



# 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 18.05.2018						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1	1	0	1	0	6	0

### Attendance News:

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 97.7%

Congratulations to Classes 5MS, 6FT and 6T this week who topped the attendance table with 100% attendance. Well done!

### Message from Mrs Giblett

#### What a week!!

It has been an incredible week in school this week. There has been so much to juggle but staff and pupils have taken it all in their stride and we are all finishing the week with great smiles of satisfaction on our faces.

#### Y6 SATs Week

After all the hard work and preparation, the Y6 SATs week has come and gone! We have been so impressed by how calm and focused our Y6 pupils have been. It has been a pleasure to greet them in the mornings as they have come in for SATs breakfast

I know that Y6 parents will want to join with me in thanking staff for working so hard both this week, and in the lead up to the SATs, to ensure that every individual children was ready to do the best that they possibly could.

We have been very touched by the lovely feedback, like the comments below that we have received from parents – it truly means a lot to us.

*"I'd just like to say thank you. The way that the SATS have been dealt with has been amazing, the letter home telling the kids to believe in themselves was great and exactly what we have been saying to my son for the whole of Year 6.*

*Mr Thomas and his assistants have made it so easy for us as parents as our son has been at ease totally all the way through his SATS, brimming with confidence knowing that his teachers are 100% behind him, they have been absolutely outstanding this year and we couldn't have asked for better.*

*Thank you very much, whatever the outcome of his SATS, you guys have prepared him better than we could have ever imagined"*

Equally, staff and governors would like to thank our Y6 parents for being so supportive in helping us to get the children to this stage. Now the time has come for some post-SATs fun. This has been kicked off with a post-SATS party on Thursday and a well-deserved ice-cream treat.

There will be much more to enjoy in the weeks ahead.

### **Y4 residential trip**

Our Y4 children were truly blessed with the weather this week. They have been able to enjoy their residential trip to Porthpean Outdoor education Centre to the max. We were delighted and impressed by the enthusiasm, resilience and comradery of the children (and staff!)

I want to say a big thank to all the staff (of which there were many) who gladly volunteered their time to take part in this trip.

Special mention goes to Mr Williams, one of our site team, who drove to and from Porthpean every day ferrying people and goods.

Check out our Twitter feed on the home page of our website. We have a wonderful array of photos to share with you

### **Truro (& Britain!) in Bloom**

This week we had a visitor from Truro in Bloom in school to check out what our plans were, what we had in place already and what was still to come. He was so impressed by what we are currently doing as well as what we have planned for the future that he has convinced us that we should put ourselves forward for Britain in Bloom. We are delighted and trepidatious in equal measures.

I know a little later on in the newsletter Miss Williams will be outlining how we hope that parents (and other family members) will want to get involved in this exciting new turn of events.

### **Royal Wedding**

We have had a fabulous day celebrating our own Archbishop Benson Royal Wedding.

Archbishop Chris Epps conducted a beautiful ceremony this morning to marry the happy couple. This was followed by a regal parade, a balcony appearance and a sumptuous lunch, including wedding cake.

A big thank you to all the parents for helping our guests look so fantastic today.

A special thanks to our happy couple Rudi and Millie for taking their role so seriously.

Please look at our twitter feed or the school facebook page for further images from today.



Again and again this week, staff have gone the extra mile to make sure that things happened. I want to thank them all for the many, many seen and unseen acts of kindness and support that they have carried out this week. They have truly excelled themselves this week and allowed us to celebrate Archbishop Benson School at its best.

### **Pupil safety in the mornings**

We are grateful to our Infant parents for being so supportive (and friendly) in the mornings. We would just like to draw your attention to a couple of issues that are impacting on pupil safety.

All Infant children who gather at the Infant gate before staff arrive to open the gate at 8.30am must be supervised by parents. A few Infant parents made us aware that some unsupervised Infant children are playing Tag in this area before 8.30am and that other children were being jostled. This area is quite a confined space and we would be grateful if parents could keep their children with them until they are handed over to staff.

We understand that some parents of older Infant children may choose to let their Infant children walk from the main entrance gate down to the Infant gate on their own. If this is the case, then we would just ask these parents to make sure that they do this after 8.30am. In that way, they can be sure that their child will be greeted by a member of staff and can walk straight through into the playground.

Sometimes in the morning, there may be a child who is a little upset and they can sometimes be a little reluctant to leave their parent or may even wish to return to their parent having been handed over. This is always a worry for us. So if you ever find yourself in this situation, then please feel free to hand your child over to one of the members of staff on duty, let us know what the upset might be and we will ensure that your child is handed over safely to someone in the Infant playground.

It may be that parents may have to wait a minute or two to have their child brought around as we need to ensure that one member of staff always remains at the gate to monitor that no child wanders back to the gate.

Thank you for your continued support.



### Cornwall School Games Qualifier - QUAD KIDS

Well done to the children that entered the Quad Kids event at Carn Brea on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Eight children from Y3 and 4 competed. Every child had to enter four events: long jump, throw, sprint and long distance. They really enjoyed these activities and I am very proud of their effort and team work skills.

The children dominated many of the events, particularly the track disciplines, they were extremely focused and behaved modestly, a real credit to ABB. We find out next week whether we qualify for the Cornwall School Games on 29<sup>th</sup> July.

Thank you to all the parent support, particularly Mr and Mrs Robilliard who travelled down with us in the minibus.

**Miss Palmer**



### Inter-house netball competition

Year 6 house netball matches took place yesterday afternoon in glorious weather. The first round matches saw Beckett take on Islip who ended up winning 7-2 and Tennison taking on Grindal. Despite Grindal's great defending, Tennison eventually won the match 12-0.

Beckett then won against Grindal with the final game being played between Islip and Tennison. This was a very close game but ended with a win for Tennison 3-1.

Final placings:

1st Tennison	40 house points
2nd Islip	30 house points
3rd Beckett	20 house points
4th Grindal	10 house points

Congratulations to Tennison and all the teams who took part. Some great teamwork and skills on display.

Thanks to Matt and Mark Thomas for helping, Mrs Osborne for providing the much needed ice lollies and all the parents who came to support.

**Mrs Olds and Mrs Hurst**



We are looking for any lovely parent volunteers to help us with some clearing and planting in school. We are currently working towards gaining an award from Truro in Bloom.

If you could spare a couple hours in a week please speak to Miss N Williams (Year 1).

### **Kitchen News**

We hope you all enjoyed the wedding lunch today!



### SPLAT Day!

#### At Penair School for Y5 students

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Parents please drop pupils to Penair at 8.15am with a snack and a drink. Lunch will be provided.

Transport back to school will be provided by Penair School at 1pm.

#### Design a Logo for ABB Arts Council

Design a logo for our brand new school 'Arts Council'. This will be used on our Arts-zine.

Please submit entries to Mrs Lyndon (1L)

The deadline for this is 30<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Wild Wednesday at Archbishop Benson



On **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** the children will be invited to come to school dressed as their favourite wild animal. The cost of this will be £1 all donations will be given to WWF which is one of our three charities we are supporting this year.



#### FABB School Summer Fair

This year's summer fair is Saturday 16th June, 11am to 1pm. There will be lots of exciting stalls with games, BBQ and refreshments.

Please look out for raffle tickets being sent home w/c 21st May. We have some wonderful prizes which include afternoon tea at Alverton Manor and Fowey Hall Hotel, Treasure Trail, tickets to Newquay Zoo, Tennis lesson, wildlife activity for 2 at Feadon Farm and much more.

Please return sold tickets and monies to the school office by the 8th June. We would also appreciate any unsold tickets to be returned the same way as these can then be resold on the day. Thank you.

### FABB non uniform day

Friday 8th June is non-school uniform day! Please bring in donations for the summer fair in lieu of wearing no school uniform. FABB will be on hand to receive your donations that morning under the covered area outside the year 2 classrooms. We require individual wrapped packets of sweets and chocolate bars and alcohol for the bucket of booze.

### Art Competition



Open to Y3 – Y6 pupils. All entrants can use their imagination to decide on the most useful thing they could invent for the Year 2050. These could be all sorts of ideas from the environmentally brilliant to the downright wacky and wonderful!

Fantastic prizes on offer and those who take part will be invited to join Truro High School for Girls for a morning of art activities on Saturday 30 June including photography and textiles. Parents and Teachers will also be invited to join us for a big exhibition to celebrate the fantastic designs received.

Entry Forms available from the School Office.

Closing date for entries: 15 June 2018

Entries to be posted to:

"Design the Future"  
Truro High School  
Falmouth Road  
Truro  
TR1 2HU

#### Redruth International Mining & Pasty Festival





Design a programme front cover and poster for this year's programme for the Redruth International Mining & Pasty Festival 2018. Entry forms can be collected from the office.

### **Class Assemblies**

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

<b>Dates for class assemblies</b>	
<b>Time for class assemblies - 2.30pm</b>	
<b>Class RR and RP graduation service</b>	<b>Friday, July 13th</b>
<b>Class 2C</b>	<b>Friday, May 25th</b>
<b>Class 3W</b>	<b>Friday, July 6th</b>
<b>Class 5MS</b>	<b>Friday, June 29th</b>
<b>Class 6T</b>	<b>Friday, June 22nd</b>

### **Extra-Curricular Clubs**

If you have any enquiries with the online booking system please contact Mr. Banks via email at:

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

### **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.

### **Baking Workshop: Cruffins!**

Is it a muffin or a croissant? Come and make your own batch of Cruffins!

Tuesday 22nd May at 12:45-2:45 at St Paul's Children Centre

Please bring a container to take your goodies home. £5 only including all materials and ingredients. Refreshments provided.

For more info email [nouchak@yahoo.com](mailto:nouchak@yahoo.com) or <http://www.facebook.com/inspiringwomennetwork/>

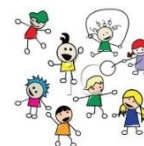
### **Blues Club**

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.

### **Bosvigo Wraparound**

Summer Half Term Holiday Club

We are pleased to announce that we are opening as usual during May Half Term from Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June. We are open from 7.45am until 6pm for just £23.50 a day. Please remember that children will need a packed lunch, sun cream, waterproof coat and wellies may be advisable.

Please contact Mrs Austin on:

[wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk)

if you require further information or visit the Bosvigo School Website. For families who have booked before, you can log in and book on the school gateway.

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Frid
shut	Redannick Park visit	Summer Bake Off	Clay modelling	Redannick Park
Bank Hol	DVD and Ice-cream factory		Truro Rock painting	Arts and crafts

## TRURO LAWN TENNIS CLUB

# FAMILY TENNIS SESSIONS

**4 WEEK COURSE FREE TO ALL**

**STARTING SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MAY**

Truro Lawn Tennis Club 9:00am -10:30am

VOLLEY

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY  
TO GET ALL THE FAMILY  
ON COURT HAVING FUN TOGETHER

LOB

**EQUIPMENT PROVIDED IF NEEDED**

FOR MORE INFORMATION MESSAGE  
RYAN FERN ON 07814533087

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### **Dates for Your Diary 2018**

#### **May**

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

#### **June**

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

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

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** Sports Day

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>** Reserve Sports Day

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

**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

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup>** Whole school production, 6.30pm

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>** Whole school production, 6.30pm

### **Term Dates for 2018**

#### **May**

**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

