



Weekly Benson Bulletin

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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

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

Attendance News:

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96.7%.

Congratulations to RR this week who topped the attendance table with 99.3 % attendance. Well done!

Message from Mrs Giblett

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

At Archbishop Benson, we are very pleased and proud to be such a well-subscribed school. However, we do have some available spaces across the year groups. Sometimes these places become available at the end of an academic year when

families may move. Four extra places also become available in Year 3 every September. We will share information on available pupil places in the newsletter and on the school website so that this information can be shared with the wider community

National Anti-Bullying Week (November 13 – 17th) is approaching. For several years, we have used this week to celebrate the **B.L.U.E.** message – **Be Loving & Understanding to Everyone**. This year we are going to try something a little different. We are going to support the Odd Socks Day.

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity for children to express themselves and to appreciate difference and individuality by wearing their choice of odd socks. We want to help our pupils to understand how important it is that every child feels valued and included in school, able to be themselves, without fear of bullying

There is no pressure on the children to wear the latest fashion or for parents to buy expensive costumes. All they have to do to take part is wear odd socks (and their normal uniform) to school, it couldn't be simpler! Odd Socks Day will take place on the last day of Anti Bullying Week, Friday, November 17th.

To get us ready for the day, and to raise awareness and excitement about Anti-Bullying Week, we are asking if parents & children could donate one bright, colourful odd sock to the school. We would be grateful if you could send in these odd socks as soon as possible as we want to create, some odd sock bunting and hopefully decorate some trees as well!

Lest We Forget

Parental Feedback

Back in July 2017, we sent out our annual end-of-year parental survey. We always welcome parental feedback as it gives us a very valuable additional perspective on our provision & helps us to identify purposeful areas for development for the following year.

We always say that positive feedback is wonderfully affirming and encouraging for staff and governors to receive but we also recognise that some parents may not be wholly happy with all aspects of the school and we welcome constructive feedback too. Now that we have had a chance to collate all your feedback, we are pleased to be able to share with you our analysis of this feedback

We hope that you find the parental feedback summary documents, within the Parents Info section of the website, informative and we look forward to working with you this year to continue to improve our provision for the benefit of your child.

Mrs Giblett

Volunteer opportunities coming up – could you help?

Thank you very much to all the existing volunteers who have already replied, much appreciated. It's brilliant that so many of you are still keen to be involved! We will be in touch very soon to arrange how and when we would like you to support different classes.

In the meantime, if you are interested in volunteering – either as someone new (maybe your child has recently joined the school), or you now have some time you would like to offer, we'd love to hear from you. If this is you, please could you register your interest by letting us know your name, contact details and which days/how regularly you would like to help out, using the following email address (volunteers@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk)

Miss Becky Williams, Volunteers Lead

Park Run

Your local Parkrun is celebrating its 1st Birthday on the 2nd of December.

Trelissick Parkrun is a free 5km timed run that happens every Saturday at 9am. You can run, jog or walk the course.

Every week we welcome people of all ages and abilities to this friendly community event. It would be great to see some familiar faces there on our big day.

Search for Trelissick Parkrun on Facebook and Twitter and if you would like to join us please register at: <http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

Pre-Flight Dance classes

Pre-Flight Dance is a creative and contemporary dance class for 7-11 year olds. For further information regarding this, please collect a leaflet from the Reception area of the school. Thank you

Truro Primary Schools Football Tournament

On Friday 3rd November 2017, our boys' football team went to Truro College to take part in the Truro Primary Schools Football Tournament.

We started well with a 3-0 victory against Kea followed by a 1-0 win against Bosvigo. We then beat TLA B 8-0 and finished the group stage with a 7-0 victory against Shortlanesend. Next up was a quarter final against Kea B, which we won 3-0. Finally, we were unlucky to lose 1-0 to St Agnes in the semi-final. Overall, it was a good afternoon's football and we played really well, scoring 22 goals and only conceding 1 all afternoon.

As we finished as the highest placed team in the Penair cluster, we now qualify for the Peninsula finals later in the year. Well

done to the boys and thank you to Mr Thomas, Mrs Glanville, Mrs Phillips and all of our kind parents for helping to take the children to Truro College.



Boys' Football Matches v Truro Prep School.

On Monday 6th November 2017, 33 of our Year 5 and 6 boys went to Truro Prep School to play in four football matches. Our A team match was a league game. We played really well and won 5-1, scoring some excellent goals. The B, C and D games were friendlies and all three were close. Our B team drew 2-2, our C team lost 2-1 and our D team lost 1-0. It was a fantastic afternoon's football.

Well done to all of the players and thank you to all of the parents and members of staff for taking the children to Truro Prep School.





Blues Club.

We are open every every day for Breakfast and After School. We run from the St Paul's Children Centre which is on sight of the 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. 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

Training Days

The 2 teacher training days have now been decided. The children will finish on 19th December 2017 and the teacher training day will be on 20th December 2017. The second training day will be on 4th January 2018 and the children will return to school on 5th January 2018.

CLUBS

ALL CLUBS ARE CANCELLED THE WEEK COMMENCING 13TH NOVEMBER 2017 DUE TO PARENTS' EVENINGS TAKING PLACE, APART FROM NETBALL, YOGA, ARCHERY and GO-ACTIVE FOOTBALL.

FABB Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre

Thank you to those of you who have already returned your pots. We do have some spares so if you would like to fill another pot, please let us know. There is also still time for the children to enter into the colouring competition if they wish.

Over the next week or so, we will be sending out a book of raffle tickets to each family. It would be great if you could sell these before the fayre. Details of where to return the tickets and money will be included with the tickets.

Friday 24 November will be our collection day for donations for the Fayre. On that day, the children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers, Christmas colours or a favourite Christmas outfit instead of their uniform. We will be sending out details of the items we would like to receive in next week's newsletter. For every donation given the children will be entered into a prize draw.

Thank you. We really appreciate all your support.

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.

School Office Reception Area

We would like to thank everyone who has been sending any correspondence, permission slips or letters addressed to the teacher, directly to the class. We have noticed a difference this has made but still need to ensure that this continues. The folder from your child's class will be brought to the school office with the registers. Many thanks for your help with this.

Purchasing of items at school office

Thank you to everyone for using ParentPay to purchase items such as school uniform, lunches, etc. We do still sell a few items via the school office, but keep very little change. We would request that if you wish to make a purchase at the school office you have the correct change. 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.



Dates for Your Diary 2017:

November

Mon 13th
– **Wed 15th** Parents evenings YR – Y5
Tue 14th
– **Thu 16th** Parents evenings Year 6

Fri 17th 6FT Class Assembly, 2.30pm
Wed 22nd City of Lights parade

December

Fri 1st 4T Class Assembly, 9.00am
Fri 1st Christmas Fayre 5.00 – 7.00pm
Mon 4th KS2 cross country finals and Santa Hat Charity Fun Run.

Wed 6th Reserve day for the above
Thu 7th Music recital, 2.00pm in the school hall
Tue 12th Reception classes' nativity 2.00pm and 6.00pm

Wed 13th Whole School Christmas Lunch
Thu 14th KS2 Christmas Performance 6.00pm - Truro Methodist Church

Mon 18th KS1 Christingle Service 6.00pm in the school hall

Wed 20th Inset day

January 2018

Thurs 4th Inset day

Cornwall Music Education Hub



Mini-Singers

Free singing sessions with the
Cornwall County Choirs

Does your child love singing but is too young to join a choir?

Mini Singers is the Cornwall County Choir's new fun and free singing opportunity for girls and boys currently in years 1, 2, & 3.

We will be holding free sessions, once every half term, at Truro High School for Girls. Come along for a fun and rewarding time learning new songs, singing games, songs with movement and actions. No auditions, just bring a happy face! The first session will take place on **Sunday 12th November 2017, 3.00-3.45pm.**

First Session: Sunday 12th November 2017

Time: 3.00-3.45pm (Please arrive from 2.45pm onwards)

Truro High School for Girls

To book contact Lindsay Eddy- leddycccc@gmail.com

(Please be aware when booking that your child must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the session)

