

Vote for our
Jeff Smith
Memorial
Garden –
Tesco Bags of
Help Initiative

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Message from Mrs Giblett

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

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96.45%.

Congratulations this week to **5T** who were top of the attendance table with 99.1% attendance. Well done!

Rotary Youth Speaks Competition

Every year a team of three children from Year 6 take part in the local heats for the Rotary Youth Speaks Competition.

This exciting competition is open all schools and colleges and aims to offer young people:

- experience in speaking on a public platform as a member of a team
- an incentive to formulate ideas on topical subjects
- discipline in dealing with a topic in a limited time
- the opportunity of learning and practising high standards of expression, presentation and appearance
- impartial feedback and assessment of performance by experienced adjudicators

Our three pupils, Oliver W, Evie G and Abigail T performed superbly and presented a compelling argument on their chosen topic of "Why Don't Politicians Answer Questions?". They held their own in a tough competition against 6 other local schools and were a credit to Archbishop Benson. To top it all they came 2nd and continue through to the next round as the top 2 teams now go through to the district competitions. We are all very excited for them and will keep you informed as to how they progress.

I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs James, and the children's parents, for working with them and helping to prepare them so well.

Let's Be Food Smart!

In helping the children to come up with their personal goals for 2017, we have been presenting them with lots of ideas. Some of the children are thinking about a personal goal linked to healthy eating and living. This week we have sent home with the children a great resource from the Change4Life website. The *How Food Smart Are You?* booklet shows you how to download the **free Be Food Smart app**. With the app, you and your children can, with a simple scan of the barcode, see how much total sugar, saturated fat and salt is in your everyday food and drink. You will also find hints and tips for healthier choices, plus food detective activities for children and fun mini activities for the whole family. Perhaps your child might even be able to persuade you to make his/her goal a family goal! If you want to find out more, then why not visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life-beta/be-food-smart#hYO4RvEJDv24IDZT.97>

Diary Dates

Within the newsletter, we have listed the dates of the class assemblies for the Spring term

This year we will not be having an Easter Service at the end of the Spring term as we would normally do. We finish the Spring term 2 weeks before Easter Sunday and it did not seem liturgically appropriate to be celebrating the Resurrection while still completing our Lenten journey. We will of course celebrate the Easter season when we return to school after the holidays.

Who Do We Think We Are (WDWTWA)

This year we are celebrating identity and diversity within our families and within our school. In the Autumn term, we used National Heroes Day to explore British heroes and to discover what it means to us to be British or to live in Britain.

In the Spring term, we are looking forward to celebrating a little closer to home! In Spring 2, the children will be exploring what it means to us to be Cornish or to live in Cornwall. Our work will culminate with a special day of Cornish celebrations on Friday, March 3rd. We would like to have held the celebrations on St Piran's Day, March 5th but it falls on a Sunday this year.

We just wanted to let you know about this day of celebration as we have lots of lovely Cornish-related activities planned and we would hate for any child to miss out on the fun and games.

Mrs H Giblett

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!!!!!!

Sportshall Athletics Year 3 & 4

A huge well done to the athletes that took part in the Y3 and 4 indoor athletics event at Penryn College on 24th January. This was the Peninsula finals and the children were competing against six other qualifying primary schools in the Truro, Redruth, Camborne and Falmouth

area. The children really enjoyed competing in the running, throwing and jumping events. The finals results were 3rd Mylor with 280 points, 2nd Trevithick with 298 points and 1st Archbishop Benson with 302 points. We have now qualified for the Cornwall School Games final, which is being held on 21st April.

A big thank you to all the parents who came to Penryn to support the children.

Mrs Williams (Athletics teacher)



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.



Data Collection Sheets

These will be sent home via your child over the next week or so. 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.

PE Kit – Reception Children

We have several children in our Reception classes who have not brought a PE kit into school. They require a red tee shirt (with the school logo, available from the school uniform shop) and a black pair of shorts. If your child does not yet have a PE kit please supply them with one as soon as possible. We do require children to have the correct kit for their PE lessons.

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.

SEN Café 8th 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.

CLUBS

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

**STREET SURFING (KS2 only)
Wednesdays after school**

**FOOTBALL (KS1 & KS2)
Fridays after school**

Forms and further information available from the school office.

**Payment must be received with completed forms.
Places limited - first come, first served.**

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

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

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.

Class Assemblies

3SP	Friday 3 rd February, 9am
2PG	Friday 10 th February, 9am
4T	Friday 24 th February, 9am
5T	Friday 10 th March, 9am
1K	Friday 17 th 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 19th May, 9am

Year 6 – memories of London, Friday 23rd June, 9am

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

Poppy Appeal Thanks

We are delighted to have been informed that we collected £355.19 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthwhile appeal.

Kitchen News

The current menu will continue until the Spring 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 nearer the time, but wanted to let you know of the changes beforehand. We hope this will ensure that the children are able to enjoy the disco without getting too tired or over-excited and that it enables everyone to stay safe."

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.

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.

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 2/2 – junk modelling.

Dates for Your Diary 2017

February

Fri 3/2	Class 3SP Assembly, 9am (Parents/Carers of children in 3SP welcome) Cross Country qualifier at Penair, 12pm-3pm (Yrs 4, 5 & 6) SEN Café, 9am-10am (Nurture Room) Valentine's Disco (KS1 5.45-6.45, KS2 7.00-8.15)
Wed 8/2	Class 2PG Assembly, 9am (Parents/Carers of children in 2PG welcome)
Thu 9/2	Class 4Trelissick Assembly, 9am (Parents/Carers of children in 4T welcome)
Fri 10/2	Parents' Evenings – all classes apart from Y6
Fri 24/2	Parents' Evenings – all classes (late night)
Mon 27/2	
Tue 28/2	

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) FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
Wed 15/3	Class 1K Assembly, 9am (Parents/Carers of children in 1K welcome)
Fri 17/3	Mother's Day Coffee Morning - FABB
Fri 24/3	

May

Thu 4/5	FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
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June

Sat 24/6	Summer Fair
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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

