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Ofsted Attendance Grades

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| 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.

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| Hrs Giblett | Designated Safeguarding Lead | |
| Mr Galler | Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead | |
| Mrs Truen | Family Support Coordinator | |
| Mrs J Williams | Special Educational Needs Coordinators | |
| Mrs B Morris | | |

Attendance

Our whole school attendance last week was 97.49% (excluding our Reception children).

Congratulations to 3Kehelland and 5Mousehole who had 100% attendance last week. Well done!

Message from Mrs Giblett

Pupil Premium

We would like to thank the parents who have applied for pupil premium funding for their child. Any parent who is currently in receipt of certain benefits is eligible

At present we have 51 pupils registered for Pupil Premium funding.

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| Reception | 4 pupils | Year 4 | 5 pupils |
| Year 1 | 10 pupils | Year 5 | 4pupils |
| Year 2 | 7 pupils | Year 6 | 14 pupils |
| Year 3 | 7 pupils | TOTAL | 51 pupils |

We know that there are many more families that are eligible for this funding & all the associated benefits for their child/ren. Don't miss out on this. Please speak to your child's class teacher or at the school office and let us help you to access what you and your child are entitled to.

School Friendship Code

Last week I mentioned that the children have created their own class pebbles/pegs/pick sticks and how they are using them to share any worries with the adults in their class. I am most impressed by the beautiful jewelled pebbles in 3K!

This week I just wanted to draw your attention to our Friendship Code overview which is attached at the end of the newsletter. This overview summarises our approach to empowering our pupils with simple strategies to help manage potential friendship problems. The children are already familiar with the code but I will re-visit it with children at Monday assembly. It would be good if you could find some time to look at the code with your child/ren and let them talk to you about how they can use it.

They can share with you some possible phrases that they could use to let others know when they might be worried or need help e.g.

- I don't like what you are doing, please S.T.O.P.
- What you are doing is making me sad, please S.T.O.P.
- I am feeling a bit sad/worried/upset, can I talk to you please?
- Can I talk to you about something that is making me sad?

The word **S.T.O.P** is an important element of our Friendship Code. The children know that the word S.T.O.P. carries some important message every time they use

STOP stands for **Several Times On Purpose** –when a child says STOP to another child, this means that they are giving the other person a fair warning that they need to stop now before the behaviour becomes a real problem

STOP also stands for **Start Telling Other People** – when a child says STOP to another child, this means that they are giving the other person another fair warning that unless the behaviour stops, then they will look for adult help. The children, particularly the younger children, are reminded to use a STOP hand gesture too, so that the other child/ren are made aware both visually & aurally, that they do not like or want to be treated unfairly.

An LSA vacancy

We have a lovely team of LSAs (lunchtime supervisory assistants) who do a great job supervising the children at lunchtime and helping them to have as active and social a lunchtime as possible. Last year they embraced the introduction of the new Play Pod and our KS2 pupils had a wonderful time using scrap equipment to play in wonderfully creative and social ways.

We currently have a vacancy for one LSA in the Juniors and we would like to employ a new LSA as soon as possible as any gap in staffing means that we cannot always provide all the activities that we normally like to provide at lunchtimes, when fully staffed, like football, table tennis as well as access to the Play Pod and the Huff Puff equipment.

Being an LSA is a very rewarding job – why not pop into school and find out what it entails. Application forms are available from the school office.

DIARY DATES

We have attached at the end of the newsletter some important dates for this term. We hope you find this sheet helpful.

Correction

- Parents Evenings for YR – Y5 will be on Monday, November 13 - Wednesday, November 15th (with Tuesday, November 14th as the late evening)
- Parents Evening for Y6 will be on Tuesday, November 14th – Thursday, November 16th (with Tuesday, November 14th as the late evening)

Information on times and booking up appointments will be shared after half-

Remaining 2 training days

I appreciate that parents, especially working parents, like as much advance notice as possible to plan for these days. I would love to be in a position to give parents the dates for all 5 training days at the end of each Summer term but these training days are incredibly precious in terms of staff training & development and we have to make sure that we are making the optimum use of them. We always arrange 2 or 3 of our training days at the beginning of the academic year to allow for valuable staff discussions to ensure consistency and continuity across the year.

The remaining days are allocated for training linked to whatever our school improvement priorities are. We are not in a position to agree these priorities definitively until we have had a chance to analyse and discuss our school data based on how our pupils have achieved in national tests as well as our own school-based assessments. We only get a chance to collate this data in September. This is what we are currently doing. Once we have identified our priorities, the headteachers of the local primary schools liaise with each other to see if we might have a collective training need. By doing this, we can then pool our resources and buy-in a quality trainer which we would struggle to do as individual schools.

I attended a Penair Partners Headteacher meeting yesterday and it could be that a number of local schools will have a joint Maths training day on Friday, October 20th.

It is not definite yet as we have only had the discussion and are waiting to hear back from the trainer but I wanted to alert you to the possibility so that you can pencil it into your diary.

We will let you know as soon as we do.

With regards to the final training day, we do not have any date for that yet but we will be discussing it at our School Leadership team meeting in the next couple of weeks.

Parents' Forum

Our first Parents Forum of the year will be on Wednesday, October 4th (7.00 – 8.00). We will be discussing class trips and outings, including residential trips.

All parents are invited, but numbers for each forum are understandably limited. We do not want to set too much of a limit on numbers as we know that parents who want to attend are interested in that particular issue, but we also want to ensure that the number present also allows for a meaningful discussion. For this evening meeting, we can facilitate about 20 parents.

If parents are interested in attending any forum, then we ask them to contact the office. On a first come, first served basis, we will ensure that if sufficient parents express an interest in attending that there is representation from all classes. Having done that, if there are additional spaces available then we open it up to the other names on the list in rank order. If we have too many requests, we may need to consider who attended forum meetings already in the year/previous year and offer it to those who have not yet attended. If a parent has attended a forum meeting in the year, it is always worth putting your name down again if you are interested in attending another meeting as some of the forums have not been fully booked.

Mrs H Giblett

CLUBS

All clubs start next week, EXCEPT NETBALL club which will start the week after.

Please note that many of our clubs are now full. We do still have some spaces on our Go Active KS1 Football Club and Archery KS2 Clubs. Also the KS1 Dance, Yoga and French Clubs. Application forms are available from the school office.

There are also spaces in the Eco, Homework and Choir Clubs

FABB News

We are looking forward to our first meeting which will be our AGM on Monday 25 September 7pm at school in the year 5 and 6 work area. We will be reviewing the year, updating our constitution and re-electing our core team as well as sharing some drinks and nibbles.

Everyone is welcome to attend and anyone is welcome to stand for each of the posts. The existing Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Treasurer are happy to continue.

We also have someone interested in taking on the Secretarial role.

If you are interested in one of the roles or would like to nominate someone, please get in touch with us by email: friendsofarchbishopbenson@gmail.com. Alternatively you can complete the slip below and drop it into the school office FAO Emma Potter (FABB Chairperson).

FAO Emma Potter (FABB Chairperson)

Name:

I would like to nominate

Name:

For the post of:

At the FABB AGM on Monday 25 September 2017

FABB Christmas Fayre

We know it is only September, but we are already planning our Christmas Fayre this year which will be on Friday 1st December 2017. We would love to hear from any local companies or small businesses who would be willing to sponsor an element of the fayre. We would also like to hear from anyone who would be interested in ordering a homemade Christmas pudding. Please contact us via email: friendsofarchbishopbenson@gmail.com. Many thanks FABB"

Individual School Photos

Individual school photos will be taken on Wednesday 27th September during the school day. Only families with pre-school children are invited to come in from 8.20am so that they can have their photos taken with their siblings. Family groups of brothers and sisters will be taken throughout the day.



Parking and Dropping Off Children

Can we please remind you that ONLY parents of KS1 children are allowed to park in the school in the mornings to drop off their children. Please use the car park next to the Children's Centre. We do appreciate this can get very full. Parents of KS2 children should drive around the drop off point to drop off their children.

If you're parking in the road, please be considerate to our neighbours. We have received complaints of drives being blocked by parents who are waiting to collect their children after school.

The path at the top of the KS1 playground is very narrow and does become congested in the mornings. We would be grateful if, to allow other parents to drop off their children, you could leave the school grounds once your child is safely in the playground.

Your help is appreciated. Thank you.

Grass Track Cycling Qualifier

On Tuesday 19th September, eight children from Years 5 and 6 went to Penryn College to take part in the Peninsula Area Grass Track Cycling Qualifier. It was a fantastic afternoon's cycling and the children all had a good time. In the end we came 5th. Well done to all of the cyclists and a

huge thank you to Mrs Glanville and Mr Sims for taking the children to Penryn.



Blues Club Before/After School & October Half Term

We are open every day for Breakfast and After School. 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.

We are now taking bookings and guarantee to be open for half term holiday. We are offering a special discount rate of £20 for a full day. A full programme of activities will be sent out in September but we welcome you to make bookings now if you will need childcare.

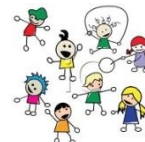
Our staff are fully qualified and DBS checked. Blues Club is rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

For more information or to book please call us on 01637 877073 or email us at

info@firststeps Cornwall.co.uk

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:

September

Mon 25th FABB AGM, 7pm YR5/6 work area
Wed 27th Individual Pupil Photos

October

Wed 4th YR6 Parents to meet rep from Penair School. 3.30pm in classroom.

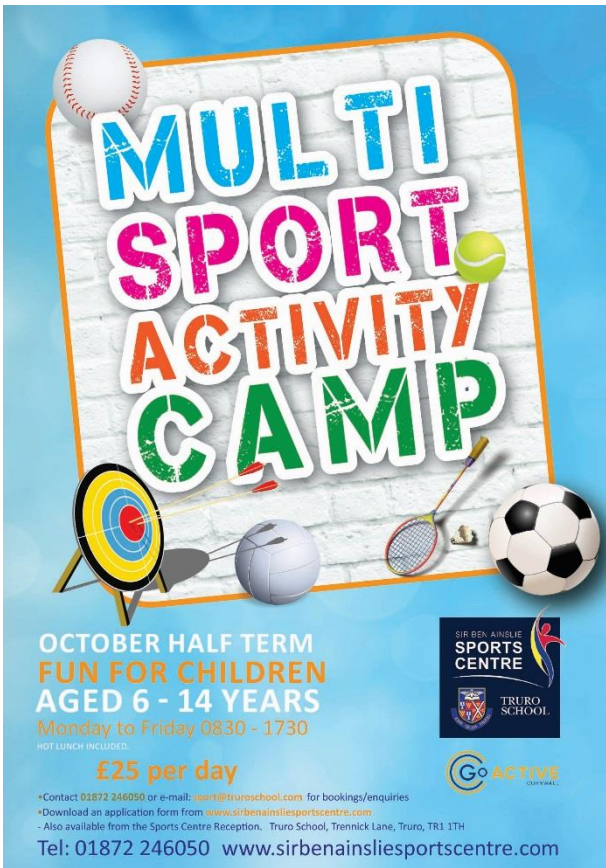
November

Fri 17th 6FT Class Assembly

December

Fri 1st 4T Class Assembly
Fri 1st Christmas Fayre
Mon 4th KS2 cross country finals and Santa Hat Charity Fun Run.
Wed 6th Reserve day for the above

(further diary dates – see below)



MULTI SPORT ACTIVITY CAMP

**OCTOBER HALF TERM
FUN FOR CHILDREN
AGED 6 - 14 YEARS**
Monday to Friday 0830 - 1730
HOT LUNCH INCLUDED.

£25 per day

*Contact 01872 246050 or e-mail: sport@truroschool.com for bookings/enquiries
*Download an application form from www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com
- Also available from the Sports Centre Reception, Truro School, Trennick Lane, Truro, TR1 1TH

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SIR BEN AINSLIE SPORTS CENTRE
TRURO SCHOOL

Go ACTIVE
COURTESY



Truro School Swim Camp

SIR BEN AINSLIE SPORTS CENTRE

Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th October

This 4 day swim camp run by ASA coach Lee Stanbury from the Cornish Swim academy provides an exciting opportunity for 7-14 year olds of all club swimming levels to improve the fine points of swimming.

Camp Timetable:
Monday: Front Crawl improvement + turns & starts.
Tuesday: Backstroke improvement + turns & starts.
Wednesday: Breast stroke improvement + turns & starts.
Thursday: Butterfly stroke improvement + turns & starts.

0830-1230
£25 per day (£80 all 4 days)

Multi Activity Sport Camp available from 1230-1730 for an additional £12.50 (includes lunch)

For more information see our website or
e-mail: sport@truroschool.com
or call 01872 246050.

CORNISH SWIM ACADEMY

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Our 5 Steps to Friendship



T.H.I.N.K
&
Deep Breath



Use your Hand of Friendship



STAND UP AND SPEAK OUT

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2017 – 2018 DIARY DATES Updated 16.9.2017

| TBA – To Be Arranged | | TBC – To Be Confirmed | |
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| PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS & SEN SUPPORT | | DATE(S) | TIME/NOTES |
| Autumn Parental Consultations Week | | Monday, November 13 | |
| | | Tuesday, November 14 (late evening) | Reception - Y6 |
| | | Wednesday, November 15 | |
| | | | Note: Class 6FT only – Tues 14 th to Thur 16th |
| SEN Parents' cafe | | Wednesday, November 8th | 8.45 |

| ASSESSMENT | DATE(S) | TIME/NOTES |
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| Y1 Phonics Screening & Y2 Phonics Re-screening | Week commencing June 11th | |
| Year 2 SATs Tests | May 2018 (all month) | |
| Year 6 SATs Tests | May 14 th – 17 th (Programme of revision throughout Summer1 half-term) | |
| Year 3 – 5 end-of-year assessments | Programme of revision throughout Summer 1 half-term | |

| COLLECTIVE WORSHIP | | DATE(S) | TIME/NOTES |
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| School Harvest Celebration | | Wednesday, October 11th | 9.45 |
| Autumn music recital | | Thursday, December 7th | 2pm |
| KS1 Christingle | Evening performance | Monday, December 11th | 6pm |
| KS1 Christmas Performance | Evening performance | Thursday, December 14 th (?) <i>Date to be confirmed</i> | 6pm |
| Reception Christmas Nativity | Rehearsal to school | Monday, December 11th | 2.15 |
| | Afternoon performance | Tuesday, December 12th | 2.00 |
| | Evening performance | Tuesday, December 12th | 6.00 |
| Whole-school Christmas Dinner | | Wednesday, December 13th | |

| CLASS ASSEMBLIES | | |
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| Class 6FT | Friday, November 13 | 2.30 |
| Class 4T | Friday, November 27 | 2.30 |

| ADDITIONAL DATES | | | | | |
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| AUTUMN | | | | | |
| Y6 Open Evening at Richard Iander School | | | Thursday, September 28 th (5.00 – 8.00) | | |
| School Photographs (individual) | | | Wednesday, September 27 th | | |
| Parents' Forum | | | Wednesday, October 4 th (7.00 – 8.00 pm) | | |
| World Values Day | | | October 19th | | |
| National Anti-Bullying Day (BLUE Day) | | | Friday, November 17 | | |
| Truro City of Lights | | | Wednesday, November 22 | | |
| FABB Christmas Fayre | | | Friday, December 1st | | |
| KS2 Cross Country event in school - Practice for the cross country event will take place after half-term - Please note that timings are approximate | Cross Country finals races | Y3/4 girls | 1.30 | Monday December 4 (Reserve date – Wednesday, December 6) | Parents are welcome to attend |
| | | Y3/4 boys | 1.45 | | |
| | | Y5/6 girls | 2.00 | | |
| | | Y5/6 boys | 2.15 | | |
| | Xmas Fun Run | All KS2 pupils | 2.25 | | |
| | Presentation | School Hall | 3.10 | | |