



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 | |
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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. | |
| Mrs Giblett (Headteacher) | Designated Safeguarding Lead |
| Mr Galler Assistant Headteacher) | Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead |
| Mrs J Williams and 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 |

| Available pupil places at Archbishop Benson School Updated 11.05.2018 | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Reception | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |

Attendance News:

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96.6%

Congratulations to Class RP and 2C this week who topped the attendance table with 96.6% attendance. Well done!

Message from Mrs Giblett

Ascension Eucharist

Yesterday was the Feast of the Ascension. This is a special day within a Church of England school. It celebrates the forty days after Easter Sunday before Jesus finally ascended into heaven and his disciples began their work in spreading their good news.

We were delighted that Fr Chris and Pauline were able to join us and lead us in our Eucharist Service. It was a lovely act of worship where the children, whether of faith or no faith, were able to think, in an environment of calm reflection, about how they can spread their own good news and good deeds.

Thank you to those parents and governors who were able to join us. We do enjoy your presence at these celebrations.

Royal Wedding News – Friday 18th May



To celebrate next week's Royal Wedding, George has been busy putting together a special themed menu.

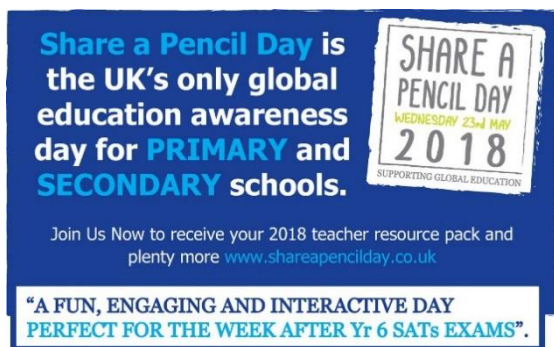
The main course will be an All American cheeseburger, French Fries and Boston Beans with a vegetarian burger option in honour of the bride. English Asparagus soup will also be available to order. Dessert will be Lemon and Elderflower wedding cake, similar to the cake being eaten at Windsor on the big day!

Please note that **all** children will be given a piece of cake at lunchtime whether they have a hot lunch or packed lunch – we wouldn't want anyone to miss out.

KS1 children who normally have a hot meal will automatically be catered for and KS2 children can book their meal as usual through ParentPay.

Don't forget, all children are invited to wear wedding attire or red, white and blue on the day.

Share A Pencil Day is fast approaching!



We have been impressed and inspired by the many examples the children have shared with us of kind acts they have been doing at home to help earn a £1 to buy one of the special HOPE pencils in advance of Share A Pencil Day on May 23rd.

They tell us that they have been cleaning their bedrooms, helping in the garden, doing the washing up and helping their sister and brothers! The pencils are now available in the children's classrooms for them to buy.

Share A Pencil Day is the UK's only global education awareness day for primary & secondary schools. Our children will be joining thousands of children all around the UK to show support and solidarity for the many children around the world trying to access an education while living in zones affected by conflict, natural disasters or extreme poverty, and who lack the basic tools and teachers they need to learn.

Proceeds from the special Share a Pencil Day pencils will go towards Hope's Bright Futures mission in partnership with Plan International UK, supporting the charity's education projects worldwide. Projects to be supported could include transforming the lives of girls in Kamuli, Uganda; helping children in Pakistan get an education, and the training of 275 female teachers in Sierra Leone.

ONE machine, ONE million pencils, ONE mission: to educate EVERY child.

"With fun & learning, hand in hand, all things are possible"

This slogan is our school motto. Our staff are always committed to trying to ensure that your children have lots of moments of fun and enjoyment across the week both inside and outside the classroom. The vast majority of our children remember not to take this fun too far so that others are not hurt or upset in any way but we know that some parents have been concerned by occasional incidences of rough play & behaviour. We have been determined to respond to these concerns this year.

At the end of March Mrs Power and Mr Galler had meetings with the KS1 & KS2 parents who are class FABB representatives. The meetings were organised in order for parents to discuss the results of the parent view questionnaire completed during our Ofsted inspection.

One of the aspects to discuss was the behaviour of our children in school. Following on from these meetings, we

have already undertaken a significant body of work in regard to reviewing our whole-school approach to behaviour in general. It has proved to be a very comprehensive review thanks to all the valuable parental feedback that we received.

We have strived to incorporate as much as possible of it into our new proposals for behaviour management. Being such a root and branch review, it has taken time and we can understand that from a parental perspective, it may feel that little has changed yet.

However, these things do take a little while as there are many stages of research, consultation, governor scrutiny, staff training and policy writing that must be completed before new systems can be rolled out – especially where such wide-ranging changes are proposed.

I am pleased to say, though, that we have made really good progress so far and that the staff, parents and pupils will, I feel, view the changes very favourably. It will be a few weeks yet before we are able to share all of the exciting changes, but we will be communicating with parents as soon as we can so that everyone understands how the system works

As well as making good progress with our proposals for behaviour management, rewards and consequences in terms of the classroom, we have also worked on a similar process with regards to supporting positive play and proactive behaviour in the KS2 playground. We have revised our KS2 playground supervision arrangements for before school and now the 3 members of staff on duty in the morning in the playground will be positioned in specific areas to improve supervision and increase vigilance.

We will also have a member of staff on duty everyday inside the school so that children who have become overly physical or excited in the playground can be sent in by staff for 'time-out' to calm themselves until they can self-regulate sufficiently to be reintegrated into the playground.

We have had an assembly with our KS2 pupils this week to discuss playground etiquette, routines, expectations and consequences with the Junior children. We appreciate that it may appear like we are overly focusing on the negative behaviour of just a few pupils rather than celebrating the great behaviour of the majority of our pupils but in just a little while, we will be sharing with parents & children our new plans for recognising & rewarding good behaviour on a weekly basis.

With this combination of staff vigilance, pupil engagement and parental support, we look forward to seeing the children enjoy a positive, fun-filled Summer on both the playground and the school field.

SATs Week

SATs Breakfast

We will be providing a SATs breakfast from Monday-Thursday between 8.10 – 8.30am in the hall. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to chat and relax before the tests start.

We will be offering the following:

Fresh Fruit, Yogurts and Brioche
Fresh orange and apple juice

It might be advisable for the children to have a small breakfast at home first if they have a large appetite.

To celebrate the end of SATs we will be having a SATs party on Thursday. We will be having a buffet and would appreciate it if the children could bring a plate of something to share (pizza, sausage rolls, dips, bread, crisps, cake etc.)

We just wanted to say how incredibly proud we are of all of the Y6 children. They have all worked so hard and have all made brilliant progress this year. Try to keep things as calm as possible this weekend and ensure the children eat well and get plenty of sleep. If they do want to do any revision, it would be beneficial to focus on the test that they will be sitting the following day.

Thanks for all your support so far.

The Y6 Team

Parents Forum

A Parents Forum meeting will be held on Tuesday 22nd May at 7pm. This meeting will be held in the Y5/Y6 work area.

Focus: Is bullying dealt with effectively within the school?

This is in response to feedback from parents both in the end of year surveys completed last July and comments made on Parent View.

We look forward to these parents, and other parents, using this opportunity to share their views with the school.

How to book a place?

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. We also want to ensure that the number present allows for a meaningful discussion.

For the afternoon forum meetings we can accommodate 6 - 8 parents. For the 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.

Kitchen News

Royal Wedding Menu – Friday 18th May

English Asparagus Soup
or

All American cheeseburger, French Fries and
Boston Beans
or Vegetarian Burger

Lemon and Elderflower wedding cake



Truro Schools Touch Rugby Competition

On Friday 4th May, our touch rugby team went to Penair School to play in the Truro primary schools competition. They played really well, winning 4 games and drawing one and winning the Penair Cluster competition. The team now qualify for the Peninsula finals on 22nd May at Redruth RFC.

Well done to all of the players and thank you to Mr Thomas and Mrs Glanville for coaching and taking them.



Netball league

🏆It's official! 🏆After a prolonged netball season due to the weather, all the remaining league matches have now been played and the team have been crowned Truro league winners 2018. The team played some amazing netball throughout the season winning all of their matches against Kea, Bosvigo, Devoran, Threemilestone, St Agnes and Mount Hawke. Congratulations to Gracie, Ellie, Jake, Ella, Silvenna, Olivia, Ellie-Maeve and Bradley.

Mrs Olds

A huge, huge thank you to Mrs Olds and Mrs Hirst for all of their hard work with the netball team over the last two years. It has really paid off and the children have loved it! League and Cup double winners! It is greatly appreciated by all of us here at school.

Mr Thomas



Rosewarne Shield East Cornwall Final

On Thursday 10th May, our boys' football team travelled to Grampound Road Primary School for the East Cornwall Final of the Rosewarne Shield County Cup Competition. We were up against Newquay Junior School and it was an absolutely fantastic match. Our boys saved one of their best performances of the whole season for when it mattered. We started well and took the lead with a great goal from Alfie T. We continued creating chances but couldn't convert them and went in at half time 1-0 up. Newquay equalised with a deflection before we went back on the offensive and eventually scored a brilliant team goal, which was finished superbly by Sid. However, Newquay equalised again before full time to make it 2-2. After ten minutes of extra time, it went to the dreaded penalty shoot-out. After a series of high quality spot kicks from both teams, we narrowly lost 5-4. Well done to the players for a great team performance and a huge thank you to all of our amazing parents who helped take and support the boys.



Truro in Bloom

The School would like to thank James Tucker & Karen Robilliard for helping to refurbish and clear out the old chicken pen, which was a neglected corner near the pond above the playing fields. The presentation of the school grounds will contribute greatly to our bid for Truro in Bloom.

Thank you to Craig Bradwell from Truro City Parks Department for the donation of bedding plants.

On Friday some of our children spent time at Homebase learning about and carefully selecting a number of beautiful plants which will help us put forward our bid for Truro in Bloom - the children were all excited about the idea of planting their chosen plant in the school grounds. A huge thank you to Guy Rowse at Homebase for his more than generous donation of beautiful bedding and pot plants.

SPLAT Day! At Penair School for Y5 students

Monday 25th June

Parents please drop pupils to Penair at 8.15am with a snack and a drink. Lunch will be provided.

Transport back to school will be provided by Penair School at 1pm

Design a Logo for ABB Arts Council

Design a logo for our brand new school 'Arts Council'. This will be used on our Arts-zine.

Please submit entries to Mrs Lyndon (1L)

The deadline for this is 30th May.

The Charles Causley Trust Young People's Poetry Prizes 2018



Write a poem of your choice. Collect an entry form from the school office.

Wild Wednesday at Archbishop Benson



On **Wednesday 23rd May** the children will be invited to come to school dressed as their favourite wild animal. The cost of this will be £1 all donations will be given to WWF which is one of our three charities we are supporting this year.



Redruth International Mining & Pasty Festival



Design a programme front cover and poster for this year's programme for the Redruth International Mining & Pasty Festival 2018. Entry forms can be collected from the office.

Class Assemblies

Please see below updated changes to some of the Class Assemblies.

| Dates for class assemblies | |
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| Time for class assemblies - 2.30pm | |
| Class RR and RP graduation service | Friday, July 13th |
| Class 2C | Friday, May 25th |
| Class 3W | Friday, July 6th |
| Class 5MS | Friday, June 29th |
| Class 6T | Friday, June 22nd |

Extra-Curricular Clubs

If you have any enquiries with the online booking system please contact Mr. Banks via email at:

support@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk

Extra-Curricular Clubs Email Address

We have a new email address for any emergency or urgent queries regarding school clubs. Please feel free to email Mr. Mark Thomas on this email address:

Clubs@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk

We will try and respond to enquiries as soon as we can.

Mono Printing on Fabric Workshop

Practice mono printing on fabric and then create your own design on a canvas tote bag.

£5 only including all materials and a cuppa.
Tuesday 12:45-2:45 at St Paul Children Centre.

All welcome.

For more information on our workshops visit:

<http://www.facebook.com/inspiringwomennetwork/>

Blues Club

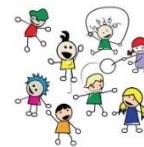
We are open every day for Breakfast and After School. We run from the St Paul's Children Centre which is on the school site. Our team of qualified staff will ensure that your child is cared for in a safe and stimulating environment. Healthy breakfast and snacks are provided every session. If you would like to find out more about what we do please pop in and meet Esther and the team any day.

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

You can also phone us on 01637 877073 to find out more information, or email us at info@firststepscornwall.co.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 2018

May

Fri 25th Class 2C assembly to parents

June

Fri 8th Non-Uniform day
Sat 16th Summer Fair
Wed 20th Sports Day
Thurs 21st Reserve Sports Day
Fri 22nd Class 6T assembly to parents
Fri 29th Class 5MS assembly to parents

July

Fri 6th Class 3W assembly to parents
Fri 13th Class RP and RR Graduation to parents
Wed 18th Whole school production, 6.30pm
Thurs 19th Whole school production, 6.30pm

Term Dates for 2018

May

Fri 25th Break up for Half Term

June

Mon 4th Children return to school

July

Tue 24th Break up for end of term

