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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 10.11.2017

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1	2	0	0	0	6	0

Attendance News:

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 93.8%.

Congratulations to Class 4T this week who topped the attendance table with 99% attendance. Well done!

KS2 Cross Country Event on Monday 4th December

Our cross country heats have been held this week and you are welcome to come along and see the finals on Monday afternoon, starting at 1.30pm.

We would still like all the children to run on Monday, as they have been practising really hard during their PE lessons. Those that didn't make the final are welcome to run in our *Santa Hat Fun Run*. There will be a donation on £1 for those wishing to participate and this will go towards WWF, RNLI and Children's Hospice South West

The afternoon will run as follows (timings are approximate):

Year 3 boys and girls races at 1.30pm
Year 4 boys and girls races at 1.40pm
Year 3 and 4 Fun Run at 1.50pm
Year 5 boys and girls races at 2.15pm
Year 6 boys and girls races at 2.30pm
Year 5 and 6 Fun Run at 2.40pm

There will then be a celebration assembly at 3.00pm in the hall.

If the weather is not looking promising to hold this event on Monday afternoon, then we will notify you via text on Monday morning. We will then reschedule this to the reserve day on Wednesday 6th December.

Mrs J Williams

FABB Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre Friday 1st December 5pm-7pm

Today's the day! Looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas Fayre this evening. In order to minimise congestion inside, you are welcome to leave buggies in the covered area outside Year 2.

We have lots of lovely stalls this year including gifts made by the children so look out for those at the fayre. If you do not manage to purchase your child's gift at the fayre, these will be available to buy from your class teacher next week.

Events like this would not be possible without the help and support of staff, parents and friends from the local community. We would like to thank everyone for their time and donations with particular thanks to Adele Osborne and the FABB events team; Julian for the Christmas tree; Mark for the lights and Father Christmas for finding time in his busy schedule to visit our

grotto! We would also like to thank the following businesses for their contributions and sponsorship:

Budock Vean Hotel
Fowey Hall Hotel
Costa Coffee
Café Nero
McDonalds
Starbucks
Burger King
The Waffle House
Truro Treasure Trails
Cornish Bricks
Baked with Love by Toria
Cornwall Flat Roofing
Mike Couldry Plumbing and Heating
Sam Thomas of Foundry Design
Barclays Bank

We hope you have a wonderful time!

FABB

Whole School Cinema Trip

On Monday 18 December Years 1 – 6 will be going to Truro Cinema to see their annual Christmas film which this year is "The Star". This is a newly released film, hence the increase in price this year.

On Tuesday 19 December it will be the turn of the Reception Class children.

The trip will cost £3.40 which is fantastic value and includes an ice lolly. The children will be walking down to the cinema at 9.00am ready for a 9.30am showing of the film. They will be back at school at 12.00pm ready for lunch. It is hoped that younger children will walk to the cinema with the older ones and create a real school 'family' atmosphere.

To allow your child to attend could you please complete the permission slip below and return this to **your child's class teacher**. **Please pay £3.40 via ParentPay**. **You can also pick up a slip at the office or write a note with the information on it.**

We desperately need help with walking the children down to the cinema and would be really grateful if parents are able to help with this. If you are able to do so, please indicate this on the permission slip below & see your class teacher to sign the volunteers' form, if you haven't done so already.

Whole School Cinema Trip 18/12 – Y1 – Y6, 19/12 – Reception Classes

I give permission for my child
in class..... to walk to and from the cinema.

I will pay £3.40 via ParentPay as a contribution towards the cost of the visit.

I can/cannot help to walk with the children at 9.00am and back after the showing at approximately 11.15am.

Signed.....

Emergency contact no.....

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Kitchen News

IMPORTANT – KS1 & RECEPTION

Even though your child receives a **Universal Infant Free School Meal**, you **MUST** still choose your child's meal online on ParentPay. If you don't do this, the menu choice defaults to the main meal of the day, which your child may not like. We've had several children in tears because they're not receiving a meal that they like, but it's then too late for our chef, George, to cook something different. None of us like to see the children upset, so your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

Truro Schools Gymnastics Competition

On Friday 24th November 2017, 8 of our gymnasts went to Aspire Gymnastics Academy to take part in the Truro Primary Schools Gymnastics Competition. It was an excellent afternoon's gymnastics and all of the children did incredibly well. Our club gymnasts' team came second overall and our school gymnasts' team came first overall in their category! Six of our 8 gymnasts have also qualified for the next round in February.

Well done to all of the children and a huge thank you to Mrs Lyndon for coaching the girls. Thank you also to all of the parents who helped walk them to the competition





Girls' Football County Championships

On Friday 24th November 2017, our girls' football team went to Penryn College to take part in the County Championships. They did fantastically well, winning 3 games, drawing 2 and losing 1 to finish third in the county.

Well done to all of the girls and a huge thank you to Mr Sims and Mrs Fleet for coaching the girls and to Mrs Glanville for driving them there in the minibus.



Boys' football league match v Threemilestone School

On Thursday 23rd November 2017, our Year 5 and 6 boys' football team played against Threemilestone in the Truro Schools' football league. It was an exciting game and a great performance from our boys. We played some scintillating attacking football and scored some great, team goals. Alfie L capped a brilliant game with a hat trick and Jayden contributed a superb individual performance. Sid, Jake and Thomas G also scored good goals and they were supported by excellent games from Tom H, Joe and Oliver B.

Well done to all of the boys.



SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH **WEDNESDAY 13 DECEMBER**

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS – FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER **VIA PARENTPAY ONLY**

George, our chef, has been busy planning our delicious Christmas lunch.

Pumpkin & Ginger Soup with Homemade Bread

or

Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets and Gravy

or

Winter Vegetable & Mature Cheddar Wellington with Gravy

Buttered Sprouts, Braised Red Cabbage, Honey Glazed Carrots & Roast Potatoes

Dessert Choices

Christmas Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard
Ginger Bread Angel
Fresh Fruit Salad

This is always a happy, jolly occasion with Christmas music playing.

There will not be any other menu choices available on that day so if your child doesn't want the Christmas lunch, please can you send in a note to inform us of that and provide them with a packed lunch on the day.

THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH IS TODAY. IF YOU HAVE NOT ORDERED ONE, PLEASE BOOK ON PARENTPAY THIS WEEKEND.

KS1 (Reception, Years 1 and 2)

In receipt of Universal School Meals – book choices online as usual – please note the Christmas menu is now in ParentPay so please check you have ticked the correct choices for that day. ***If your child normally has a packed lunch, but wishes to have a school lunch on that day, please book on ParentPay for that day only.***

KS2 (Years 3 to 6)

Please pay for AND CHOOSE the menu for that day. Where the menu has not been selected, it will be assumed that your child will bring in a packed lunch on that day. It is important that those in receipt of Free School Meals also book for that day.

If a child would like a milkshake or fruit juice, these have to be paid for separately on the day. They cannot be paid for on ParentPay unfortunately.

Your help in booking correctly is very much appreciated in helping this event to be organised smoothly. Thank you.

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

Scratch Coding

Free Family Learning course at Truro Library/Link into Learning.

Your child is learning Scratch computer coding - why should they have all the fun?! Make a game like Pac-Man; experiment with robots...

9 week course on **Wednesdays 10-12** starting 17th January.

To find out more and book a place, why not drop in and meet the tutor on 10th January 10am - 11am? Or contact Ian Barnes on 07811 179401/ ian.barnes@cornwall-acl.ac.uk

Christmas Jumper Day

Hello, my name is Karen and I am the shop manager for Save the Children in Truro. As part of our Christmas jumper day celebrations this year we will be holding a meet and greet with Frozen's Elsa and Olaf on Saturday 16th December 11-2pm.

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.



Dates for Your Diary 2017

December

Fri 1st	4T Class Assembly, 9.00am
Fri 1st	Christmas Fayre 5.00 – 7.00pm
Mon 4th	KS2 cross country finals and Santa Hat Charity Fun Run.
Wed 6th	Reserve day for the above
Thu 7th	Music recital, 2.00pm in the school hall
Tue 12th	Reception classes' nativity 2.00pm and 6.00pm
Wed 13th	Whole School Christmas Lunch
Thu 14th	KS2 Christmas Performance 6.00pm - Truro Methodist Church
Mon 18th	KS1 Christingle Service 6.00pm in the school hall
Wed 20th	Inset day

January 2018

Thurs 4th	Inset day
Wed 10th	FABB Meeting will be at 7.00pm in the year 5/6 work area

Christmas Lights 2017

SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2017

6.00-7.00PM

**BEHENNA DRIVE MALABAR TRURO
TR1 3RB**

Come along and see this year's lights extravaganza! Mark has worked hard once again to put on a display in aid of CLIC Sargent and donations would be appreciated.

From 6.30pm on the night, your little ones will have a chance to meet OLAF from Frozen. Weather permitting.



Enjoy a glass of Mulled wine and a Mince pie on the 9.12.17. Weather permitting

Please visit our Just giving page. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-verran1>