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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

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 97.7%.

Congratulations this week to 4Tintagel and 5Towan who were top of the attendance table with 100% attendance. Well done!

Harvest Celebrations

We would like to thank all our families for their kind donations so far to our Harvest collection for Truro Food Bank. We don't want to give away too much about the Harvest Service but we plan to do a "Big Reveal" of all the food items we have collected. We would love this to have a memorable and lasting impact for our pupils and visitors, so we are appealing to all our families to support us as best they can in making this a service not to be forgotten.

Reception	Tea
Year 1	Instant Mashed Potato (Smash)
Year 2	Biscuits
Year 3	Tinned Custard
Year 4	Tinned Rice Pudding
Year 5	Tinned Potatoes
Year 6	Coffee

We will be continuing the collection up until next Wednesday so all further donations are very welcome. We are looking forward, hopefully, to seeing many of you at our Harvest Service on Wednesday 12 October at 9.00am.

Volunteer Helpers Update

We will shortly be holding another coffee morning to update volunteers on our new Volunteers' Policy. All documentation is now in place and applicants will be invited to collect their forms either at the coffee morning or, if you are unable to attend, from the school office after the coffee morning has taken place. Completed application forms must be returned to the school marked for the attention of Mrs Teasdale.

We will let you know the date of the coffee morning as soon as possible.

The school will create a Volunteer Register which will identify parents/helpers who are available to assist either with class based activities or occasional off site activities/visits. ALL volunteers must register, however, DBS checks will not be required for occasional visits

Infant Drop-Off in the Mornings

As ever, we are so proud of our Infant children for how confidently and cheerfully they come through the Infant gates in the morning – sometimes they are so keen to come in that they even forget to give you their kiss good-bye. This is always a good sign! We understand that just a few of our newest Reception pupils are still adapting to saying goodbye to their parent(s) although we can see their confidence growing each week. A few earned special Golden Book certificates at assembly this week for being brave and independent.

There are always two adults on duty at the gate in the morning to welcome pupils and parents and to take messages on your behalf. We try to be as helpful as possible to parents and pupils but as you can imagine it can be a very busy time of the day for those on duty. Over the last few weeks, a couple of incidences have happened where the staff on duty have been placed in the difficult position of being asked by parents to leave their position to find a class teacher while also being on duty. Because staff do not want to seem unhelpful towards parents, they have not asked the reason why they need to see the class teacher, only to find out afterwards that it was in relation to something that could easily have been delivered as a message by the member of staff on duty. Staff have expressed their concerns to me that by leaving the gate when they are on duty, they are not supervising properly and they worry about the risk that a child could exit from the playground without us being aware of it if they are taken away from the gate. To remove this risk, staff on duty will not be able to leave the gate to go and find teachers to speak to a parent. Where there is an emergency, we will always support the parent of any Infant child to liaise with the class teacher as quickly as possible. Otherwise we will take a message and if it is an urgent matter, then we will ensure that the class teacher is made aware and communicates with you promptly. All staff on duty take their supervision responsibility very seriously and we will continue, as we hope we always have done, to do all we can to help our pupils make the best possible start to the day.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

Mrs H Giblett

FABB AGM

FABB is holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 19 October, 7.00pm in the school hall, everyone is welcome to attend. (Please bring a small plate of food to share after the meeting). Having been Chairperson for 3 years I am now stepping down so the hunt is on for a new Chairperson for the academic year 2016-2017. Additionally we will be electing/re-electing for the roles of Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Fundraiser. Being a parent of a child attending Archbishop Benson School automatically means you are a member of FABB, even if you don't attend meetings so if any of the positions are of interest and you wish to put your name forward for one of the roles please complete the slip below and return it in a sealed envelope to the school office marked for the attention of Jo Olds, FABB Chairperson. Any nominations will need to be in by Friday 14 October. Elections for all the roles will take place during the AGM by those people in attendance. If you wish to find out more about FABB before committing yourself please do not hesitate to contact me, you can leave a message at the school office. I know the school are really appreciative of the work of FABB and the additional resources we are able to provide from our fundraising each year benefits every child in the school at some point.

Jo Olds
FABB Chairperson

FABB AGM 2016 OFFICER NOMINATION FORM

Name

I would like to stand for the position of
*Chairperson / Vice Chairperson / Secretary / Treasurer
/ Fundraiser *please circle as appropriate
I have been nominated by (Name)

.....
I am *able / unable to attend the AGM on Wednesday
19th October 2016

Signed:.....

Date:

Signature of Nominator:.....

Please return this slip to the school office in a sealed envelope marked for the attention of Jo Olds, FABB Chairperson.

School Photos

Orders for school photos must be returned to school by **Monday 17 October** please. Any orders received after that date will be returned to your child and you will need to send them directly to Tempest yourselves. This will incur an extra charge.

Porthpean Camp

The deposit for Porthpean Camp must be paid by Monday 7 November and the date for the final payment is Friday 28 April. A new payment item will be added to ParentPay next week which will allow payments in instalments up to the full amount.

British National Heroes' Day – Friday 21 October

Don't forget that on Friday 21 October we are going to be celebrating National Heroes' Day. National Heroes' Day is a simple campaign based on schools encouraging their pupils to honour their personal heroes by going to school dressed as their hero in lieu of their uniform for one day. On this occasion we are asking the children not to come dressed as superheroes as one of the main purposes of this day is for our children to discover both known and unknown **British** national heroes.

We look forward to seeing all the different ideas of heroes that the children have.

School Website

Some of you may have already noticed that the website is currently under development and that it looks slightly different. This is to prepare for the launch of our new site on Monday 31 October. Obviously this will mean that the newsletter cannot be downloaded from the site anymore. However, if you normally receive the bulletin by email this will continue. Another option to receive the bulletin is via the eSchools app on a smart device, or by logging onto eSchools on a laptop or PC. This will eventually be our preferred method in getting the bulletin out as the email system will cease at Christmas.

Thank you for your understanding, there will be more information regarding our new website very soon.

Mr D Crocker Mr A Banks

Kitchen News

The desserts next Tuesday (11/10) & Wednesday (12/10) have been swapped round & therefore Sticky Toffee Pudding will be served on Tuesday & Millionaires' Shortbread will be served on Wednesday.

Our school menu is available for you to book online via ParentPay.

Reception classes, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 need to keep booking their lunches online on ParentPay.

YEAR 3 LUNCHES

Please note, after half term children in Year 3 will no longer be asked for their lunch orders in the classroom. All orders and payment will need to be done via Parentpay.

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 14 October**
- **Friday 4 November**
- **Friday 18 November**

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.

CLUBS

GO ACTIVE CLUBS WILL BE PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS AFTER HALF TERM

Fridays – Football for KS1 - 6 weeks - £20

Wednesdays – Archery & crossbows for KS2 - 6 weeks - £30

Forms are available from the school office.

(Multi-sports & Zorbing will finish at half term)

ALL clubs are cancelled on Thursday 1 December to enable the staff to decorate the hall for the Christmas Fair.

Truro Youthworks Youth Club

A brand new Youth Club is starting on Friday 14 October for 10 year olds and anyone in Year 6 of primary school at the Revolution Café in Truro. It will run from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Young Savers' Club

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY

The Young Savers' Club will be held on Wednesday mornings instead of Tuesdays from Wednesday 19 October starting at 8.30am in the Infants Entrance. Look out for the new sign near the school entrance.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

To stop the spread of infection, please remember that if your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, they cannot return to school until 48 hours after their last bout.

Personal Safety

It has been reported to us today that one of our parents had her handbag stolen whilst stopped at the traffic lights at the bottom of Mitchell Hill. The thief opened the passenger door and stole the bag off the passenger seat.

Boys Football

On Friday 30 September, our football team went to Biscovey Academy, St Austell, for the central Cornwall football qualifying competition. The top three teams would qualify for the County finals later in the term. We had three group games and had to finish in the top two to qualify for a play-off for a place in the final. We started slowly but got better and managed to qualify in second. We beat Mount Charles (4-1), drew with St Stephens (1-1) and lost to Sandy Hill 1-0, despite creating many chances to score.

It came down to a play-off against St Mewan, the winner going through to the County finals. We saved our best football for when it mattered, winning 3-0. We showed great determination and teamwork in the final game and Perran and Freddie scored some fantastic goals. Noah deserves a special mention for some outstanding goalkeeping all afternoon.



Well done to Noah, Sam, Max, Luke, Jake, Dan, Perran, Lewis and Freddie and a huge thank you to Mr Phillips and Mr Issaka for driving the boys to St Austell.

Diddy Dolphins Swim School

Children's swimming lessons are being held at Truro Prep School on Wednesdays after school where the children will be taught in small groups. There will be a qualified swimming teacher in the water and a lifeguard on duty. The lessons last for 30 minutes and will take place from 17.00 – 17.30, 17.30 – 18.00 and 18.00 – 18.30. The price for a ten week term is £69.50. To book a place or for more information, call 07763 752154 or email diddydolphins@yahoo.com

Mini Junior Rugby

Truro Rugby Club are looking for boys and girls to play in their Under 9 (Year 4) team. It's a great way to keep fit, have fun and make new friends doing something your child enjoys. For more information, contact Samantha Barnett at samantha@erya.co.uk or go along for a taster session on Sundays from 9.30am at the club on the Lower Field.

Homemade Craft & Produce Christmas Market **Truro Methodist Church – Saturday 5 November**

Are you a keen crafter or amateur cook? Would you like the opportunity to sell some of your Christmas crafts or produce in Truro city centre?

Truro Methodist Church will be holding a Homemade Craft and Produce Christmas Market in the Sanctuary from 9.30am until 12.30pm on Saturday 5 November. Pitches can be booked for £5 per half table or £10 for a whole, large table. Please note that they only want to have tables selling homemade craft and produce. All profits from sales are yours. If you would like to book a table contact pastoral@truromethodist.org.uk as soon as possible.

Mallett's Competition

Mallett's popular "Design a Badge for Santa" competition is taking place again this year. The closing date for entries is Monday 17 October. Forms are available in the office Reception area.

Feelgood Theatre Company

A Halloween Theatre Workshop is being held by the Feelgood Theatre Company at the Piran Theatre at Truro High School. It will run daily from Monday 24 October to Wednesday 26 October from 10.00am to 3.00pm and is for children aged from 5 – 12. The cost for 3 days is £89.

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 12 October – Leaf printing

Dates for Your Diary

October

Wed 12/10 Harvest Service in the school hall – 9.00am – all welcome to attend
Wed 19/10 FABB AGM – 7.00pm
Thu 20/10 Autumn school disco
KS1 – 5.45pm – 6.45pm
KS2 – 7.00pm – 8.15pm
Fri 21/10 Non-uniform British National Heroes' Day

November

Fri 11/11 3W class assembly – 9.00am – parents welcome to attend
Tue 22/11 KS2 Cross Country 1.15pm. Parents are welcome to come and watch.
Fri 25/11 4MT class assembly – 9.00am – parents welcome to attend
Mon 28/11 **School closed for staff training day.**

December

Fri 2/12 6FT class assembly – 9.00am – parents welcome to attend
Fri 2/12 Christmas Fair

Inset Days in School Year 2016/2017

28 November

