



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.	
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 23.3.2018						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
0	0	0	0	0	7	0

Attendance News:

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96.4%

Congratulations to Class 4T this week who topped the attendance table with 97.8% attendance. Well done!

Message from Mrs Giblett

UN International Happiness Day

As part of our ongoing development of friendship skills and anti-bullying strategies we have spent this week celebrating happiness and positive mental attitudes.

Mrs. Lyndon has worked hard with the children to make a Wall of Happiness, which can be found in the hall. The children have written some wonderful things that make them happy. Come and take a look to put a smile on your face!

Pupil Behaviour

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had governors in school visiting classes and spending time with children and staff finding out about how the children are responding to our new approach to marking & feed back. The governors have been very complimentary about the behaviour of the children and this was also recognised in our recent Ofsted inspection when the lead inspector stated..."Inspection evidence, including visits to classrooms, shows that pupils across the school behave well,"

We are never complacent about maintaining good standards of pupil behaviour and we try to be proactive whenever concerns are shared with us. We have had a report from a Y3 parent who was concerned about play-wrestling at playtime. The children are aware already that we do not encourage play wrestling – it can get out of hand quite easily and children can end up with bruises & grazes when wrestling moves are used. Last year, one child sustained a bruised back as a result of an uncontrolled wrestling manoeuvre. We have reminded the children that we introduced the fabulous Play Pod equipment to allow them to have a fun & active time at break times. We would be really grateful if you could have a chat with your child, especially if you think they may be a wrestling enthusiast, about playing sensibly & responsibly with their friends.

We would also be grateful if you could support us in talking to your child, particularly if they are in the Juniors, about not being tempted to use or copy bad language in the playground. From time to time, parents will feed back to us about their children learning bad language in school.

When we have investigated these incidences, we generally find that children are already aware of bad language from a variety of sources ranging from siblings, family & friends through to movies and online gaming and can then try this language out at times in school.

We are really proud of our Year 6 cohort who have been very mature and sensible this year. We hope that they will help us by setting a strong example to the younger children in Years 3 & 4 who can be impressionable and copy poor examples of behaviour on occasions.

Teachers, TAs and lunchtime supervisors will be looking to praise and reward the vast majority of our pupils who behave beautifully across the course of a day. They will also be proactive in responding to the use of bad or inappropriate language. It could be that in the next few weeks your child, either individually or as part of a group, might be spoken to about unsafe play or the use of poor language. For most children, it would involve no more than a gentle reminder of our school expectations but it could be that, on the odd occasion, either a phase leader or myself might be involved. For the vast majority of children this will not affect them in any way, but we just wanted to make you aware of our focus on playground behaviour in case your child discusses it with you.

'Holy Week Experience' at Truro Methodist Church

We have been invited to go to Truro Methodist Church on Wednesday 28th March to take part in their 'Holy Week Experience'. This has been offered to Years 6, 5, 4, and 2C.

We will walk the children down and back from the Church. If you are able to help walk with the children please indicate on the slips given out to your children by the class teacher.

Please ensure slips are given to classroom teachers by **Tuesday 27th March**.

Thank you.

Mr. Crocker

Year 6 Parents Meeting

A meeting will be held to discuss Year 6 SATs and also the London and the School Camp trips on Thursday 29th March at 3.30pm, to be held in the Year 6 classrooms.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will be running next week, except for Thursday 29th March, as it is the last week of term. Therefore there will be no Choir or Girls Football.

Spring Parents Forum

This will be held on Wednesday 28th March at 9am in the Children's Centre.

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, availing of 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, but 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 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

Change of Menu
next Thursday
Pizza and Chips
instead of
Spanish Chicken Chorizo
with Steamed Rice

Look out on the school's Twitter account for a lot more photos of what is happening in the school, starting next week. School's Twitter Account is @ArchBensonSch or see it on the homepage of the school website.

Class Assemblies

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

Dates for class assemblies	
Time for class assemblies - 2.30pm	
Class RR and RP graduation service	Friday, July 13th
Class 1L	Friday May 11th
Class 2C	Friday, May 25th
Class 3K	Friday, April 27th
Class 3W	Friday, July 6th
Class 5MS	Friday, June 29th
Class 5K	Friday, May 4th
Class 6T	Friday, June 22nd

Clubs for Next Term

The new online booking system for clubs next term has now gone live. Earlier in the week you would have received a letter from your child informing you about the new Club System.

Yesterday you would have received an activation email to start booking clubs. The clubs will be available to book during the Easter Holidays and the final deadline is Tuesday 17th April, the system will automatically allocate the children to the clubs.

When booking the clubs you can prioritise which club they would like to do on certain days if there is more than one choice of club. As this is a new system we may come across some teething issues, so we please ask you to bear with us while we introduce this great system for the first time.

If you have any enquiries please contact Mr. Banks via email at:

support@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk

or at the school office.

New 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.

Girls Football Club

There will be no girls football club after Easter. There will be a few fixtures and if your child is selected you will receive a letter notifying you.

Truro Schools Hockey Competition

Well done to our Year 6 hockey teams who took part in the Truro Schools competition on Friday 16th March. It was a fantastic afternoon of sport in glorious sunshine.

Both of our teams did really well and our skills really improved throughout the day.

Thank you to Mrs Fleet and Mrs Glanville for taking the children to Penair.



Netball League

The netball team travelled to Mount Hawke Academy on Tuesday to play their final league match of the season.

This was an important match for both teams as we had both won all our other games. The team started strong and took an early lead. Mount Hawke had some great defenders but we managed to dodge them and went on to score 6 more goals.

We were delighted when the final whistle blew and we had won 7-1, meaning that although we still have to wait for confirmation from Mrs Hinton at Penair, we will be crowned winners of the Truro league for 2018.

A huge well done for the whole team who have trained hard and played well together throughout all the matches.

Thanks to Mrs Glanville who drove the team to Mount Hawke and Mrs Osborne who scored for us.

Mrs Olds



County Cross Country Finals

Last Thursday 12 pupils attended the County Cross Country Finals, held at Newquay Sports Centre, in very gruelling conditions. The weather was particularly cold with heavy rain showers and the ground was the muddiest that we have ever known. The children ran amazingly well and were representing the Peninsula Area.

Unfortunately the runners were not given place cards as they crossed the finish line, so we do not yet have the results of all the Archbishop Benson athletes.

Below are the children that competed and the positions that we can confirm:

Year 4

Lara H 3rd
Saffron Jenkins 14th
Amelie G 34th
Myles R 3rd
Alfie Tai 13th
Charlie M

Year 5

Maisy P 8th

Year 6

Olivia G
Xanthe K
Lewis T 9th

Overall the Peninsula teams came 3rd in the Y4 boys and Yr4 girls.

They also came 1st in the Y5 girls and Y6 boys.

I would like to say a huge well done to all the runners and thank you to all the family members who came to support.

This is the most children we have ever taken to the county finals and I am so pleased with their perseverance, team spirit and support for each other.

That brings us to the end of the cross country season and we now look forward to athletics, in the summer term – hopefully with some warmer weather.

Mrs J Williams (Running Teacher)

Boys Football County Cup Match

On Thursday 22nd March 2018, our boys football team travelled to St Austell to take on Sandy Hill Academy in the Rosewarne Shield County Cup Competition. We played some really good football and created countless chances. In the end, we won 3-1 with two goals from Alfie L and one from Alfie T. We now play Biscovey Academy, also of St Austell, in the next round. Well done to all of the boys.



Lawn Bowls

Our lawn bowls team were busy training for the Cornwall School Games on the short mats at Truro City Bowling Club yesterday. After Easter, they'll be moving outside onto the greens. Thank you to Mrs Glanville for taking the children and Mr. Colin Garthwaite of TCBC for coaching them.



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.



BEAVERS

Having fantastic fun

We are inviting any boy or girl who is currently between the ages of 6 and 8 to join the local Beaver Scout Colony at Truro Methodist Church.

We meet on a Wednesday night from 5.00pm to 6.15pm. We are a friendly group and have an experienced leadership team who provide lots of opportunities for fun and adventure.

For more information contact Belinda Gough (Beaver Leader) at beagough1@gmail.com or Gary Olds (Group Leader) gold2305@outlook.com

The Secret Life of 4 & 5 Year Olds

The Producers at RDF Television - the makers of Channel 4's The Secret Life of 4 & 5 Year Olds are currently casting for the next series and looking for a diverse group of children to take part. They are looking for children who are currently nursery or reception aged,

This exciting series will follow a new group of children as they play, learn and interact with other children in a nursery environment. They will be observed throughout by leading scientists and psychologists, who will give insights into child development.

Filming takes place in London during the summer holidays, and the days are led by two highly trained teachers. They cover the cost of travel and accommodation for all children selected to take part in the series.

If you are interested please apply via the website:

<https://www.shortaudition.com/The-Secret-Life-2018>

EASTER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS
@CORNWALL CRICKET CENTRE TR1 3XX

Hard Ball Camps
£25 per day OR 4 days for £80
10am - 4pm Ages 9 - 13
April 3rd / 5th / 10th & 12th

Soft Ball Camps
£15 per day OR 4 days for £40
10am - 4pm Ages 5 - 8
April 4th / 6th / 9th & 11th

(Must have played hard ball cricket)
Please book your place in advance

For more details and to book your place on one of our camps go to:
www.cornwallcricket.co.uk/youth/holiday-camps
Or contact: m.kent@cornwallcricket.co.uk

Truro Baptist Church
...releasing God-given potential

Invites you to a
FUN FAMILY EVENT...

Launchpad

4.00pm - 5.30pm
Sunday, 28th January
Sunday, 25th March
Sunday, 29th April
Sunday, 10th June

ALL WELCOME

FREE

Music
Picnic Tea Provided
Games
Bible Stories
Craft Activities for all
Reflective Activity

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

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Truro Tennis Club

EASTER CAMPS

In Association with

RYAN FERN Level 4 LTA Coach

*Get set for some smashing fun during our great
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Available to children aged 5-10yrs old

ALL ABILITIES NON-MEMBERS AND MEMBERS

HALF DAY COURSES - VENUE TRURO TENNIS CLUB TR3 6BN

9am – 12pm

TUESDAY 3rd APRIL

FRIDAY 6th APRIL

TUESDAY 10th APRIL

FRIDAY 13th APRIL

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

PRICE – TLTC Members - £10/ Non Members £15 per morning
(T.L.T.C. under 11yrs membership £22)

CONTACT RYAN FERN ON

ryantennis75@gmail.com or 07814533087 for more details

TRURO TENNIS CLUB TR3 6BN

HEADCOACH RYAN FERN ryantennis75@gmail.com

EASTER HOLIDAYS

TRURO
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FELT EASTER EGGS

FRI 30th MARCH 9.30-11 AM AGE 7+ £9

Try your hand at making beautiful felt Easter eggs using only wool, soapy water and old tights! If you feel really confident, you can also make a little chick to go inside.



CLAY CHICKS ON STICKS

SAT 31st MARCH 3.30-5PM AGE 5+ £9

Create cute clay chicks with long wire legs and big plumes of feathers! Make them stand, sit or dance - decorate your Easter windows! this holiday!



COLLAGE LANDSCAPE MASTERCLASS

THURS 12th APRIL 9.45-12.45PM AGE 8-12 £20

A morning with tutor Kevin who will explore how to create depth in landscapes using tone. You'll then use charcoal, chalk and watercolours to create your own ripped paper landscape collages. Messy, informative and fun!



GUEST TUTOR

STORY, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION

FRI 13th APRIL 9.30AM - 3PM AGE 8+ £30

Spend a day taking part in some fun story-generating activities, planning a set of illustrations to work with your tale and then creating your own book to take home.



DROP IN JUNK MODELLING

SAT 14th APRIL 9.30-12PM AGE 5+ FREE

Come along to our junk modeling drop in session for Truro Children's Day! Get messy and creative with the whole family, and see what you can create. Drop in any time between 9.30am and 12pm, grab a coffee, a cake and enjoy the fun!



26 River St, TR1 2SJ - 01872 240 567 arts@truroartscompany.co.uk www.truroartscompany.co.uk

Bosvigo Holiday Club

Bosvigo Holiday club are now taking bookings for the 13th April. We will also be open for the Bosvigo School INSET day on Monday 16th April.

We have again frozen our prices at £23.50 per day (7.45am-6pm) and are also offering Half Day sessions for £15.

The activity timetable is nearing completion and includes a wide range of activities including, baking, construction, a trip to Idless woods, den building, bowling, arts and crafts and our ever popular Easter Egg Hunt. We are also hoping to get out in the garden when Spring has finally sprung!

Please book online using the School Gateway or if you are new to Bosvigo Wraparound and would like to register, please email wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk and we will get you started. Please feel free to make arrangements to come and look around, we would love to meet you.



Drama Workshop @ The Burrell Theatre

Date: 3rd April

Time: 08:30 – 17:00

Age: 6 – 14 Years

Cost: £25 (includes hot lunch)

This workshop will give your child the opportunity to make friends, have fun and develop some great skills led by our experienced team within the Burrell Theatre at Truro School.

Your child does not need any previous dancing, singing or acting experience, just a willingness to have a go and have fun.

For more information and an application form please visit our website: www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com



Three Day Workshop

Feelgood **MAMMA MIA!**

Boys & girls come and join us for this most colourful of musical plays. We shall be singing the songs, dancing the dances and performing the play in this fabulous fun ABBA workshop!

Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th April, in Truro

A show to family and friends will take place on the final day

Ages 5-12
10am-3pm
Three days £89

To book call / text Claire on 0777 333 7357
 ...or visit www.feelgoodtheatrecompany.com

MEDALS AND TROPHIES!

Week 1: Wed 4th, Thurs 5th, Fri 6th April.
Week 2: Wed 11th, Thurs 12th, Fri 13th April.
£40 for three days or £15 for one day.

TRURO LEARNING ACADEMY
ALBANY ROAD
TRURO
TR1 3ND

9am-3:30pm **9am-3:30pm**

The Laura-Beth School of Dance

2018 EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB!

In this fun & energetic Dance / Sports camp you'll learn dance routines, dance battles, sports happy hour, team games, easter egg hunt, easter activities, arts and crafts and so much more!

CONTACT LAURA: 07788237399

Prizes to be won!

PosterMyWall.com

Truro Junior String Orchestra



Truro Junior String Orchestra warmly invites you to their Easter concert which will take place on Wednesday 28th March at 5 o'clock in the new hall at Tregolls Primary School, Truro. Entrance is free but there is a raffle for a 'Big Easter Egg' - this will raise money for children across Cornwall who find it difficult to afford music lessons. Children from Primary and Secondary Schools across the Truro area belong to the little orchestra and this could be an opportunity to introduce your child to the idea of playing music in a small friendly local group.

If you would like any further details, please contact Jeanette Findlay who teaches violin at Archbishop Benson each Monday and Thursday afternoon.

Thank you.

All the best

Jeanette Findlay
 Cornwall Music Service Trust
<http://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org>

Dates for Your Diary 2018

April

Fri 27th Class 3K assembly to parents

May

Fri 4th Class 5K assembly to parents
Fri 11th Class 1L assembly to parents
Fri 25th Class 2C assembly to parents

June

Fri 8th Non-Uniform day
Fri 22nd Class 6T assembly to parents
Sat 16th Summer Fair
Fri 29th Class 5MS assembly to parents

July

Fri 6th Class 3W assembly to parents
Fri 13th Class RP and RR Graduation to parents

Term Dates for 2018

March

Thu 29th Break up for Easter

April

Mon 16th Children return to school

May

Mon 7th Spring Bank Holiday – school closed
Fri 25th Break up for Half Term

June

Mon 4th Children return to school

July

Tue 24th Break up for end of term

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