



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 97.10%.

Congratulations this week to 5Carne and 6Fistral who were top of the attendance table with 100% attendance. Well done!

Our whole school attendance rate for the Autumn term was 96.99%. Based on the Ofsted table above, this is a high score so well done to all!

Class Attendance Rates (to date) for Autumn 2016					
RP	95.8%	RR	95.5%	YR	95.65%
1K	97.1%	1W	97.3%	Y1	97.2%
2PG	96.8%	2L	96.3%	Y2	96.55%
3SP	98.3%	3W	97.4%	Y3	97.85%
4MT	98.1%	4T	98.1%	Y4	98.1%
5C	97.4%	5T	96.3%	Y5	96.8%
6FT	97.3%	6J	96.3%	Y6	96.8%
OVERALL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE %			96.99%		

Congratulations to 3Portscatho. They are the first class to win our termly Attendance Cup for the best attending class in the Autumn term with an attendance rate of 98.3%. As well as winning the Attendance Cup, they also earn the right to agree a special reward with their class teacher. I wonder what they will ask for?!

75% of our pupils had 100% attendance last term. Look out for the special certificates that will be coming home next week. Well done to all of them.

The Big January Games Collection



We need your help! FABB are supporting school in creating Wet-Playtime boxes; boxes full of toys and games that promote learning and keep children entertained when the weather is bad. But we can't do it without your help.

We know that many of your children may have received new toys and games for Christmas. It's always very therapeutic to have a clear-out in the New Year and perhaps you could donate some of the games that they no longer play with to the school for our **BIG JANUARY GAMES COLLECTION!** We would really welcome items that promote and encourage pairs or groups to play together e.g. board games, jigsaws, top trump cards, playing cards, colouring books. So much learning takes place during play and lunchtimes and we don't want this to stop just because the weather is bad. Perhaps you can talk to friends and neighbours and invite them to donate items too.

On every day next week (Tuesday to Friday), FABB members will be on hand to take your donations in the covered area outside the year 2 classrooms. For every donation, no matter how large or small, the children can enter their name into our prize draw (one name entry per day). At the end of the week, a name will be drawn and the winner presented with a £10 gift voucher for WH Smith.

After this, FABB will be sorting, organising and topping up the boxes with toys and games funded by our school events. The more games and toys donated, the fewer we will need to buy! Many thanks in advance for all your support.

We are also making a special appeal for lego. As part of our Thrive programme within the school, we are discovering the wonderfully therapeutic value for many children of having time to play with lego. We would love to create a set of mobile lego play boxes to be able to use around the school, so all donations would be very much appreciated

Spring Clubs Arrangements

One of the great things about being a school of our size is that we have such a wide range of staff, and parents, who generously offer us their time and their talents to run a great range of clubs for your children to enjoy. Over the past couple of years, we have tried to take on board feedback from you about our clubs provision so that we

can strengthen what we do well as well as improve where there may be gaps, and we continue to do so this year.

A copy of the Club List will be sent home with every child. On the back of the sheet it outlines how we will not be operating a solely "first come, first served" arrangement for the allocation of pupils to our school-led clubs. We will utilise a range of criteria, depending on the nature of the club, to ensure that as many pupils as possible are supported to participate in clubs. We aim to ensure that pupil participation in our school clubs is as fair, equitable and objective as we can reasonably achieve and we thank you for continuing to be so supportive of our endeavours to provide extra-curricular fun and enrichment for your children

Mrs H Giblett

CLUBS

The new clubs list is being sent out today. Please look out for it in your child's book bag.

Application forms for Go-Active gymnastics, Go-Active football, Capoeira, Yoga and Laura-Beth Dance are available now from the school office. Payment is required for these clubs.

Clubs run by outside agencies which you pay for will start week commencing 10 January.

Other clubs will start week commencing 17 January.

FABB Quiz Night

FABB are holding their ever popular Quiz Night on Friday 20 January in the school hall. 6.45pm for a 7.00pm sharp start. Entry fee for a team of 4 (Maximum) is £26 which includes a meat pasty (a vegetarian one can be pre-ordered). Shamy's Bar will be there to serve Skinners Ale, wine and soft drinks.

To reserve a place for your team, please contact either David Rogers at davidrogers58@googlemail.com or phone on 01872 260315 or Pete Tatlow on 01872 241007 or ptatlow@btinternet.com.

Violin Lessons

Children who have violin lessons on Mondays will have an extra lesson on Friday 13 January. This replaces the lesson on Monday 9 January which is an Inset Day.

FABB

Don't forget that although the children are not in school on Monday 9 January, our next FABB meeting will be happening in the evening at 7.00pm. We welcome everyone along to the meetings; all we need are your good ideas and a willingness to help out when you can! We look forward to seeing you on Monday. The meeting will be in the staffroom.

JEFF SMITH MEMORIAL GARDEN - TESCO

WE NEED YOUR VOTES TO "BAG" US THE £5,000!

Archbishop Benson School is bidding to bag a massive cash boost from the Tesco Bags of Help initiative.

Tesco teamed up with Groundwork to launch the monthly funding scheme, which sees grants of £5,000, £2,000 and £1,000 – all raised from the 5p bag levy – being awarded to local outdoor community projects.

Three groups in every Tesco region have been shortlisted to receive the cash award and this month shoppers are being invited to head along to Tesco stores to vote for who they think should take away the top grant.

Archbishop Benson School is one of the groups on the shortlist.

"As Headteacher of Archbishop Benson School for 23 years, Jeff Smith was renowned for his unwavering commitment to creating a nurturing and enriching school in the heart of Truro. He would be delighted to know that our proposed memorial garden, in his honour, is a continuation of his compelling vision for the school."

In a world that is becoming increasingly busy and demanding for children, we want to create a calm and peaceful garden area that would allow our pupils to freely engage in quiet interaction and contemplation on a daily basis. We are very excited at the potential opportunity to create a landscaped outdoor area, with seating, that could be used creatively and therapeutically to enrich the lives of our children. We feel passionately about the health and wellbeing of our pupils and we know that many groups of children ranging from our Breakfast and Lunchtime Clubs through to our nurture groups and Family Learning groups would benefit enormously from such a tranquil spot, as well as being freely available to all children at Breaktimes and lunchtimes."

It would mean the world to the children, parents, staff and governors of Archbishop Benson School if we received community support and backing for this memorial garden, as we continue to endeavour to serve successive generations of Truro families to the very best that we possibly can."

Voting is open in stores from 2 January to 28 January. Customers will cast their vote using a token given to them at the check-out in store each time they shop.

Tesco's Bags of Help project has already delivered over £24 million to more than 2,400 projects up and down the UK. Tesco customers get the chance to vote for three different groups each month.

Please make sure that if you're not offered a token at the checkout, you ask for one or two or three!!!!!!

Kitchen News

The current menu will continue until the Spring half term.

Reception and Year 5 Trip to Eden Project Thursday 26 January

Reminder – if you haven't yet paid for your child's school trip to the Eden Project on Thursday 26 January, can you please do so as soon as possible on ParentPay. Thank you.

SCOPE - "About Disability"

Free workshop for parents and carers of **children with additional needs**:-

SLEEP SUCCESS

Helping your child to sleep

- Raising awareness of good sleep practice
- Strategies for parents
- Discussion with time to share ideas

Includes:

- The impact of sleep disorders
- The bedroom environment
- A good bedtime routine
- Night waking
- Keeping a sleep diary

Date: Friday 24 February

Time: 9.30am – 1.30pm

Venue: St Paul's Children's Centre (next to Archbishop Benson School)

Please book your free place via the school office.

Mrs J Williams - SENCO

Uniform Shop

The school uniform shop will be held from 3.15pm onwards and can be accessed via the Junior (KS2) playground through the door between 6J and 5C.

These are the dates for our Uniform Shop:

- **Friday 20 January**
- **Friday 3 February**
- **Friday 24 February**
- **Friday 10 March**

We do hold a reasonable level of uniform stock in school but this can get sold quickly at the Uniform Shops. Ordering online will ensure you get what you want.

Young Savers' Club

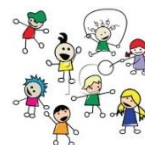
The Young Savers' Club is held on Wednesday mornings from 8.30am in the Infants Entrance. The next one will be Wednesday 11 January 2017.

Porthpean Residential Camp

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.

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 session: Thursday 12/1 – Physical Fun

Dates for Your Diary

2017

Mon 9/1 School closed for staff training day.
FABB meeting in the staff room – 7.00pm. All welcome to attend.

Fri 20/1 FABB Quiz night – 6.45pm for 7.00pm sharp start

February

Thur 9/2 Valentine's Disco

March

Fri 24/3 Mother's Day Coffee Morning

June

Sat 24/6 Summer Fair

July

Tue 25/7 Leaver's Reception & Summer Disco

Term Dates for School Year 2016 /2017

2016 -2017 Term Dates

Mon 9/1 School closed for staff training day.
Fri 10/2 Break up for half term
Mon 20/2 Children return to school

Fri 31/3 Break up for Easter

Tue 18/4 Children return to school for Summer Term

Mon 1/5 Bank Holiday – school closed
Fri 26/5 Break up for half term

Mon 5/6 Children return to school

Wed 26/7 Break up for Summer Holidays

