



# Weekly Benson Bulletin

## 29th March 2018 No. 24

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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 29.3.2018						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
0	1	0	0	0	6	0

### Attendance News:

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 94.3%

Congratulations to Class 3W this week who topped the attendance table with 98.4% attendance. Well done!

### Message from Mrs Giblett

#### Holy Week Experience at Truro Methodist Church

On Wednesday Years 6, 5, 4 and 2C went to Truro Methodist Church to join in with their 'Holy Week Experience'. The children got to take part in a re-enactment of the Last Supper and also watched a film explaining all about Holy week. The children were all brilliantly well behaved and listened intently to the people who were leading the sessions.

We want to say a massive thank you to the people of TMC, especially to Rev Mark and Janet Tredrea, for allowing us to come to the church and have such a great time.

We also want to say a huge thank you to all the parents who helped us to walk the children to the church and back.

#### Goodbye and Good Luck

As a two-form entry school, Archbishop Benson School is a large learning organisation. As well as 427 pupils and over 300 families, we also have almost 60 members of staff. We are lucky that so many of our staff commit themselves long-term to the school, but like any other organisation, Archbishop Benson is a dynamic place of work and that, inevitably, means that while new pupils and staff will join our community every year, others will also leave in the course of the year.

This week we are sad & happy, in equal measure, to be saying goodbye to Barbara Nicholls, a member of our cleaning team. Barbara has worked for the Local Authority over the past 37 years, which is a wonderful achievement, and she has worked at Archbishop Benson School in excess of 33 years of those 37 years.

Her love, loyalty and dedication to the school has been exemplary. She is a much-loved member of the Benson family whose commitment, support and generosity to the staff and children over the years has been unfailing. We have been a very lucky school indeed to have had her working with us and everyone will miss her immensely.

The reason we can't be too sad about Barbara's retirement is that she is now embarking on a new & exciting chapter in her life. She is moving to Scotland to be near her family, especially her young grandson and she is full of her usual energy & enthusiasm about this new adventure.

We wish her a long and happy retirement and look forward to hearing from her regularly in the future.

We also send our love and best wishes to both Ms. Taylor (one of the reception teachers) and Mrs. Tangye (one of our Y6 teachers)

Ms. Taylor is getting married over the Easter holidays. We hope she has a wonderful day and look forward to welcoming her back as Mrs. Browning.

Mrs. Tangye is due to give birth to her third child shortly. The children in her class have been predicting both the name and the size of the baby. We wonder who might be right. We wish Mrs. Tangye a happy and enjoyable maternity leave.

We are sad, but also pleased to announce that Miss Tracey Kemp will be leaving after the Easter break and her last day will be Wednesday 19th April.

As you all know Miss Kemp has been a much loved and valued part of the EYFS team over the past 4 years, she is an inspiration to us all and brings warmth, enthusiasm and a wealth of knowledge to the school.

Tracey came to us as an experienced Nursery Manager wanting to develop her knowledge of EYFS in a school setting and now she has been given an exciting opportunity to work in the nursery at Truro Prep School.

Tracey's true passion has always been within the nursery years and so it will be fantastic to further develop her career at Truro Prep.

We will all miss her lots but we have to be happy when members of staff progress in their careers, she has promised to visit us again later in the Summer term.

#### **World Book Day**

With all that we have been celebrating in school over the past few weeks, I forgot last Friday to thank everyone for making such an incredible effort to create a very special World Book Day. The children and staff had lots of fun identifying the wonderful array of book characters in each classroom.

Staff also added to the fun and excitement by doing an re-enactment of The Wizard of Oz with staff dressed as all the characters ranging from Dorothy and the Wicked Witch of the West through to the china doll princess and the winged monkeys. We had great audience participation from the children.

A huge thank you to pupils, parents and staff for creating such a memorable occasion for us all.

Happy Easter from the kitchen.



#### **Class Assemblies**

Please see below updated changes to some of the Class Assemblies.

Dates for class assemblies	
Time for class assemblies - 2.30pm	
Class RR and RP graduation service	Friday, July 13th
Class 1L	Friday May 11th
Class 2C	Friday, May 25th
Class 3K	Friday, April 27th
Class 3W	Friday, July 6th
Class 5MS	Friday, June 29th
Class 5K	Friday, May 4th
Class 6T	Friday, June 22nd

Look out on the school's Twitter account for a lot more photos of what is happening in the school, starting next week. School's Twitter Account is @ArchBensonSch or see it on the homepage of the school website.

#### **Clubs for Next Term**

The new online booking system for clubs next term has now gone live. Earlier in the week you would have received a letter from your child informing you about the new Club System.

Yesterday you would have received an activation email to start booking clubs. The clubs will be available to book during the Easter Holidays and the final deadline is Tuesday 17th April, the system will automatically allocate the children to the clubs.

When booking the clubs you can prioritise which club they would like to do on certain days if there is more than one choice of club. As this is a new system we may come across some teething issues, so we please ask you to bear with us while we introduce this great system for the first time.

If you have any enquiries please contact Mr. Banks via email at:

[support@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:support@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk)

or at the school office.



### **New Extra-Curricular Clubs Email Address**

We have a new email address for any emergency or urgent queries regarding school clubs. Please feel free to email Mr. Mark Thomas on this email address:

[Clubs@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:Clubs@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk)

We will try and respond to enquiries as soon as we can.

### **Girls Football Club**

Sorry for any misunderstanding, girls football club will be running after Easter. To register your interest please sign onto the Schoolsuddy system.

### **Rugby and Cornish Pirates**

On Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March, our Year 6 rugby team enjoyed being part of Cornish Pirates' rugby match against London Scottish. It was a fantastic day out for all of us and an amazing experience for the children. We witnessed an excellent game of rugby and a Pirates' win filled with lots of tries. We were part of the guard of honour at the beginning of the game and Florrie and Joe were mascots, running out onto the pitch with the players. Perhaps the highlight was when we played an exhibition game of tag rugby on the pitch at half time. The children all did extremely well! Thank you so much to all of the parents for bringing their children to Penzance and helping to make it such a special day.



### **Coose Trannack Cross Country 2018**

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March a brave group of 9 Benson runners made an early start to conquer the tough cross country course at Coose Trannack. The weather was not kind, with early driving rain followed by a bitterly cold wind later in the morning. It was tough for the spectators let alone the athletes.

The results were:-

1800m Yr6 Boys: 12th Harry R.  
1500m Yr5 Girls: 3rd Izzy B.  
1200m Yr4 Boys: 1st Tom R, 3rd Linus B.  
1200m Yr4 Girls: 1st Lara H.  
900m Yr3 Girls: 2nd Emma H.  
500m Yr2 Girls: 1st Olivia R.  
350m YrR Girls: 6th Lexi H.  
4800m women: 1st Mrs Harrold

Amazingly with only a small group of hardened competitors we managed 2nd place after Devoran School who had over 30 runners on the day. A brilliant achievement by the Archbishop Benson team. Bring on next year where we can hope for warmer weather.

### **County Cross Country Finals**

Last Thursday 12 pupils attended the County Cross Country Finals, held at Newquay Sports Centre, in very gruelling conditions. The weather was particularly cold with heavy rain showers and the ground was the muddiest that we have ever known. The children ran amazingly well and were representing the Peninsula Area. Unfortunately the runners were not given place cards as they crossed the finish line, so we do not yet have the results of all the Archbishop Benson athletes.



Below are the children that competed and the positions that we can confirm:

#### **Year 4**

Lara H 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Saffron J 14<sup>th</sup>  
Amelie G 34<sup>th</sup>  
Myles R 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Alfie T 17<sup>th</sup>  
Tom R 26<sup>th</sup>  
William S 42<sup>nd</sup>  
Charlie M

#### **Year 5**

Maisy P 8<sup>th</sup>

#### **Year 6**

Olivia G  
Xanthe K  
Lewis T 9<sup>th</sup>

Overall the Peninsula teams came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the y4 boys and year 4 girls. They also came 1<sup>st</sup> in the y5 girls and y6 boys.

I would like to say a huge well done to all the runners and thank you to all the family members who came to support. This is the most children we have ever taken to the county finals and I am so pleased with their perseverance, team spirit and support for each other.

That brings us to the end of the cross country season and we now look forward to athletics, in the summer term – hopefully with some warmer weather.

Mrs J Williams (Running teacher)



#### **Truro Schools Girls Football Tournament**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March, our two girls football teams went to Richard Lander to take part in the Truro schools girls football tournament. It was a great afternoon's football in the pouring rain! Both of our teams did exceptionally well. Our A team won the whole tournament, beating St Marys in the final, and our B team came 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr Sims was incredibly proud and impressed with the girls' attitude and determination. Congratulations to all of the girls and thank you to Mr Sims, Mrs Fleet and Mrs Glanville.



#### **FABB**

Just a little reminder. The next FABB meeting will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm in the Yr 5 and 6 work area. Everyone welcome.

#### **Blues Club**

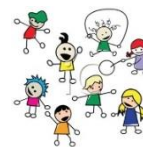
We are open every day for Breakfast and After School. We run from the St Paul's Children Centre which is on the school site. Our team of qualified staff will ensure that your child is cared for in a safe and stimulating environment. Healthy breakfast and snacks are provided every session. If you would 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)

#### **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.





Having fantastic fun

We are inviting any boy or girl who is currently between the ages of 6 and 8 to join the local Beaver Scout Colony at Truro Methodist Church.

We meet on a Wednesday night from 5.00pm to 6.15pm. We are a friendly group and have an experienced leadership team who provide lots of opportunities for fun and adventure.

For more information contact Belinda Gough (Beaver Leader) at [beagough1@gmail.com](mailto:beagough1@gmail.com) or Gary Olds (Group Leader) [gold2305@outlook.com](mailto:gold2305@outlook.com)

### The Secret Life of 4 & 5 Year Olds

The Producers at RDF Television - the makers of Channel 4's The Secret Life of 4 & 5 Year Olds are currently casting for the next series and looking for a diverse group of children to take part. They are looking for children who are currently nursery or reception aged,

This exciting series will follow a new group of children as they play, learn and interact with other children in a nursery environment. They will be observed throughout by leading scientists and psychologists, who will give insights into child development.

Filming takes place in London during the summer holidays, and the days are led by two highly trained teachers. They cover the cost of travel and accommodation for all children selected to take part in the series.

If you are interested please apply via the website:

<https://www.shortaudition.com/The-Secret-Life-2018>



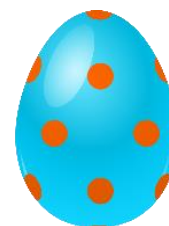
### Bosvigo Holiday Club

Bosvigo Holiday club are now taking bookings for the 13<sup>th</sup> April. We will also be open for the Bosvigo School INSET day on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

We have again frozen our prices at £23.50 per day (7.45am-6pm) and are also offering Half Day sessions for £15.

The activity timetable is nearing completion and includes a wide range of activities including, baking, construction, a trip to Idless woods, den building, bowling, arts and crafts and our ever popular Easter Egg Hunt. We are also hoping to get out in the garden when Spring has finally sprung!

Please book online using the School Gateway or if you are new to Bosvigo Wraparound and would like to register, please email [wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk) and we will get you started. Please feel free to make arrangements to come and look around, we would love to meet you.





# Truro Tennis Club

## EASTER CAMPS

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*ALL ABILITIES NON-MEMBERS AND MEMBERS*

**HALF DAY COURSES - VENUE TRURO TENNIS CLUB TR3 6BN**

9am – 12pm

TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL

FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> APRIL

TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL

FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL

**BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT**

PRICE – TLTC Members - £10/ Non Members £15 per morning  
(T.L.T.C. under 11yrs membership £22)

CONTACT RYAN FERN ON

[ryantennis75@gmail.com](mailto:ryantennis75@gmail.com) or 07814533087 for more details

TRURO TENNIS CLUB TR3 6BN

HEADCOACH RYAN FERN [ryantennis75@gmail.com](mailto:ryantennis75@gmail.com)

## EASTER HOLIDAYS

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### FELT EASTER EGGS

FRI 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 9.30-11 AM AGE 7+ £9

Try your hand at making beautiful felt Easter eggs using only wool, soapy water and old tights! If you feel really confident, you can also make a little chick to go inside.



### CLAY CHICKS ON STICKS

SAT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 3.30-5PM AGE 5+ £9

Create cute clay chicks with long wire legs and big plumes of feathers! Make them stand, sit or dance - decorate your Easter windows! this holiday!



### COLLAGE LANDSCAPE MASTERCLASS

THURS 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL 9.45-12.45PM AGE 8-12 £20

A morning with tutor Kevin who will explore how to create depth in landscapes using tone. You'll then use charcoal, chalk and watercolours to create your own ripped paper landscape collages. Messy, informative and fun!



GUEST TUTOR

### STORY, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION

FRI 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 9.30AM - 3PM AGE 8+ £30

Spend a day taking part in some fun story-generating activities, planning a set of illustrations to work with your tale and then creating your own book to take home.



### DROP IN JUNK MODELLING

SAT 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 9.30-12PM AGE 5+ FREE

Come along to our junk modeling drop in session for Truro Children's Day! Get messy and creative with the whole family, and see what you can create. Drop in any time between 9.30am and 12pm, grab a coffee, a cake and enjoy the fun!



26 River St, TR1 2SJ - 01872 240 567 [arts@truroartscompany.co.uk](mailto:arts@truroartscompany.co.uk) [www.truroartscompany.co.uk](http://www.truroartscompany.co.uk)

## Truro Junior String Orchestra



Truro Junior String Orchestra warmly invites you to their Easter concert which will take place on Wednesday 28th March at 5 o'clock in the new hall at Tregolls Primary School, Truro. Entrance is free but there is a raffle for a 'Big Easter Egg' - this will raise money for children across Cornwall who find it difficult to afford music lessons. Children from Primary and Secondary Schools across the Truro area belong to the little orchestra and this could be an opportunity to introduce your child to the idea of playing music in a small friendly local group.

If you would like any further details, please contact Jeanette Findlay who teaches violin at Archbishop Benson each Monday and Thursday afternoon.

Thank you.

All the best

Jeanette Findlay  
Cornwall Music Service Trust  
<http://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org>

## Drama Workshop @ The Burrell Theatre

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Time:** 08:30 – 17:00

**Age:** 6 – 14 Years

**Cost:** £25 (includes hot lunch)

This workshop will give your child the opportunity to make friends, have fun and develop some great skills led by our experienced team within the Burrell Theatre at Truro School.

Your child does not need any previous dancing, singing or acting experience, just a willingness to have a go and have fun.

For more information and an application form please visit our website: [www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com](http://www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com)



**Three Day Workshop**

**Feelgood** **MAMMA MIA!**

Boys & girls come and join us for this most colourful of musical plays. We shall be singing the songs, dancing the dances and performing the play in this fabulous fun ABBA workshop!

**Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th April, in Truro**

**A show to family and friends will take place on the final day**

**Ages 5-12**  
**10am-3pm**  
**Three days £89**

To book call / text Claire on 0777 333 7357  
...or visit [www.feelgoodtheatrecompany.com](http://www.feelgoodtheatrecompany.com)

**MEDALS AND TROPHIES!**

**Week 1: Wed 4th, Thurs 5th, Fri 6th April.**  
**Week 2: Wed 11th, Thurs 12th, Fri 13th April.**  
**£40 for three days or £15 for one day.**

**TRURO LEARNING ACADEMY**  
**ALBANY ROAD**  
**TRURO**  
**TR1 3ND**

**9am-3:30pm** **9am-3:30pm**

**The Laura-Beth School of Dance**

**2018 EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB!**

In this fun & energetic Dance / Sports camp you'll learn dance routines, dance battles, sports happy hour, team games, easter egg hunt, easter activities, arts and crafts and so much more!

**CONTACT LAURA: 07788237399**

**Prizes to be won!**

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## Dates for Your Diary 2018

### April

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup>** Class 3K assembly to parents

### May

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup>** Class 5K assembly to parents

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** Class 1L assembly to parents

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>** Class 2C assembly to parents

### June

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** Non-Uniform day

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** Class 6T assembly to parents

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup>** Summer Fair

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup>** Class 5MS assembly to parents

### July

**Fri 6<sup>th</sup>** Class 3W assembly to parents

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup>** Class RP and RR Graduation to parents

## Term Dates for 2018

### March

**Thu 29<sup>th</sup>** Break up for Easter

### April

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup>** Children return to school

### May

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>** Spring Bank Holiday – school closed

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>** Break up for Half Term

### June

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** Children return to school

### July

**Tue 24<sup>th</sup>** Break up for end of term

**Wishing you all a very  
Happy Easter**





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