



Weekly Benson Bulletin 20th October 2017 No. 7

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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

Message from Mrs Giblett

Attendance News:

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 97.5%.

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

Happy to be in school!

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the first half-term of this year. It has been incredibly busy and productive in school and it is so lovely to see the children enjoying their new year groups and their topics.

We are delighted with a whole-school attendance rate of 97.39% in Autumn 1. I had my half-termly meeting with our new Education Welfare Officer, Rita Rowson, this week and she was genuinely impressed with our overall attendance rate for last year - 96.3%. This great attendance rate reinforces how 92% of our children told us, in their end-of-year pupil surveys, that they enjoy coming to school.

Whilst Rita recognised how hard the school and parents are working together to achieve our high attendance record, she also pointed out that the national average attendance rate has slowly but steadily risen over the past few years and is now almost 96.0%. This means that schools are expected to be vigilant and proactive in staying above the 96.0% threshold.

When Rita visits us again in November, she is going to be looking at the attendance profiles for all our pupils who ended last year with an attendance rate below 95% and then checking this against their attendance rates in this half-term. In the past we have issued attendance letters to parents and/or invited them to attendance clinics where children's attendance rates have been at 90% or below but this year, Rita may well be contacting parents where their child's attendance rate is between 90% – 95%. If you are unsure of your child's attendance rate in 2016 – 2017, you will find it on their end of year report.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, or punctuality, and are possibly worried that you might receive a letter, then please feel free to come and see me. We have a lot of experience of supporting pupils with attendance issues and we would be more than happy to help.

Training Day

A while back I mentioned to you that we have 2 training days remaining this year. 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.

We have set a date for our next training day and it will be on Wednesday, December 20 – this will allow you to have a slightly earlier start to the Christmas holidays. Staff will be having training on the teaching of reading and are looking forward to introducing new books and activities to the children in the Spring term.

Parents Evenings

You will be able to book appointments for Parents Evenings straight after half-term via eSchools.

We run the parental consultation appointments over 3 evenings with one of the three evenings being a "late" evening so that we can fit in all the appointments. The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and celebrating your child's achievements with you. With 30 pupils in the Infant classes and 32 pupils in the Junior classes, it is logistically very difficult for the teachers to fit in all parents in to those 3 days. Our established

procedure is to allocate one session, during those 3 days, to each family. Where parents are separated, they are able to offer 2 choices:

1. They may choose, as many of our parents' do, to attend their allocated appointment, which is booked online, together.
2. Where this is not possible, which is also the case with some of our parents, one of the parents usually books the online appointment on one of the 3 evenings and the other parent arranges an additional appointment by contacting the school office directly, usually the week after the consultation week.

Where parents choose option 2, they usually agree among themselves as to who has which appointment i.e. the online appointment or the additional appointment. They sometimes swap the arrangements around in the subsequent term so that it is fair to both parents.

Again, in order to be fair to both parents, no additional appointments, made with the school office, for a parental consultation may be booked in advance of the opening of the online appointments systems which is usually activated one week in advance of Parents Evening.

A reminder- your login will be the parent's name in small letters with a dot in the middle (eg andrew.brown) and your password will be 4 digits, which hopefully you have saved from last time.

New Reception parents will already have received this log-in from their class teachers.

If you have forgotten your password or need help, please contact the school office

Sweets and Treats In School

I had some parental feedback this week about the statement I made in last week's newsletter about sending cakes instead of sweets into school. Having had a helpful discussion with this parent, I wanted to clarify that statement a little.

For a variety of reasons, including religious reasons, reactions to additives and dental health, we discourage parents, and children, from sending sweets in to school. In suggesting that parents could send in cakes instead, I apologise if it seemed like I was suggesting that the school actively encourages cakes and buns being sent in as an alternative. We all know that our diets already contain plenty of sugar.

Therefore, I would appeal to parents to consider the nature of any birthday treats that they may send into school and to make it as healthy an option as possible.

Mrs Giblett

Boys' Football Matches Against Bosvigo School

On Monday 16th October 2017, our Year 5 and 6 boys' football A and B teams played against Bosvigo School.

Our A team were playing a league game and delivered an excellent performance to win 5-0. Our B team also played extremely well and scored some fantastic

goals in a convincing 5-1 victory. Well done to all of the boys!



Holy Commotion!

St. Paul's Church in the School

**"This is church,
but not as we know it!!"**



**Half hour family worship fortnightly –
especially for families
with small children!**

We meet in Archbishop Benson CEVA School Hall
alternate Wednesdays at 6.30pm – with activities
for the children and refreshments after.

See website: www.holycommotion.org.uk

Our next gathering is Wed 8th November.

Cornish Pirates Tag-Rugby Festival

On Wednesday 18th October 2017, fifteen of our Year 5s went to Richard Lander School to take part a Tag-Rugby festival organised by the Cornish Pirates Community Rugby programme. This is the culmination of the weekly coaching sessions that the whole of Year 5 have enjoyed with Pirates' community coach, Sam Teasdale, this term.

It was a fantastic afternoon's rugby. We played 6 games, winning 2, drawing one and losing two. The children improved with every game that they played.

Well done to all of the children and huge thanks to Mrs Glanville and Mr Thomas for taking the children to Richard Lander.



Cake And Coffee Pop Up Cafe Extravaganza

In aid of Cornwall Hospice Care

VENUE. St Johns Church Hall, Truro. [10.30-17.00](#)

Organisers. Carrie Preston -contact [07824193412](tel:07824193412) and Sarah Woodside

To say thank You for the love and care they showed towards our beautiful mum Debbie Woodside.

An abundance of home cakes, cakes donated by Marks and Spencer, Aldi and Tesco.

Two raffles, colouring, children's toys to play with, a relaxing place to pop in for a pick me up.

The Big Cornish Raffle... drawn at 16.00 - £1 a ticket or £3 a strip.

Prizes include Tickets for the Minack theatre, family ticket for Rogue theatre, Simply Warrens Cornish goody box, signed Poldark calendar, £20 Newlook voucher, £100 worth of Arborne products, Signed Rick Stein cook book, 2 course meal for 2 at the Pandorra Inn, st Michaels hotel treatment, Eden family ticket, The adrenaline quarry zip wire voucher, a unique one of a kind 'Animal' rucksack, Tapas for 2 at the lounge, Tapas for 2 at Vertigo, Meal for two and a bottle of prosecco at The William 1V, Cream tea at Gwel an Mor, Cream tea at Fowey Hall Hotel, Hair diagnostics with shampoo and conditioner from Mamouchi, £30 from Meraki, Costa goody box, Tickets for Merlin cinemas, 2 x 12 pasties from Cornish Premier Pastys and many more! 47 prizes so far!!!

Diary of a Fat English Girl raffle, 2 x winners. £2 a ticket. Prizes include,

Food diary - Made by Retro from Scratch, 6 jars of we love lattes coffee, Goodies from Crucial sauce, yoghurt pot official voucher, Nutribombz goodies, oh so chocolate and loads more!!

Thank you!!!

Mrs Carrie Preston

Dropping off Children

We would like to remind parents about dropping off their children in the morning. Please do not drop your child off before **8.30am**, as it is only then that there is someone to supervise them. Thank you.

FABB Christmas Colouring Competition

Our colouring competition this year is a Santa theme. Each child should have received a flier this week giving details of how to enter. If your child has not brought one home and they would like to take part, there are spare copies that can be picked up from the school office. All the entries will be displayed at the Christmas Fayre and there are prizes to be won!

Many thanks

Emma Potter

Tremorvah Charity Bonfire

The Annual Tremorvah Charity Bonfire will be held on Friday 3rd November at 5 – 7pm, adults £3.00, children £1.00 and under 5's free. The guy competition will be judged at 5.30pm and all entrants get in for free. There will be delicious refreshments available! We look forward to seeing you there!

4T Class Assembly

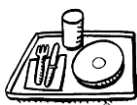
A couple of weeks ago, I explained to you how we had re-arranged the timing of the class assemblies to the afternoon this year to allow teachers and TAs to be able to make the maximum use of precious teaching and learning time in the mornings. We will have to make one exception this term. 4T's class assembly is scheduled for Friday, December 1st which is also the same day as our Christmas Fayre. If we were to hold the class assembly at 2.30pm, then FABB would not be able to begin setting up until 3.30pm which would make it quite tight for time,

so on this occasion 4T's class assembly will take place at 9.00am.

Many thanks for your understanding.

School Meals

A particular reminder to new parents of our Reception children to book your child's lunches on ParentPay. Where a booking hasn't been made your child will be served the meat option unless they are vegetarian.



Change to the School menu for Fireworks Night

Archbishop Benson Fireworks Night Lunch Menu Friday 3rd November 2017

Pumpkin Soup with Homemade Garlic Bread
Or
Sausage and Cranberry Catherine Wheel Pastries
Or
Cheesy Roast Vegetable Catherine Wheel Pastries
With
Sweet Potato Fries and Bonfire Baked Beans

Dessert:

Firework Surprise Chocolate and Marshmallow Brownie
Or
Autumn Berry Salad

Request for Newspapers!

If anyone has any spare newspapers they can send into school we would be very grateful.

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.

Blues Club Before/After School and 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 breakfasts 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. 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@firststepscornwall.co.uk

Bosvigo Wraparound

Bookings are now being taken for October Holiday Club; we are open daily from 7.45am and 6pm between 23rd October and 27th October.

The Wraparound team are busy planning for an exciting range of activities including; cooking, arts and crafts, park trips, workshops, beach trips, bowling, gardening, BBQs and much more. Friday 27th October will be our Halloween Party

The daily rate has been held at £23.50 with half days at just £15. You can catch a glimpse of some of the things we get up to on the Bosvigo School website, the Bosvigo Wraparound Facebook page or better still, pop in to see us in action after school one day.

For more information or to schedule a visit please contact Mrs Austin on 07591 945 238 or email on wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.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:

Mon 30th School nursing team vaccination Programme for R,1,2,3 and 4

November

Tue 7th FABB Meeting 7.00pm

**Mon 13th
– Wed 15th** Parents evenings YR – Y5

**Tue 14th
– Thu 16th** Parents evenings Year 6

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

December

**Fri 1st
Fri 1st** 4T Class Assembly, 9.00am
Christmas Fayre

Mon 4th KS2 cross country finals and Santa Hat Charity Fun Run.

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

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

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

Tuesday 31st October
from 5.45 pm

LIGHT PARTY

How bright can YOU dress up?
There will be a Fancy Dress Parade

Music Activities Fireworks **FREE**
Crafts Story Hot Dogs **ALL VERY WELCOME**

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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@truroschoo.com
or call 01872 246050.

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**OCTOBER HALF TERM
FUN FOR CHILDREN
AGED 6 - 14 YEARS**
Monday to Friday 0830 - 1730
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£25 per day

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