



Weekly Benson Bulletin

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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 94.54%.

Congratulations this week to **RRock** who were top of the attendance table with 99.3%. *Well done!*

PSHE curriculum

Today, we are sending home some information about the programme of PSHE (Personal, Social & Health Education) which we deliver in Summer 2. Most of you will be familiar with our Sex & Relationships scheme of work as we have been delivering it for many years. We know that you value this provision as last year all the children took part in the sessions. We are both pleased and grateful for this level of support.

Following on from the success of introducing the new Christopher Winter Project's Relationships & Sex Education Programme in school last year, we will also be adopting and using their 'Teaching Drug and Alcohol Education with Confidence in Primary Schools' this Summer. This programme has been awarded the PSHE Association's Quality Mark.

From the children's perspective, the PSHE sessions are taught just like any other lesson in class and they are much enjoyed as they involve lots of interesting discussion and activities. From an adult perspective these sessions are an excellent opportunity for your children to develop such essential life skills as resisting peer pressure, resilience, empathy, self-awareness and assertiveness.

Hopefully, the documents we are sending home are informative and help to clarify any questions or queries that you may have.

Grateful thanks

We know that parents and governors will want to join with us in saying a big thank you to Mrs Marilyn Hawke, one of our site supervisors. Mrs Hawke is finishing at Archbishop Benson at the end of May having worked here for over 21 years.

Mrs Hawke has worked for all four headteachers on the current Archbishop Benson site and fulfilled a wide number of roles from lunchtime supervisor, teaching assistant and librarian to clerk to the Governing Body and site supervisor. We are very grateful for all that she has contributed to the life of the school, and its pupils, and we wish her every happiness in the future.

Summer Parents' Forum

I would like to thank those parents who were able to attend our Summer Parents' Forum on Wednesday evening. We enjoyed a really purposeful and constructive discussion and the school came away with lots of useful ideas and suggestions including:

- How we could improve the layout of our newsletter to make it more accessible, both visually and electronically, for parents & carers;
- How we can engage more parents in completing the annual parental survey and other feedback options like Parent View;
- Confirming the importance, from the parents' perspective, of our swimming provision within the school and suggesting possible refinements for next year.

We look forward to acting on some of these suggestions before the end of this academic year. Other suggestions will be carried over to next year as it makes sense for them to be initiated at the start of a school year.

Fidget spinners!

As a school we do our utmost to avoid banning play items that the children may bring to school. We like to give the children every opportunity to learn how to play with toys and games sensibly and to be able to negotiate positively with others. Unfortunately, an increasing number of children are finding it hard to manage using and sharing fidget spinners. We have given the children several reminders, but dealing with the ongoing problems, albeit low-level, is becoming very time-consuming and frustrating for the lunchtime supervisors, as well as teachers and TAS. Therefore, we are asking parents to let their children know that fidget spinners are not to be brought to school after half-term. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Mrs H Giblett

Thanks

Mrs Doran, Mrs Filbey and Mrs Hood would like to say a big thank you to all staff, children and parents for their best wishes, lovely gifts and flowers. They will miss you all!

Sun Cream and Hats



As the weather gets sunnier and warmer, can you please ensure that your child has sun cream applied **BEFORE** coming to school and bring a **SUN HAT** with them for outdoor play. It doesn't have to be a school sun hat, but we do sell school caps at the school office priced £3.50.

FABB colouring competition



For this year's summer fair we would like the children to decorate a flag of bunting that will be displayed on the day. The theme is a Cornish summer and they can be as creative and colourful as they wish. There will be prizes for the best entries! *We have given out the templates to the children and have also attached a template of the flag at the end of the newsletter for any children who may have lost theirs.*

La Jolie Ronde French

Congratulations to Annabel, Emilia, Evie, Faye, Poppy, Kaelyn in Year 6, and Elowenn, Fardeen, Olivia G and Xanthe in Year 5 who took part in the play "Blanche-Neige et les sept nains sportifs" and performed entirely in French to their class mates and parents. They did a fantastic job – *Bravo!* Thank you to all those who supported this performance.

Sharon Potter (La Jolie Ronde French Teacher)



Lucy A (class 4MT) was presented with a certificate in assembly this week by Jordan from CLIC Sargent. Lucy was very brave and had her long hair cut and raised £600. *Well done Lucy!*

Lost Property

We have a lot of lost property which is unnamed, particularly jumpers. Please make sure all uniform is named. Woven labels are the most suitable as they are easy to read and don't wear away.

School ties

Ties need not be worn after May half term until October half term unless a request is made for children to wear them for a special occasion.

Touch Rugby West Cornwall Finals



After qualifying from the Truro schools competition, on Wednesday 17th May, we went to Redruth Rugby club for the West Cornwall Touch Rugby Finals.

We won two and lost one of our group games to qualify for the quarter finals. Unfortunately, we lost this close match 1-0. However, we ended up in the top eight teams in the whole Western half of Cornwall!

Well done to all of the players and a huge thank you to Mr Matt Thomas for his expert coaching and Mrs Glanville for taking the children to Redruth in the minibus.

CLUBS

Go Active

After half term "Go Active" will be providing the following clubs on FRIDAYS after school:

Bubble Football/Zorbing – KS2 (£30)

Football – Yrs 1, 2 and 3 (£20)

Forms available from the school office.

YOGA

Cancelled on 6th and 13th June

CANCELLED CLUBS

Due to several members of staff going on the Year 6 London trip the following clubs are cancelled week commencing 12th June:

Cricket, Dance, Touch Rugby, Choir

Netball Year 5 House Matches



Winning Team – Tennison!



All the Y5 Teams

On Thursday 25th May, our netball house matches for Year 5 took place. 26 children competed in a fantastic afternoon's netball organised and umpired very kindly by Mrs Olds.

In a very closely fought first semi-final, Islip defeated Becket with a 'golden goal' after the match finished 3-3. In the second semi-final, a very impressive Tennison were 8-0 victors against Grindal. This meant that Beckett faced Grindal in the third and fourth place play off. Beckett played well to win 3-0.

The final was between the free-scoring Islip and Tennison teams. An exciting final with some fantastic netball on display ended in a 7-3 victory for Tennison.

Well done to all the players and a huge thank you to Mrs Olds for organising and umpiring the tournament. Also, a massive thank you to Mrs Olds and Mrs Hirst for coaching the Year 5s this year- some superb netball played during the house matches demonstrated the excellent progress that they have made.

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. The next session will be on 15th June.

Cornwall School Games Qualifier - QUAD KIDS



Well done to the children that entered the Quad Kids event. Sixteen children from Y6 competed last Friday and sixteen from Yrs 3 & 4 competed this Wednesday. Every child had to enter four events: long jump, throw, sprint and long distance. They really enjoyed these activities and I am very proud of their effort and team work skills. The final results were:

Y5/6 - 7th out of 32 schools
Y3/4 - 1st out of 27 schools

Therefore the year 3/4 team will go onto represent Peninsula at the Cornwall School Games finals being held at Launceston College on 30th June.

Mrs Jo Williams

Dates for Your Diary 2017:

June

Fri 9th	Class 1W assembly, 9am
Fri 16th	Class 2L assembly, 9am
	Non uniform Day
Tue 20th June	Sports Day
Thu 22nd June	Reserve Sports Day
Wed 21st	Eucharist Service, 9am
Sat 24th	Summer Fair, 11am-1pm
Fri 30th	Class 5C assembly, 9am

Mon 12th to 16th Year 6 trip to London

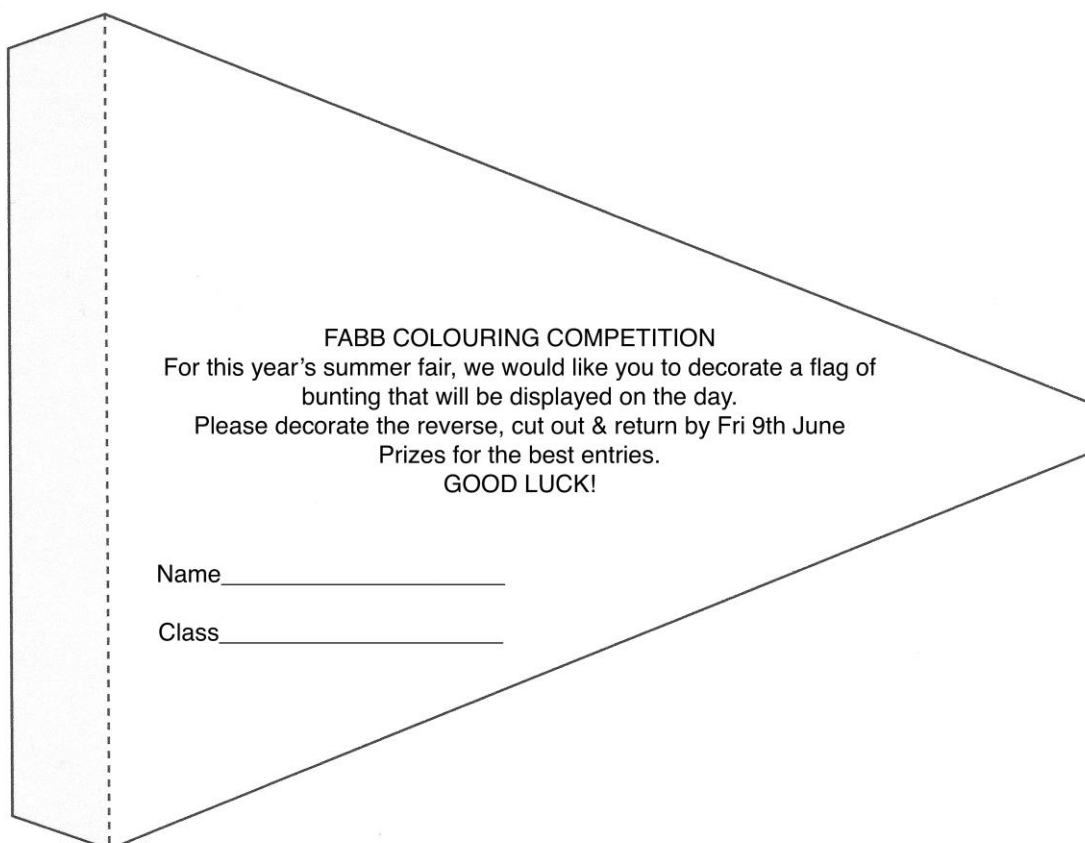
July

Mon 3rd	FABB meeting - 7.00pm in Yr 5/6 work area.
Fri 7th	Class RR assembly, 9am
Wed 19th	Year 6 Production, 7pm
Thu 20th	Year 6 Production, 7pm
Tue 25th	FABB Leaver's Reception & Summer Disco
Wed 26th	Leavers' service, 1.30pm

Term Dates for School Year 2016 /2017

Fri 26th May	Break up for half term
Mon 5th June	Children return to school
Wed 26th July	Break up for Summer Holidays





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