for the above
Thu 7th Music recital, 2pm school hall
Mon 11th KS1 Christingle Service, 6pm school hall
Tue 12th Reception classes nativity 2pm and 6pm
Wed 13th Whole School Christmas Lunch
Thu 14th KS2 Christmas Performance, 6pm
 Truro Methodist Church

Truro School Swim Camp

SIR BEN AINSLIE SPORTS CENTRE

Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th October
 This 4 day swim camp run by ASA coach Lee Stanbury from the Cornish Swim academy provides an exciting opportunity for 7-14 year olds of all club swimming levels to improve the fine points of swimming.

Camp Timetable:
Monday: Front Crawl improvement + turns & starts.
Tuesday: Backstroke improvement + turns & starts.
Wednesday: Breast stroke improvement + turns & starts.
Thursday: Butterfly stroke improvement + turns & starts.

0830-1230
£25 per day (£80 all 4 days)

Multi Activity Sport Camp available from 1230-1730 for an additional £12.50 (includes lunch)

For more information see our website or
 e-mail: sport@truroschool.com
 or call 01872 246050.

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