



## Weekly Benson Bulletin 8 December 2017 No. 13

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### Ofsted Attendance Grades

96.5% + <b>High</b>	96.1% - 96.4% <b>Above national average</b>	95.5% - 95.9% <b>In line with national average</b>
94.0% or below <b>Low</b>	90% or below <b>Cause for concern</b>	85% or below <b>Persistent Absence</b>

### 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 93.9%.

Congratulations to Class 4T this week who topped the attendance table with 97.7% attendance. Well done!

### After School Clubs

There are no after school clubs next week due to The Nativity and Carol Service. This also allows you plenty of time to collect and prepare your children for all these events. Archery & Football Club have also finished.

### Clubs that are still on are:

Laura Beth School of Dance  
Capoeira

### Road Safety Poster Winners

Thank you for all the Road Safety Posters, we had some fantastic ones, the children had clearly thought hard about it.

We have judged and sent the winners off to Cormac, and those winners will be entered into a nationwide competition.

The Winners are:

KS1:

- 1<sup>st</sup>- Tom in 1L
- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Alfie in 1W
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Elsie in 1W.

KS2:

- 1<sup>st</sup> -Aylin 5K
- 2<sup>nd</sup> -Jack Massey 5K
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- Rafi 5K

### Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons have now finished for the Autumn Term and will commence in the Spring Term on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of January.

### THE LAURA-BETH SCHOOL OF DANCE MEMO NEW YEAR 2018!

JUST TO LET ALL PARENTS KNOW THE NEXT PAYMENT FOR DANCE IS NOW DUE. **Dance has now finished for the Autumn term 2.**

**PLEASE CAN TUESDAY CLASS PAY A BLOCK PAYMENT OF £33**

**PLEASE CAN WEDNESDAY CLASS PAY A BLOCK PAYMENT OF £33**

ALL CHEQUES NEED TO BE MADE PAYABLE TO 'The Laura-Beth School of Dance' and cash needs to be in a sealed envelope. Please can all payments be handed in before the deadline: **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2017- to Mrs Bullen at reception. If payments are not handed in I cannot secure your dance place as there is a waiting list.**

I would just like to say thank you for a lovely year. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching your children and I'm looking

forward to the dance show in the New Year. I will have lots of information to deliver so keep your eyes peeled for lots of letters.

Many thanks,

**Laura-Beth Medcalf**

**07788237399    [Bubbly-lb@hotmail.com](mailto:Bubbly-lb@hotmail.com)**

**Dance dates:**

**Tuesday Class:**

**16<sup>th</sup> Jan, 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan, 30<sup>th</sup> Jan, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 20<sup>th</sup> Feb, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Wednesday class:**

**17<sup>th</sup> Jan, 24<sup>th</sup> Jan, 31<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb, 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> March.**

**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.....

## **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.

### **Menu change next week**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December instead of Key lime Pie it will be Banoffee Pie.

### **Sport News**

#### **KS2 Sportshall Athletics - Cornwall School Games Qualifier**

On Friday 1st December Mrs Williams took 18 Y3 & 4 athletes, followed by 18 Y5 & 6 athletes to Penair School to compete in this exciting Cornwall School Games Qualifier. The children really enjoyed the range of disciplines which included relays, sprints, throwing and jumping. They displayed superb sportsmanship in a very tense and highly exhilarating event.

The Y3/4 team managed to finish 1st overall. The scores were as follows:

**1<sup>st</sup> Archbishop Benson 342 points**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bosvigo 338 points**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Devoran 296 points**



The Y5/6 team also came 1st in their afternoon session. The scores were as follows:

**1st Archbishop Benson 340 points**

2nd Bosvigo 324 points

3rd Devoran 314 points



Their behaviour and team spirit was excellent and they did themselves and the school proud. Well done to both teams!

All 36 athletes will now go onto represent the Truro area Primary Schools *Sportshall Athletics* at Penryn College in the New Year.

**Mrs J Williams (Athletics teacher)**

### **SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH** **WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

Mr Blomfield in the Kitchen has now ordered the food for Christmas lunch. If you have not booked a meal for this day, please make sure you send in a Packed Lunch for your child. Thank you.

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.

### **Cross Country & Christmas Fun Run**

On Monday 4 December, this year's Key Stage 2 cross-country races and Christmas fun run took place. It was a fantastic, fun and well contested afternoon of cross-country running. The house cup was the most closely competed in recent memory, with all four houses separated by just a few points. In the end, Grindal were victorious. Well done to all of the children and a huge thank you to Mrs Williams for all of her hard work organising the event. Thank you also to all of our parent and staff helpers and supporters. Special mention must go to our fabulous hares, Mrs Bullen and Mrs Harrold.



### ***House captains of winning house, Grindal, with Mrs Williams***



### ***The top Year 6 boys' finishers***



### ***The top Year 6 girls' finishers***

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **External Swimming Lessons**

My name is Alexis Hall and I run swimming lessons at Truro Prep school. The lessons are held each week after school on a Wednesday during term time. We have some spaces for non-swimmers, beginners and improvers.

Tel: 07763752154 [www.diddydolphins.co.uk](http://www.diddydolphins.co.uk)

### **Dates for Your Diary 2017**

#### **December**

<b>Tue 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Reception classes' nativity 2.00pm and 6.00pm in the school hall
<b>Wed 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Whole School Christmas Lunch
<b>Thu 14<sup>th</sup></b>	KS2 Christmas Performance 6.00pm - Truro Methodist Church
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>	KS1 Christingle Service 6.00pm in the school hall
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Inset day – No Children in School

#### **January 2018**

<b>Thurs 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Inset day – No Children in School
<b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL</b>
<b>Wed 10<sup>th</sup></b>	FABB Meeting will be at 7.00pm in the year 5/6 work area

Launch your week off with Family and Friends at

# Launchpad

# Christmas

Sunday 17th December from 4.00 pm

Bible  
Stories

Reflective  
Activity

Picnic Tea  
Provided

Craft  
Activities  
for all

Music

Games

**FREE**

Count Down  
5-4-3-2-1  
best off!

**ALL WELCOME**

If you would like to know more about next years' Launchpad Sundays please visit our Facebook page at <http://www.trurobaptist.co.uk/launchpad> or email [children@trurobaptist.co.uk](mailto:children@trurobaptist.co.uk).

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# 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>