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PUPIL WELFARE GROUP

We pride ourselves on being approachable and are happy to discuss any concern with parents, no matter how big or small.		
Hrs Giblett	Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mr Crocker	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs Truen	Family Support Coordinator	
Mrs J Williams	Special Educational Needs	
Mrs B Morris	Coordinators	

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 94.4%.

Congratulations this week to **6FT** who were top of the attendance table with 99%. *Well done!*

Special Request

No toys, games, fidget spinner, pokemon cards to be brought into school please as we are having to manage too many playtime instances that are spoiling other children's fun and enjoyment. Thank you for your support

Our Leavers' Service

We would like to remind parents that our Leavers' Service is taking place on Wednesday 26th July at 1.30pm. It is always a special celebration, not just because we all get a chance to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils, but also it is a chance for the whole-school to come together and celebrate all that we have enjoyed and achieve within the school year.

We are hoping that the weather will be kind to us as that allows for all us, including our parents, to be able to enjoy the service in a lovely open-air environment. If the weather is too hot or too wet, then we may have to move the service indoors. If that is the case, then we may have to reduce the number of classes that can sit in the hall, as an audience, in order to be able to seat our parents too, but all year groups will still perform to our Year 6 pupils.

End-of-Year Pupil Reports

This week you will have received your child's end-of-year report. The report will give you a clear indication of your child's progress and attainment over the year as well as an overview of his/her overall development. We know that you and your child will have much to celebrate reading the report together.

On several occasions this year, and last year, we have informed you via Parents' Evenings and previous letters that there have been significant changes to the way teachers in all schools across the country assess pupils' learning. This relates to the New Curriculum brought in a couple of years' ago and the Assessment without Levels brought in last year. This has meant that our teachers now work through a different process to arrive at your child's 'standard' and also report that judgement to you using different language to that which you will have been familiar with previously, although I do know that teachers have worked hard at Parental Consultation meetings this year to explain the new age-related standards and expectations. Parents are aware that the challenge, pitch and expectations for each year group have been raised considerably and that the way teachers assess has changed from a 'Best Fit' model to a 'Complete Fit' model.

Two years into the introduction of the New Curriculum, all year groups are responding to the more challenging demands, but it will take time for some year groups, especially our current Years 3, 4 & 5 to consolidate and confidently apply the new knowledge and skills in all their work, including cross-curricular work.

Year 3 are in a particularly challenging situation in that the children leave Year 2, where they have been taught a reduced interim framework linked to the Y2 SATs, and

then move into Year 3, where they then encounter the more detailed and challenging Year 3 curriculum. Year 6 are also in a slightly different situation as they are taught from a Y6 interim framework, linked to the Y6 SATs, that is less prescriptive than the Y4 & 5 curriculums. Many children will receive assessment judgements on their report that are still below the standard you would have expected in the past, although we are confident that children are steadily closing the gap, year on year, against the new age-related expectations

The government is fully aware of the impact that these changes will have on pupil results, which is why last year they distributed a letter to the parents of all Y2 & Y6 pupils. In this letter, the DfE stated

" Because this is the first year of the new tests, the results will look very different from those of previous years, and should not be compared with them. This is because we have introduced a new curriculum and set higher standards. It is true that we have raised the bar, but this is because we want to match the best international standards.

What matters most is that for your child in Year 2 & 6, these tests form just one part of the overall assessment and schools are able to use the results to help them decide how best to support your child."

The DfE explanation from last year for the change in the usual percentage of Year 2 & 6 pupils attaining at expected standards or above, still applies this year and equally applies to every other class, as every year group is having to implement the same new assessment arrangements. This is the same picture right across the country.

It is essential that parents take on board the contents of their child's End of Year report, as well as the attainment results, as these comments by the class teachers are the truest reflection of how your child has achieved this year. If you would like to speak to your child's teacher, do not hesitate to book an appointment with him or her. They can give you all the information you need to fully understand how well your child has done this year. If you require an appointment to see me, please contact the office to arrange a convenient time.

End-of-year Parental Survey

We always encourage parental feedback as it gives us a very valuable additional perspective on our provision and helps us to identify purposeful areas for development for the following year. Positive feedback is wonderfully affirming and encouraging for staff and governors to receive. We do recognise that some parents may not be wholly happy with all aspects of the school this year and we welcome constructive feedback too. We hope that where parents provide such feedback that the school has already been made aware of the issue during the year and has been given an opportunity to address the situation. We also hope that government changes to the standard of attainment you expected for your child in Reading, Writing or Maths does not colour your overall satisfaction with the school.

I know that you, like me, are very proud of our teachers for remaining committed to creative and holistic teaching and learning, and how they have resisted prescriptive methods and have carried on teaching effectively and without constraint in order to embed a life-long love of learning in your children. It is such commitment, along with the support of our parents and governors which means we can look back on this year and rightfully celebrate:

- Attaining the Silver School Games Mark for commitment to competitive school sport and increasing participation
- County champions in table tennis and tri-golf and reaching county finals in hockey, tennis, athletics, cross-country, football, gymnastics and cricket.
- Third in the county medal table for the Cornwall School Games.
- Numerous curriculum enrichment opportunities ranging from National Heroes Day to our recent mock School General Election.
- Successful & inclusive Y4 and Y6 residential trips as well as loads of great class trips.
- New Playpod for KS2 & new KS1 playground toys
- A fantastic Summer fair from FABB.

Mrs H Giblett

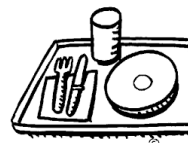
CLUBS

Most of our after school clubs have now **finished**. However, the following will take place next week:

Choir (*end of year party – bring some food!*)
Dance
Japanese

Dogs in school grounds

A polite reminder that dogs are not allowed on school grounds. We had an incident this week where a child stepped in dog mess on the grass just inside the school gate. If you bring your dog near that area please ensure they are kept outside the gate. Thank you.



SCHOOL MEALS

A reminder for parents of KS2 children who book and pay for meals online, to please ensure that any arrears are paid for by the end of term. Thank you.

Year 2 children who are moving to Year 3 will need to pay for meals (unless entitled to Free School Meals) from September. Price per meal £2.20.

Inset Days

Please note, the following dates have now been booked as training days (non pupil days):-

Monday 4th September
Tuesday 5th September
Wednesday 6th September.



"Truro in Bloom" Garden in a Seed Tray and Painting Competitions

- Theme: My Wildlife Garden
- Age groups: 5-7 and 8-11
- Make sure entries are clearly labelled with name, age and school
- Seed trays available from the school office or use your own 38x24x5 cms.
- Painting Competition rules and information also available from school office.
- Completed paintings/seed trays to be returned to school on Monday 24th July.



Music Lessons

KS2 children have the opportunity to learn an instrument. Lessons are provided by peripatetic music teachers who come in once a week and provide lessons during normal school time in the following:- violin, brass, woodwind and guitar (some instruments can be hired).

Lessons cost approx £5 - £5.50 per lessons and are taught in small groups. There are subsidies available and individual lessons can sometimes be taught for a higher cost.

All of the peripatetic teachers are specialist music teachers and have performed live demonstrations in school for the children over the past few weeks so they have a chance to see and hear some of the instruments.

Forms are available from the school office for any children who would like to start in September.

School Uniform



One of our parents, Mrs Olds, has very kindly offered to be available today and 21st July after school for any parents who wish to look at school uniform and let their children try it on for size. She

will be in the Year 5/6 work area from 3.15pm to 4pm. Please note, she will NOT be selling any uniform and it should be purchased via our school website. School caps, water bottles, ties and bookbags are available to purchase at the school office.

School ties

A school tie will be issued to the children moving up to Year 3 in September. They will be free of charge and given out when the children return to school next term.

Lost Property

A huge thank you to one of our parents, Mrs Sarah Pike, who took on the unenviable task of sorting through the lost property and picking out the named items. These items have now been returned to the children. Any unnamed items were displayed in the sensory garden area of the KS2 playground on Thursday for parents to look through and claim. If you were unable to look on Thursday please take the time to look through our lost property boxes before or after school. Any items left by the end of next week will be disposed of.



FABB Disco

We are looking forward to the next FABB disco which will be on Tuesday 25 July 2017. Details are listed below:

Timing:
KS1 5.30pm-6.15pm
KS2 6.30pm-7.30pm



Queuing:

Reception and Key Stage 1 (Year R, 1 and 2) children will be dropped off through the doors opposite the sheltered area by year 2.

KS2 children (junior classes 3-6) will enter the disco through the hall doors by the sensory garden. Please queue behind the gate on the walkway.

All children will be collected from the doors opposite the sheltered area by year 2.

Entry fee:

£2 which includes 2 items of tuck from a choice of crisps/sweets/choc bar. The children will not need to bring any other money.

We will be sending out flyers/permission slips during the week leading up to the disco

FABB AGM

FABB would like to thank everyone for their support this year. We are looking forward to celebrating the end of the year at the summer disco and are already planning for next academic year. Our first meeting will be our AGM on Monday 25 September 7pm at school in the year 5&6 work area. We will be reviewing the year, updating our constitution and re-electing our core team as well as sharing some drinks and nibbles. Everyone is welcome to attend and anyone is welcome to stand for each of the posts. The existing Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer are happy to continue. We also have someone interested in taking on the secretarial role. If you are interested in one of the roles or would like to nominate someone, please get in touch with us by email: friendsofarchbishopbenson@gmail.com.

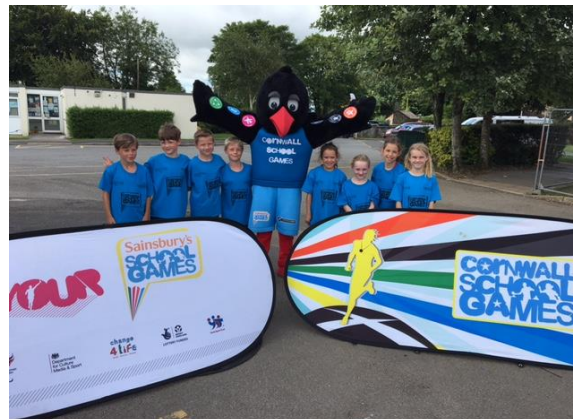
Music Event

This week, 40 of our talented musicians took part in a joint music concert at Penair School with a total of 89 children taking part. It was a wonderful opportunity to share our music and for students to see what lies ahead if they persevere! The choir sang 'Fight Song' in harmony with the Penair choir as well as performing a few songs on their own. Some of our year 5 and 6 musicians performed in a transition orchestra and really wowed the audience! We are hoping to continue to work closely with Penair school and a transition orchestra will be running throughout next year for our year 5 and 6 instrumentalists. Watch this space!





Cornwall School Games County Quad Kids Finals



Well done to the eight children that took part in the year 3/4 CSG Quad Kids county finals. (The children had to qualify in three tournaments before reaching this exciting final.) This event was held on Friday 7th July at Liskeard Community College. Each child had to take part in a 75m sprint, a 400m run, long jump and throwing. They all tried really hard and enjoyed their day. The final results were:

- 1st Threemilestone
- 2nd Archbishop Benson**
- 3rd Alverton

Many thanks also goes to the parents who came to support and to Jack B for stepping in at the last minute.

Mrs J Williams (athletics teacher)

Hockey Cornwall School Games Finals

On Friday 7th July, our hockey team went to Liskeard for the County finals. It was a fantastic day of hockey and our team played superbly! We won lots of games and ended up coming third in the whole of Cornwall! Well done to Mrs James for coaching the children and thank you to Mrs Glanville and Mrs Dawes for taking the children to Liskeard.





Cornwall School Games Final Medal Table

Our third place finish in the medal table out of all of the primary schools in Cornwall is a fantastic way to finish and celebrate another fantastic sporting year. We have enjoyed great success in a wide range and variety of sports. Thank you to all of our staff and parents for all that they have done this year to make this possible.

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Name				Total
Mount Hawke Academy	2	3	3	15
St Breock School	4	0	1	13
Archbishop Benson School	1	3	3	12
St Columb Minor	3	1	0	11
St Uny School	2	2	1	11
Wadebridge Academy	1	2	1	8
Charlestown School	0	3	2	8
Pondhu School	2	0	0	6
Bishop Cornish School	1	1	0	5
Connor Downs	1	1	0	5
Godolphin School	1	1	0	5
Nancledra	1	1	0	5
St Francis C of E School	1	1	0	5
St Marys CE	1	1	0	5
Threemilestone	1	1	0	5
Mount Charles School	1	0	2	5
Bude School	1	0	1	4
Devoran School	1	0	1	4
Newquay Junior	1	0	1	4
St Petroc's	1	0	1	4
Goonhavern School	0	1	2	4

Cricket County Finals



On Monday 10th July, both our boys' and girls' cricket teams went to Truro Cricket Club for the County finals.

The boys played some brilliant cricket, winning their games to qualify from their group. They lost a good semi-final to set up a third place play off. They won this to come third in the County! The girls also played well and ended up coming 10th in Cornwall. Well done to all of the players and a huge thank you to Mrs Phillips and Mrs Olds for taking the children.

Big Penair Primary Sports Festival

Mixed Football



Athletics



Table Tennis



Tug of War



On Monday 10th July, 46 children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 went up to Penair School for their annual sports festival. We competed in athletics, table tennis, cycling, mixed football, problem solving and orienteering, climbing and tug of war. It was a fantastic afternoon of sport and a lot of fun was had by all. We did well in all of the events and came first place in mixed football, Year 3&4 quadkids athletics, boys' table tennis and tug of war. We all also won all four individual golds for athletics! Well done to all of the competitors and a huge thank you to all of the staff and parents who helped coach and take the teams to Penair.

WEAR WHAT YOU LIKE DAY

The School Council met recently and decided that there would be a 'Wear What You Like Day' on Friday 21st July, as our final fundraising event of the year. Please can children bring in a £1 donation in aid of the Cornwall Air Ambulance (who came in to see us earlier this term), and in return they can wear anything they like to school ... it may be fancy dress, casual clothes or their school uniform.

Year 5 & 6 also want to hold a cake sale at morning break in the hall – children will be allowed to purchase one cake each for 20p. *Thanks for your support.*

TRURO LIBRARY READING CHALLENGE



Summer reading challenge starts on Sat 15th July and finishes on 9th Sept.

Read 6 library books and visit 3 times to win the challenge!

Look out for other activities going on during the holidays.

Young Savers Club

Children **leaving the school** at the end of term (Yr 6) should collect their passbook from the club *before* leaving. They can continue to save via any Kernow Credit Union ServicePoint (nearest is at City Hall Truro) or parents can set up a standing order to put money into their account on a regular basis.

If children **wish to withdraw money before the end of term**, please get them to pick up a withdrawal form for you to complete and sign. They can then withdraw money the following week.

If children wish to be to **draw money out over the summer holidays**, they can collect their passbook from the club, otherwise, the books will remain at school.

The final opening of the Young Savers Club this term will be **8.30am - 9am on Wednesday 19th July**. Many thanks for supporting the club.

Jenny Kwee for KCU

Dates for Your Diary 2017:

July

Wed 19th Year 6 Production, 7pm
Thu 20th Year 6 Production, 7pm
Fri 21st Wear What You Like Day
Tue 25th FABB Leaver's Reception & Summer Disco
KS1 45mins 5:30pm – 6.15pm
KS2 1 hr 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Wed 26th Leavers' service, 1.30pm

September

Mon 4th Inset Day
Tue 5th Inset Day
Wed 6th Inset Day

(Further inset days for 2017/18 to be arranged.)

Thu 7th Children start back at school

Car Boot Sale

Sat 22nd July, 10am-12.30pm in our school grounds in aid of 8th Guides Unit.

If you wish to secure a space for £10, please contact Nicki: nicola@hockingfamily.me.uk or tel: 07929 093835



Bosvigo School

Bookings are now being taken for Summer Holiday Club based at the Children's Centre at Bosvigo School; open daily from 7.45am and 6pm, 27th July to 5th September.

For more information or to schedule a visit please contact Mrs Austin on: 07591 945 238 or email wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk

Sport Summer Camp – Truro School

Netball, Triathlon, Hockey, Multi Sports during various dates in August.

Visit: www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com for further details.

Rugby Camp

At Truro Rugby Club on 21st August. Details at: www.cornish-pirates.com

Blues Club - October Half Term

We are now taking bookings and guarantee to be open for this holiday. We are offering a special discount rate of £20 for a full day. A full programme of activities will be sent out in September, but we welcome you to make bookings now if you will need childcare. Our staff are fully qualified and DBS checked. Blues Club is rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

For more information or to book please call us on 01637 877073

T.Y.S Truro Youth Sports

Summer Camps

£15 Per session
8:30-4:30

**Shortlanesend Village Hall
TR4 9DS**

For bookings and enquiries please contact:
truroyouthsports@outlook.com

Sessions are running every Tuesday & Wednesday throughout August!

All of our coaches are FA trained and hold relevant first aid and safeguarding certificates

Girls' Cricket Camp - 28 July

Cornwall Cricket is pleased to announce a

GIRLS ONLY CRICKET CAMP

FRIDAY 28 JULY TRURO CRICKET CLUB

**3 *Western Storm* (Kia Super League runners-up)
players to attend (hopefully including an international
/ England player)**

**Western Storm t-shirts and goodie bags for all who
attend**

For girls of all abilities Ages 7 – 13

10.30am-3.00pm Cost £15

**Details on how to book will follow on Cornwall
Cricket website, via *Twitter* and at your club**

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