

# Weekly Benson Bulletin

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### PUPIL WELFARE GROUP

We pride ourselves on being approachable and are happy to discuss any concern with parents, no matter how big or small.		
<b>Hrs Giblett</b>	Designated Safeguarding Lead	
<b>Mr Crocker</b>	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
<b>Mrs Truen</b>	Family Support Coordinator	
<b>Mrs J Williams</b>	Special Educational Needs	
<b>Mrs B Morris</b>	Coordinators	

### 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>

### Attendance

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96%.

Congratulations this week to 3SP who were top of the attendance table with 100%. *Well done!*

### Safeguarding

We have been a little surprised and concerned this week to see that a few of our Infant parents are leaving their children at the Infant Gate in the morning unsupervised before staff come on duty at 8.30. All Infant children should be supervised by an adult until they are handed over at the right time to the staff who are on duty. It may be that the parents in question feel that their children are ok to be left along with the other parents and children who may be waiting at the gate before 8.30. Unless a parent has directly handed their child over to the care of another parent, they must never assume that their child will be supervised in their absence.

We will be speaking directly to the parents of any Infant children who we do find unaccompanied in the morning.

### Reasons to Celebrate!

At Archbishop Benson, we have a proud sporting heritage stretching back for many years. Since 2012, we have taken part, with great success, in the Cornwall School Games, which have been a legacy event from the London Olympic Games.

The Cornwall School Games involve over 3000 Students participating in 40 different sports across 11 venues.

### Class Swaps

We had a lot of excited children in school on Wednesday looking forward to visiting their new classes for September and meeting with their new teachers. The purpose of the class swaps is to familiarise the children, and their parents, with their new learning environment so that they can, if they want to, talk about it over the Summer holidays and feel better prepared for returning to school in September. There will be an additional 'Meet the Teacher' session in September when parents can meet the new class teachers and find out more about class routines and arrangements for the new academic year.

### EoY Pupil Reports

Just to let parents know that your child's EoY reports will be coming out next week. We plan for all reports to go out on Wednesday, but we like to pre-warn parents that if the photocopier acts up under the pressure of so much photocopying, then it could be that some reports might end up being sent out on the Thursday. We will do everything we can to send out all the reports at the same time and we will text parents if there is any issue.

## Summer Fun

We know that you and your children will have lots of exciting plans for the Summer, but we thought you would like to know about the Truro in Bloom competitions for children. Lots of our children take part every year and enjoy considerable success. (see details below)

## Preparing for 2017 - 2018

Additional staffing news:

- Mrs James, one of our Year 6 teacher, will be finishing at the end of the year. Mrs James has been at Archbishop Benson School for 2 years and in that relatively short period of time she has made a big contribution to the school. We will miss her greatly, but wish her the very best as she plans to spend more quality time with her children.
- While we are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs James, we are pleased to be able to introduce you to Mrs Kyte who will be joining us in September as as one of our Y3 teachers. Mrs Kyte has written:

*"I was born in Truro and went to school locally. I began teaching in Newquay over 10 years' ago before moving to Bristol where, until last year, I taught in a number of inner city schools. I have two children of my own at home - a son just about to start year 3 and a daughter who is not quite 3 years old. I love teaching and am incredibly excited to have the opportunity to teach at Archbishop Benson! I'm really looking forward to joining the school community and becoming part of such a fantastic team."*

- Mrs Enston and Mrs Whitford have both returned from maternity leave in the Summer term and they will be providing our PPA cover for next year. All class teachers, as year group partners, are given half a day a week release from the classroom. This session is called PPA time (Planning, Preparation and Assessment). Mrs Enston and Mrs Whitford are highly experienced members of staff and will be providing excellent PPA cover for your children.
- We are pleased to inform you that we have appointed a new site operative. Michael Williams will be joining us from July 19<sup>th</sup> and we are looking forward to him joining our team. We would like to re-iterate our thanks to Mrs Hawke who was our site supervisor for almost 23 years. We would like to thank her for her many years of service and to wish her well with her plans to spend more time with her young grandchildren.
- We will be welcoming some new teaching assistants shortly. We are currently interviewing and are very impressed with the strength of the candidates. These new members of staff will bring exciting new skills and talents with them.

In advance of the Summer holidays, we just wanted to point out to parents that we have had some children in school talking about "special" haircuts that they are going to have done during the Summer holidays. We would like to remind parents that children are expected to have a conventional haircut as part of their school uniform. Please feel free to speak to the office if you have any queries.

Mrs H Giblett

## CLUBS

The following clubs have now finished for this term:

CRICKET  
TOUCH RUGBY  
NETBALL  
CAPEOIRA  
MULTI SKILLS  
BOOK CLUB  
KS1 ATHLETICS

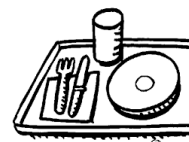
It is the FINAL week next week for the following clubs:-

Scooter Club (Year 6 only)



## YEAR 6 PRODUCTION

Year 6 will be performing on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. A letter will be sent home via your child on Monday with details of how to purchase tickets.



## SCHOOLS MEALS

A reminder for parents of KS2 children who book and pay for meals online, to please ensure that any arrears are paid for by the end of term. Thank you.



## "Truro in Bloom" Garden in a Seed Tray and Painting Competitions

- Theme: My Wildlife Garden
- Age groups: 5-7 and 8-11
- Make sure entries are clearly labelled with name, age and school
- Seed trays available from the school office or use your own 38x24x5 cms.
- Painting Competition rules and information also available from school office.
- Completed paintings/seed trays to be returned to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July.



### **Music Lessons**

KS2 children have the opportunity to learn an instrument. Lessons are provided by peripatetic music teachers who come in once a week and provide lessons during normal school time in the following:- violin, brass, woodwind and guitar (some instruments can be hired). Lessons cost approx £5 - £5.50 per lessons and are taught in small groups. There are subsidies available and individual lessons can sometimes be taught for a higher cost.

All of the peripatetic teachers are specialist music teachers and have performed live demonstrations in school for the children over the past few weeks so they have a chance to see and hear some of the instruments.

Forms are available from the school office for any children who would like to start in September.

### **Lessons this term:**

Please note, the following lessons have now finished for the term: brass, violin, guitar (Wednesday classes).

### **School Uniform**



One of our parents, Mrs Olds, has very kindly offered to be available on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July and 21<sup>st</sup> July after school for any parents who wish to look at school uniform and let their children try it on for size. She will be in the Year 5/6 work area from 3.15pm to 4pm.

Please note, she will NOT be selling any uniform and it should be purchased via our school website. School caps, water bottles, ties and bookbags are available to purchase at the school office.

### **School ties**

A school tie will be issued to the children moving up to Year 3 in September. They will be free of charge and given out when the children return to school next term.

### **Lost Property**



We have an enormous amount of lost property – jumpers, shoes, coats, PE kits. Please check the lost property boxes either before or after school. Most items which are left at the end of term will have to be disposed of. A reminder to please name all personal items.

### **Football House Matches**



On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, we held this year's football house matches. It was an excellent afternoon of sport with some fantastic, closely contested games. In the end, Islip were just too strong and won all of their games to win this year's football house cup with a maximum nine points. Tenison were second with four points, Beckett third with 2 points and Grindal fourth with 1. Well done to all of the players.

### **Cornwall Primary Schools Athletics Championships 2017**







A huge well done to the 18 children that represented our school at the County Athletics finals on Wednesday 5th July. This very exciting event was held at Par's, newly refitted, athletics track. It was an excellent experience for our athletes to compete on the new track, along with 40 other primary schools in Cornwall. The children all did extremely well and I am very proud that all their hard work and training has paid off. A particular mention goes to Tom R and Maisy P who broke, long standing, county schools championship records in their events.

Medallist included:

1st	Lara H	Y3	600m
1st	Maisy P	Y4	600m
2nd	Evie G	Y6	800m
1st	Tom R	Y3	50m
2nd	Jack B	Y4	60m
1st	Harry R	Y5	150m
1st	Myles R	Y3	600m
2nd F	Freddie	Y6	1500m

Our year 3/4 boys shuttle relay team also won gold: Tom R, Myles R, Charlie M, Jack J, Jack B and Alfie T.

## Cornwall School Games Finals



On Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, our tennis and golf teams went to the finals of the Cornwall School Games after qualifying from area competitions.

Our tri-golf team were in Launceston and competed against seven other teams from around the county. After the opening ceremony, the whole team played some fantastic golf and racked up huge amounts of points in the various activities and games. At the end of the day, at the closing ceremony, the winner was announced...Archbishop Benson! We were County Champions! Well done to all of the players and thank you to Mr Thomas and Mrs Glanville for taking them.

Both our Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 tennis teams were at the Indoor Tennis centre in Bodmin. It was an excellent day's tennis in both competitions.

Our Year 5&6 team faced some very strong teams and the standard was very high. They played some excellent, close matches which were a pleasure to watch. They ended up coming 7<sup>th</sup> in the county. Well done! Our Year 3&4 team played very well and got stronger and stronger as the day went on. We won two and narrowly lost one of our group games to qualify for the semi-finals, where we faced Mount Hawke. We played well but they were just too strong. This meant that we were in a third place play-off for the bronze medal. It was a fantastic game and all of our players saved their best tennis for when it mattered. In the end, we won the nail biting encounter by one point and were presented with our bronze medals. Well done to our Year 3&4s- third in the whole County!

### Young Savers Club

Children **leaving the school** at the end of term (Yr 6) should collect their passbook from the club *before* leaving. They can continue to save via any Kernow Credit Union ServicePoint (nearest is at City Hall Truro) or parents can set up a standing order to put money into their account on a regular basis.

If children **wish to withdraw money before the end of term**, please get them to pick up a withdrawal form for you to complete and sign. They can then withdraw money the following week.

If children wish to be to **draw money out over the summer holidays**, they can collect their passbook from the club, otherwise, the books will remain at school.

The final opening of the Young Savers Club this term will be **8.30am - 9am on Wednesday 19th July**. Many thanks for supporting the club.

*Jenny Kwee for KCU*

### 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). Final session next week.

### Dates for Your Diary 2017:

#### July

<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 Production, 7pm
<b>Thu 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 Production, 7pm
<b>Tue 25<sup>th</sup></b>	FABB Leaver's Reception & Summer Disco
	KS1 45mins 5:30pm – 6.15pm
	KS2 1 hr 6.30pm – 7.30pm

<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Leavers' service, 1.30pm
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#### September

<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Inset Day
<b>Tue 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Inset Day

**Further inset days for 2017/18 to be arranged.**

### Car Boot Sale

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 10am-12.30pm in our school grounds in aid of 8<sup>th</sup> Guides Unit.

If you wish to secure a space for £10, please contact Nicki: [nicola@hockingfamily.me.uk](mailto:nicola@hockingfamily.me.uk) or tel: 07929 093835



### Bosvigo School

Bookings are now being taken for Summer Holiday Club based at the Children's Centre at Bosvigo School; open daily from 7.45am and 6pm, 27<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> September.

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

### Sport Summer Camp – Truro School

Netball, Triathlon, Hockey, Multi Sports during various dates in August.

Visit: [www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com](http://www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com) for further details.

### Rugby Camp

At Truro Rugby Club on 21<sup>st</sup> August. Details at: [www.cornish-pirates.com](http://www.cornish-pirates.com)



**NEWQUAY WILDCATS GIRLS FC**  
TUESDAYS FROM 5PM-6PM  
TRETHERRAS SCHOOL, NEWQUAY, TR7 3BH  
SCHOOL YEARS 1-6  
Contact: [grace.dent@cornwallfa.com](mailto:grace.dent@cornwallfa.com)



**MOUNTS BAY WILDCATS GIRLS FC**  
SATURDAYS FROM 10AM-11AM  
MOUNTS BAY ACADEMY, PENZANCE, TR18 3JT  
SCHOOL YEARS 1-6  
Contact: [klawrence@mountsbay.org](mailto:klawrence@mountsbay.org)



**LAUNCESTON WILDCATS GIRLS FC**  
MONDAYS FROM 5PM-6PM  
LAUNCESTON COLLEGE, PL15 9JR  
SCHOOL YEARS 1-6  
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