



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 97.47%.

Congratulations this week to **3Wendron** who were top of the attendance table with 98.75%. *Well done!*

I just wanted to take time this week to say a big thank you to FABB. On Tuesday I attended a great FABB meeting where lots of wonderful plans and ideas were being discussed for supporting the school and your children. A couple of governors also attended the meeting and were delighted to report back at our Governing Board meeting this week about how positive and proactive it had felt to be part of that meeting.

Of course, we celebrated the initiation of the PlayPod, but parents at the meeting were already thinking about new ideas and opportunities.

- Have you noticed that the planters on the path past the office towards the Infants playground are looking lovely? That is thanks to the quiet work of a couple of parents who have also tidied up in around our garden shed ready for classes to use after Easter.
- Work is also underway in the creation of a long jump pit and we are very grateful to the parents who have been working on this in their own time and over the weekends.

In saying a big thanks to FABB, I hope parents understand that we are saying thank you not just to our wonderful FABB team of officers and to the parents who are able to attend the FABB meetings, but also to all our parents for the way you respond so fully and supportively to all requests for support.

As parents, you are making a real difference to what we can do in school and we are truly grateful for that.

Mrs Helen Giblett

Menu Design Competition

Congratulations to Abbie S, Charlie B and Ya Mai from 6FT who won the "Design our Menu" competition. A copy of their fabulous design is attached to the end of this week's newsletter.

CLUBS

**KS2 Dance Club – Wednesday
Is cancelled next week (22nd March) due to
staff training.**

**Boys Drumming Group is cancelled for the
rest of this term.**

Thanks

FABB would like to thank Homebase at Treliske Industrial Estate for their generous donation of bedding plants and seeds for the children to grow. James Tucker and Karen Robilliard as members of FABB are working hard to improve outdoor gardening facilities for the school children to benefit from.

Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Relief Lunchtime Supervisor to work as and when required to cover for sickness, etc. This will involve being called in at short notice. Further details and application form available from the school office. This is a paid position at £8.05 per hour.

Music Recital

At 2.15pm on Thursday 30th of March a **selection** of instrumentalists will be performing from guitars, brass, woodwind and strings in our Spring Recital. The school choir will also be sharing a sample of the songs they have been working on this term. Instrumentalists who are invited to perform will be given a letter to inform parents of their involvement. We look forward to your presence and the support at our second recital this academic year!

For any questions, please contact Ms MacDonald.

Mother's Day Coffee Morning

FABB's Mother's Day coffee morning will be held on Friday 24th March in the school hall. This unique event involves mums coming into school to share tea/coffee and a cake with their child/ren (If you are unable to attend we welcome grandparents/dads or other family member to spend this special time with the children.)

This is organised in house groups, this year's rotation is:

9.00-9.35am	Islip
9.35-10.10	Tennison
10.10-10.45	Beckett
10.45-11.20	Grindal

During the morning you will be able to purchase tea/coffee and cakes to enjoy and your child will be able to buy their mum a bunch of daffodils. There will also be a raffle.

For the morning to be a success we would like to ask for donations of homemade cakes, buns and biscuits to be brought in on the Friday morning. Anyone able to help during the morning please sign up in the school office. Thank you.

FABB

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FABB are excited to have a brilliant new logo. Our thanks go to Sam Thomas of Foundry Design. Sam is one of the reception parents and we thank him very much for his time and expertise in creating our new logo.

London trip 2018

Letters have been given out to Year 5 children this week. Please return slips by Friday 21st April so that we can confirm the accommodation booking. Thank you.

The Great Truro High Bake Off

Children in Years 5 and 6 are invited to take part in a bake off competition organised by Truro High School. Round 1 is to make six shaped and flavoured bread rolls and bring them into school for judging on *Tuesday 21st March*. The winner will go on to Round 2 at a later date.

Porthpean Residential Camp, 8th-10th May

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.

Your child will be bringing home a letter today regarding an information meeting on Thursday 30th March, 3.35pm in the school hall.



Truro Primary Schools Handball Competition

On Friday 10th March, our Year 6 A and B handball teams took part in the Truro Primary Schools Handball tournament at Richard Lander. It was an excellent afternoon of sport and 14 teams took part. There were two pools of seven teams and the top two from each would qualify for the semi-finals.

Both of our teams did incredibly well and reached the semi-finals! Our A team won 5 and drew 1 game to confidently qualify in Pool A. In Pool B, our B team won 3, drew 1 and lost 2 to narrowly beat the third placed team to qualify in second place. Unfortunately, both of our teams lost their semi-finals, but ended up a fantastic joint third out of the 14 teams! Well done to all of the players.

Cross Country County Finals

This was the final event in this season's primary schools cross country calendar and was held at Newquay Sports Centre on Thursday 16th March. The weather was kind to us with very little wind. Five of our pupils made it through the three qualifying rounds to get this far - fantastic! The results were:

2nd Maisy P - year 4 girls race
21st Elizabeth G - year 5 girls race
20th Lewis T - year 5 boys race
29th Evie G - year 6 girls race

Freddie also tried to compete with an ongoing leg injury, but had to pull out part way through - well done for trying so hard Freddie!

The children also **all** received team medals for representing the Peninsula area.

I am very proud of all the runners that have worked hard this season and look forward to working with you all in the summer term when we turn our skills towards athletics. Don't forget there are two friendly running events this Saturday - Coose Trannack, and next Saturday - Polwhele (see previous newsletters for more info).

Mrs J Williams

Boys' Hockey County Championships

On Friday 10th March, our Year 6 boys' hockey team went to Truro School to take part in the County hockey championships. It was an excellent afternoon's hockey against some very strong teams from around the county. It was the first time that we had played with a goalkeeper (he was even in all the proper gear!) and a hard ball. We ended up coming 8th. Well done to all the players and a huge thank you to Mrs James for coaching and taking the children.



Year 5 and 6 Boys Football Matches v Truro Prep School

On Wednesday 15th March, 36 of our Year 5 and 6 boys went to Truro Prep School to play our annual football fixtures between the two schools. Each team played two matches each and it was an excellent afternoon's football. For several of our players, it was their first ever competitive match! We won lots of games, drew a couple and lost a couple. Well done to all of the players and a big thank you to all of the parents who helped to take the children to Truro Prep.



Class Assemblies (Fridays 9am, School Hall)

RP	5 th May (NB changed from 12 th)
1W	9 th June
2L	16 th June
5C	30 th June
RR	7 th July

All parents/carers of the class are invited to come along and watch in the school hall.

INVITATION TO COOSE TRANNACK – SATURDAY 18th MARCH 2017

Children are invited to race in the 17th annual running of 'Coose Trannack Cross Country Races' on Saturday 18th March 2017.

The event is held on the Coose Trannack Woodland adjacent to Trannack School (near Helston). It is a millennium wood with fantastic views over The Lizard peninsula. The course is sloping and represents a tough challenge for even the most talented runners.

The event is open to all children from Year Reception to Year 12 and will involve separate races for each Primary School age group.

Further details of this event are available on the Trannack School's website:-

http://trannack.eschools.co.uk/website/coose_trannack/29267

For the first time this year there will also be an adult "fun" run for anyone who likes a challenge and a bit of fun!!!

Mrs J Williams (Running teacher)

School Summer Fair 2017 – 24th June

It is with much excitement that planning has begun for this year's summer fair. The theme will be "A Cornish Summer", fingers crossed for sunshine! FABB are keen to hear from you if you are able to:

- Donate a raffle prize
- Know a business that would be interested in donating raffle prizes.
- Help with planning, however big or small.

Please contact Sarah sarahzoehills@gmail.com for more information.

Uniform Shop

We do not currently have any further dates arranged this term. We would encourage you to purchase school uniform via our website. Uniform is then sent home via your child approx 2 working days later.

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Sainsbury's have started their Active Kids vouchers for 2017. 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. We have a collection box in reception. Thank you.

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 Week: *Ready, steady, bake*

Charity Quiz Night

Friday 31st March, 7pm in our school hall in aid of the children's charity CHICKS. £26 per team (max 4 people) to include a pasty. To reserve your team contact David Rogers davidrogers58@googlemail.com or 01872 260315.

Royal Cornwall Museum – Easter

Easter activities at the Royal Cornwall Museum will centre on *Great Little Artists* – 'make and take' your own masterpiece this Easter Holiday.

All sessions are bookable when you call 01872 272205. Sessions cost £3 per child. Please check the www.royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk for session dates and times.

Dates for Your Diary 2017:

March

Fri 24th Mother's Day Coffee Morning – FABB
Sat 25th KS2 Cross Country – Polwhele
Thu 30th Easter music concert, 2.15pm
Year 4 Meeting re Porthpean, 3.35pm

May

Thu 4th FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
Mon 8th to 10th Porthpean Camp – Year 4
Fri 5th Class RP assembly, 9am
Fri 19th Yr4 assembly, 9am

June

Fri 9th Class 1W assembly, 9am
Fri 16th Class 2L assembly, 9am
Sat 24th Summer Fair
Fri 30th Class 5C assembly, 9am

Mon 12th to 16th Year 6 trip to London

July

Mon 3rd FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
Fri 7th Class RR assembly, 9am
Tue 25th Leaver's Reception & Summer Disco

Term Dates for School Year 2016 /2017

Mon 20th Feb Children return to school after half term
Fri 31st Mar Break up for Easter
Tue 18th Apr Children return to school for Summer Term
Mon 1st May Bank Holiday – school closed
Fri 26th May Break up for half term
Mon 5th June Children return to school
Wed 26th July **Break up for Summer Holidays**



Welcome to Archbishop Benson's spring-summer menu for 2017. Our team in the kitchen- George, Korrine, Sally & Cheryl - hope you will enjoy eating with us as much as we enjoy preparing and serving your food. Please see one of us for dietary requirement advice.

WE HAVE FRESH FRUIT, MILK, SALAD & HOME-MADE BREAD AVAILABLE EVERY DAY ★

WEEK 1 20/2/17 13/3/17 17/4/17 8/5/17 5/6/17 26/6/17 17/7/17				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tomato Soup w/optional Pesto (v)	Thai Lentil Soup (v)	Cream of Broccoli Soup (v)	Leek & Potato Soup (v)	Pea & Mint Soup (v)
Shepherd's Pie	Carbonara Pasta Bake	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce	Slow Cooked Beef Chilli w/steamed Rice	Battered Cod
Vegetarian Shepherd's Pie	Macaroni Cheese	Cheddar & Leek Tart	Baked Potato w/choice of Fillings	Poached Free Range Egg
Seasonal Vegetables	Homemade Garlic Bread & Rainbow Salad	Roast Potato & Seasonal Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Peas	Chips & Beans
Steamed Honey & Orange Sponge w/ Yoghurt	Ice Cream with Mixed Berries	Mixed Fruit Jelly w/Whipped Cream	Apple & Rhubarb Crumble w/ Custard	Lemon Drizzle Cake

WEEK 2 27/2/17 20/3/17 24/4/17 15/5/17 12/6/17 3/7/17 24/7/17				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Smoked Haddock Chowder	Carrot & Courgette Soup (v)	Tomato & Basil Soup (v)	Cream of Vegetable Soup (v)	Sweet Potato Soup (v)
Ethiringtons Hand Crimped Steak Pasty	Cornish Beef Lasagne	Roast Free Range Chicken w/Sage & Onion Stuffing	Salmon Fillet Groujons Potato Wedges & Tom Sauce	Homemade Pizzas - Salami or Tomato & Mozzarella
Cheese & Onion Pasty	Spring Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetable Crumble	Baked Potato w/Choice of Fillings	Chips & Beans
Seasonal Veg	Mixed Leaf Salad	Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Blueberry Cheesecake	Chocolate Brownie
Homemade Scones w/Jam & Clotted Cream	Carrot Cake w/100% School Soup	Sticky Toffee Pudding w/ Custard		

WEEK 3 6/3/17 27/3/17 1/5/17 22/5/17 19/6/17 10/7/17				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Smokey Tomato & Lentil Soup (v)	Creamy Carrot Soup (v)	Tomato & Roasted Red Pepper Soup (v)	Minestrone Soup (v)	Vegetable Noodle Soup (v)
Cornish Sausage & Mash w/Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Topside of Beef w/ Yorkshire Pudding	Mild Thai Chicken Curry w/Rice, Peas & Sweetcorn	Cornish Hot-Dogs Vegetarian Hot-Dogs
Hominy Pie	Homemade Pesto Pasta	Vegetable Filo Pie	Baked Potato w/Choice of Fillings	Chips, Beans & Fried Onions
Seasonal Vegetables	Homemade Focaccia & Salad	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Veg		
Organic Cornish Yogurt w/Honey & Granola	Vanilla Ice Cream w/Fruit Salad	Apple Upside-down Cake w/Custard	Superfruit Smoothie	Homemade Honey Roast Cereal Bar



