

# Weekly Benson Bulletin

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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 95.45%.

Congratulations this week to **4Trelissick** who were top of the attendance table with 100% attendance. *Well done!*

### Family Learning for Everyone!!

Many of you who have attended Year 2 Family Learning courses over the years will know the benefits of learning alongside your child in school. In the past we have been limited to offering courses to one year group, however, this year we are delighted to be able to offer a range of courses to ALL families. The courses are a great opportunity to find out about how subjects are taught in school in order to support your child as well as honing your own skills in that area.

After Half Term we kick off with SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) which will be an invaluable source of information and is open to all families. For further details, please see the promotional materials attached to the bottom of the newsletter. To book a place, pop into school and see me or contact the office by phone or email.

Spaces are limited so please book your place early. I look forward to hearing from you. *Mrs Carolyn Power*

### Data Collection Sheets

These have been sent home via your child. Please check the details, sign and return as soon as possible in order that we can make any corrections/updates on our data system. Thank you.

### SEN Café 8<sup>th</sup> February 9-10am

All parent and carers of children with Special Educational Needs are welcome to join Mrs Morris, Mrs Truen and Mrs Williams at our termly SEN café. We will be discussing what it means to be on SEN Support or have an EHC Plan

and any other issues which you may like to discuss. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

### Sainsbury's Active Kids

Sainsbury's have started their Active Kids vouchers for 2015. One voucher will be given for every £10 spent. Please ask family, friends and even neighbours to donate theirs to Archbishop Benson School so we can acquire new PE equipment to add to our sporting resources and lunchtime Huff & Puff equipment.



### 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.

### Lost Property

We have several items in our lost property boxes. Please have a look through before or after school if your child has lost something. Please ensure all items are named. We have a boy in 2PG who has lost his black school shoe (size 12.5H). It has aeroplanes on it. Please can you hand it into the office or class teacher if you find it.

## CLUBS

**Go Active will be providing the following clubs after half term:-**

**STREET SURFING (KS2 only)**  
**Wednesdays after school - £25**

**FOOTBALL (KS1 & KS2)**  
**Fridays after school - £20**

**Forms and further information available from the school office.**

### Sleep Success

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

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.

### Year 6 London Trip, 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> June

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**. Please note that the total cost has been increased by £10 to £310. This is because we were basing our costs on the 2014 trip and prices have increased slightly. Payment via ParentPay please. Thank you.

### Porthpean Residential Camp, 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May

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.

### Spring Parental Consultations

Parents' evenings will be held on the following dates:

Mon 27/2	All classes apart from Y6
Tue 28/2	All classes (late night, until 7pm)
Wed 1/3	All classes
Thu 2/3	Y6 only

Booking via eSchools will open on **Monday 20 February**. If you have forgotten your password, please contact the school office.

Having recently carried out a whole-school, scrutiny of books and planning, we were delighted to see how enthusiastically the children are embracing their work and how much progress they have made with their spelling and handwriting, two big areas of focus in school this year. We know that you will enjoy seeing the impressive learning journeys in their lovely books.

*Information Board* – there will be a display board set up in the school hall with various useful items of useful information from the School Nurse, Family Information Service, FABB, SENCO, etc.

### Class Assemblies

2PG	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February, 9am
4T	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> February, 9am
5T	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 9am
1K	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March, 9am

All parents/carers of the class are invited to come along and watch in the school hall.

Year 4 – memories of Porthpean, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 9am

Year 6 – memories of London, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 9am

Assemblies for RP, RR, 1W, 2L and 5C will take place next term. Dates to be arranged.

### Kitchen News

**The new menu is now available on Parentpay. Please book your child's choices for next half term.**

### Valentine's Disco

We are looking forward to the next FABB disco which will be on Thursday 9 February 2017. In response to feedback from staff and parents, we are trialling some changes to the format of the disco. The changes are listed below:

Timing:

KS1 5.30pm-6.15pm

KS2 6.30pm-7.30pm

Queuing:

KS1 drop off and pick up at infant entrance

KS2 drop off at hall doors at rear of school by sensory garden

KS2 pick up from infant entrance

For those parents with both KS1 and KS2 children, please can you pick up your KS1 children before dropping off your KS2 children.

Entry fee:

This will increase from £1.50 to £2 but will include 2 items from a choice of crisps/sweets/choc bar. The children will not need to bring any more money apart from their entry fee.

We will be sending out flyers/permission slips next week.

### **Polwhele House Inter-school Cross country Match KS 2**

On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March Polwhele will be holding their annual cross country races. Children are invited to run for Archbishop Benson School in either the U9 (1km) or U11 (1.5km) race. There will be medals and certificates awarded for the top three boys and girls with the top six finishers from each team contributing to an overall team prize. The school will also be providing refreshments throughout the morning.

This event will start with registration at **9:30am**, walking the course at 9:45am and finish with a presentation of awards at **11:30am**. *The deadline for entries is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.* Please note that the course is multi-terrain much of which is through the school woodland. It is therefore advisable to wear running spikes or football boots.

Please can you return the slip below with the entry fee of £1 to the office by 25<sup>th</sup> February?

Many thanks.

Mrs J Williams

#### **Polwhele Cross Country Match KS 2**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ aged \_\_\_\_\_  
in class \_\_\_\_\_ would like  
to enter the cross country at Polwhele on  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. I have included a £1  
entry fee and **will stay for the duration of  
the event.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact no: \_\_\_\_\_

### **INVITATION TO COOSE TRANNACK – SATURDAY 18th MARCH 2017**

Children are invited to race in the 17<sup>th</sup> annual running of 'Coose Trannack Cross Country Races' on Saturday 18th March 2017.

The event is held on the Coose Trannack Woodland adjacent to Trannack School (near Helston). It is a millennium wood with fantastic views over The Lizard peninsula. The course is sloping and represents a tough challenge for even the most talented runners.

The event is open to all children from Year Reception to Year 12 and will involve separate races for each Primary School age group.

Further details of this event and registration forms can be collected from Mrs Williams (via our school reception) or on Trannack School's website:-

[http://trannack.eschools.co.uk/website/coose\\_trannack/29267](http://trannack.eschools.co.uk/website/coose_trannack/29267)

For the first time this year there will also be an adult "fun" run for anyone who likes a challenge and a bit of fun!!!

Mrs J Williams (Running teacher)

### **After School Collection of Children**

We realise that the roads surrounding the school do get congested at pick up time. We would remind parents to please be respectful of our neighbours and park safely and considerately. Thank you.

### **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 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.

### **Language Café**

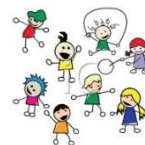
Do you speak another language? Why not come along to Vertigo in Truro on Thursday evenings 7.30pm – 9.00pm. Meet new people and have a chat in your language of choice over a glass of wine or a cup of coffee. Just turn up or for more information, call Sharon on 07980 924813.

### **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 9/2 – movement play.**

### **Cornwall Cricket**

Cricket games and skills for children during February half term staffed by qualified coaches. £15 per day if booked in advance. Further info: [www.cornwallcricket.co.uk](http://www.cornwallcricket.co.uk). Enquiries: [mkent@cornwallcricket.co.uk](mailto:mkent@cornwallcricket.co.uk).

### **Feelgood Theatre Company Talent Show**

Workshops taking place 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> February with a showcase to family/friends on the final day at Piran Theatre, Truro High School. £89 for 3 days. Info: [www.feelgoodtheatrecompany.com](http://www.feelgoodtheatrecompany.com).

### **Dates for Your Diary 2017**

#### **February**

<b>Wed 8/2</b>	SEN Café, 9am-10am (Nurture Room)
<b>Thu 9/2</b>	Valentine's Disco (KS1 5.30-6.15pm, KS2 6.30-7.30pm)
<b>Fri 10/2</b>	Class 2PG Assembly, 9am (Parents/Carers of children in 2PG welcome)
<b>Fri 24/2</b>	Class 4Treillick Assembly, 9am (Parents/Carers of children in 4T welcome)

**Mon 27/2** Parents' Evenings – all classes apart from Y6  
**Tue 28/2** Parents' Evenings – all classes (late night)

### **March**

**Wed 1/3** Parents' Evenings – all classes  
**Thu 2/3** Parents' Evenings – Y6 only  
**Wed 8/3** Spring Eucharist Service, 9am  
**Fri 10/3** Class 5T Assembly, 9am  
(Parents/Carers of children in 5T welcome)  
**Wed 15/3** FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room  
**Fri 17/3** Class 1K Assembly, 9am  
(Parents/Carers of children in 1K welcome)  
**Fri 24/3** Mother's Day Coffee Morning – FABB  
**Sat 25/3** KS2 Cross Country - Polwhele

### **May**

**Thu 4/5** FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room  
**Mon 8/5 to Wed 10/5** Porthpean Camp – Year 4

### **June**

**Sat 24/6** Summer Fair  
**Mon 12/6 to Fri 16/6** Year 6 trip to London

### **July**

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

### **Term Dates for School Year 2016 /2017**

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



## Further information



This course is free.



You will learn about spelling strategies, rules of punctuation and grammar, how sentences are constructed and technical vocabulary.

You will have the chance to look at a SPaG SATs paper (KS1/Year 2 and KS2/Year 6).



There will be tea, coffee and biscuits.



We would like you to attend every week if you can.



If you have a younger child at home, we can help with childcare funding as long as they are with a registered childminder.



Contact the tutor, Vicki, on **07968 992495** if you have any questions.



Speak to Mrs Power at Archbishop Benson School and/or contact the tutor if you are interested in joining the course.

# Family Learning

part of Cornwall Adult Education Service

Parents and carers of primary-age children are invited to attend  
**Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) for SATs!**

This 5 week course will help you support your children's literacy



Starting on

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February,  
9:00 - 11:00**

**At St Paul's Children's Centre**



For more information, please contact  
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