



# Weekly Benson Bulletin

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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 98.2%.

Congratulations to 4 Tintagel this week who topped the attendance table with 100 % attendance. Well done!

### Message from Mrs Giblett

#### Odd Socks Day

A big thank you to staff, parents and pupils for the wonderful selection of odd socks that have been arriving in school all week. We have been celebrating National Anti-Bullying Week in school all week and the theme of "All Different, All Equal" Today we have really enjoyed Odd Socks Day, It has been lovely to see how the children have expressed through a wonderful array of socks and celebrated their individuality. We will display our odd sock bunting for a little longer as a reminder to the children that our commitment to anti-bullying stretches beyond National Anti-Bullying Week.



*Mrs Giblett*

#### Training Day – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January

A while back I mentioned to you that we had 2 training days remaining this year and that we wanted to hold them in reserve, so that we are able to plan the training we need at the best time in the year. Previously, we informed you of our decision to utilise Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December for staff training in the teaching of reading.

Recently, staff attended some fantastic training on developing efficient strategies to feedback to pupils and were really enthused and excited about putting it into practice. We recognised as a staff that before we can do this, we need to do some further training together.

As a result, we have set a date for our final training day and it will be on Thursday, January 4th – this will allow you to have a slightly longer Christmas holiday. We hope that by informing you now, you have ample time to arrange childcare.

### **Meal choices**

Could all parents of KS1 children please make sure you choose which meal your child would like on Parentpay. This is to ensure that the kitchen cooks the right amount of food for the day. Many thanks.

### **Park Run**

Your local Parkrun is celebrating its 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/>

### **Well loved Teddy!**

We have been handed a well-loved teddy into the school office, on Wednesday after school. We are taking good care of him but he would love to be reunited with his owner!

### **National Road Safety week**

Next week, 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> November is National Road Safety Week. There will be Art competitions held in the classes relating to this. The winners will be announced at a later date.

### **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

### **Absence from school**

We would like to remind parents that if your child is absent with a sickness bug or upset stomach, your child must be kept off school for a minimum of 48 hours. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **FABB Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre Friday 1st December 5pm-7pm**

Only 2 weeks to go! Next Friday (24th 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. For every donation given the children will be entered into a prize draw.

We are asking for donations of the following items:

Reception classes: Chocolate coins (to be used as prizes)

All other year groups: Large bars or boxes of chocolates (for the very popular choc tombola!)  
Bottles of mulled wine  
2L bottles of cider (to enable us to make mulled cider)  
Bottles of wine/beer/spirits (to be used as prizes)

Friday 24th November is when we would also like sold raffle tickets, together with the relevant money, filled pots and entries for the colouring competition, to have been returned. Thank you so much to those who have already brought these in. We do have some spare pots so if you would like to fill another one please let us know. We also have more raffle tickets so if you would like to sell some more please get in touch.

### **Father Christmas Grotto:**

This year Father Christmas will once again be visiting our Christmas fayre to meet with the children of Archbishop Benson School.

We are aware that in the past the queue has caused issues for some so we are going to be trying a different system this year to try to alleviate this.

Father Christmas will see children in groups of up to 4 children throughout the evening. Times will be pre-booked and will need to be paid for prior to the fayre. There will only be set number of places available so it would be really helpful if you could join with friends to see him.

You can email [friendsofarchbishopbenison@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofarchbishopbenison@gmail.com) for bookings. Please include the names, ages and classes of the children who will be in your group. Once we have received an email we will reserve a slot for you and email you with your time. If you are unable to email for any reason, please write down the information (marked for FAO FABB) and send it in using the class folder. Once a space has been reserved, we will hold it for up to 3 school days to enable payment to be made.

Payment of £3 per child needs to be sent in via the class folder in an envelope marked FAO Father Christmas and FABB (please include the children's name with the payment). Once payment has been received we will confirm your place and send tickets home via your child / children.

We really hope this will allow as many children as possible to see Father Christmas and we thank you for working with us to try and make this experience the best it can be.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fayre that we hope will be a very special event that the children will greatly enjoy. Thank you so much for all your support.

### **FABB**

### **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)

### **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.

### **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**

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>** City of Lights parade

#### **December**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** 4T Class Assembly, 9.00am  
**Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** Christmas Fayre 5.00 – 7.00pm  
**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** KS2 cross country finals and Santa Hat Charity Fun Run.  
**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** Reserve day for the above  
**Thu 7<sup>th</sup>** Music recital, 2.00pm in the school hall  
**Tue 12<sup>th</sup>** Reception classes' nativity 2.00pm and 6.00pm  
**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>** Whole School Christmas Lunch  
**Thu 14<sup>th</sup>** KS2 Christmas Performance 6.00pm - Truro Methodist Church  
**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>** KS1 Christingle Service 6.00pm in the school hall

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** Inset day

#### **January 2018**

**Thurs 4<sup>th</sup>** Inset day

**Wed 10<sup>th</sup>** FABB Meeting will be at 7.00pm in the year 5/6 area

