



# 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 20.4.2018						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1	1	0	0	0	6	0

### Attendance News:

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 95%

Congratulations to Class 5K this week who topped the attendance table with 99.4% attendance. Well done!

### Message from Mrs Giblett

#### A chance to say Thank You

When we arrived back in school after Easter, there were a few nice surprises waiting for us.

- Our Sensory Room had been given a make-over and was looking beautiful. Tina and Rachel did a lovely job of painting the Sensory Room and Mike and Treve refurbished and carried out all of the essential maintenance work. A big thank you to them all.
- We received a lovely letter from Children's Hospice South West thanking our Y6 children for the Easter eggs they had collected and donated to this wonderful charity. The children collected around 50 eggs and this was part of our 40 day Lenten Challenge. Thank you to all those children that donated an Easter Egg for such a good cause.

What a lovely way to start a new term.

#### Getting ready for Share A Pencil Day

Did you know that 124 million children in the world are missing out on an education, and many more have to share even the most basic tools for learning, like pencils?

- Around the world 59 million children of primary school age are being denied an education, and almost 65 million adolescents are without access to a secondary school.
- More than 31 million girls of primary school age are out of school. Of these 17 million are expected never to enter school

The children at Archbishop Benson School feel that this is neither right nor fair and they want to do something about it. Therefore we want to support the upcoming **Share A Pencil Day** on Wednesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2018.

The event gives pupils in schools across the UK the opportunity to learn about the issues faced by many children around the world trying to access an education while living in zones affected by conflict, natural disasters or extreme poverty, and who lack the basic tools and teachers they need to learn.

The **Share A Pencil Day** is in support of the HOPE charitable organisation whose aims are simple, *'To help every child get the education they deserve, one pencil and one mission at a time'*

HOPE manufactures special Hope pencils that are made from recycled CD cases and contain no wood yet they sharpen even better than traditional pencils and better still, the lead is less likely to break when sharpened.

Our aim is to encourage our children to raise £1 to buy a special pencil (with the inspiring inscription – *With an education, I can go anywhere*).

We wanted to involve families in this event (and give some advance notice) as we would love if the children could earn this money in the next couple of weeks by doing some acts of kindness for family or neighbours. It would be great if you could share with us any examples (e.g. a photo) of these acts of kindness so that we can inspire each other over the next few weeks.

Proceeds from the special Share a Pencil Day pencils will go towards Hope's Bright Futures mission in partnership with Plan International UK, supporting the charity's education projects worldwide.

Projects to be supported could include transforming the lives of girls in Kamuli, Uganda; helping children in Pakistan get an education, and the training of 275 female teachers in Sierra Leone.

**ONE machine, ONE million pencils, ONE mission: to educate EVERY child.**

#### **Reminder about Summer uniform**

The lovely spell of weather this week has tempted many of our children to discard some of their winter layers. It is always lovely to see our children getting into their Summer uniform.

I would like to take this opportunity just to remind parents and pupils about Summer uniform:

#### **Girls Summer Uniform**

Girls may continue to wear their school skirts in the Summer term, but may wish to opt for a short-sleeved white shirt. However, they may wish to wear their Summer uniform instead, red striped dress, grey cardigan/jumper with logo, white socks, black shoes (no heels, trainers or open-toed footwear)

We have already reminded the girls that we do not expect them to mix and match the uniform, eg wear the summer dress with tights.

#### **Boys Summer Uniform**

Grey shorts (hopefully!) or grey trousers.  
From Reception to Year 2 – red polo shirt with school logo  
From Year 3 – Year 6 – white shirts (may be short-sleeved)  
Grey or black socks, black shoes (no trainers or open-toed footwear)

We have seen quite a number of tie-less children this week and I think there may be a little bit of confusion around when children can discard the school tie in the Summer term. Our Uniform Policy states - Where KS2 girls or boys are wearing a white shirt, they must continue to wear a tie until May half term.

If the weather becomes unseasonably warm, then we may make the decision to go tie-less earlier but if this should occur, then we will text parents and let them know.

As ever, thank you for your support in maintaining our high standards of uniform. We continue to receive compliments wherever we go about how smart our children look.

#### **Update on our new clubs booking system**

Our new online booking system for clubs is up & running. Thank you to all those parents (over 50% of families) who have activated their accounts and have already booked up clubs for this term. Parents will have been informed if their child has been allocated a place in the various clubs.

This new system requires us to set a deadline for parents to book up clubs, so that we can then generate the club lists. We tried to give parents as long a lead time as possible which included the week before Easter, the two and half weeks of Easter and the first three days back after Easter. The deadline was this Wednesday.

If you have not managed, so far, to get online and book up clubs for your child, we will give parents another opportunity to book up for any remaining spaces in clubs before we break up at half-term.

If there has been an extenuating or exceptional reason why you have not been able to book your child on to a club, then please contact Mr Thomas and he will do his best to assist you, if possible.

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

We will also open up The Hub in the next couple of weeks and Mr Thomas and Mr Banks will make themselves available to assist any parents who may be finding it difficult to get logged on.

If there are any parents who do not have digital access at home, then please let us know and we will do our best to assist you in another way.

#### **Internet Safety Advice**

Mrs Sowden, our Computing & E-Safety Lead is very proactive and vigilant in supporting our children to keep themselves safe online. She would like to share an e-safety message with you.

Recently, an online game called Fortnite has become extremely popular amongst a growing number of children. Users play against people of different ages from across the world, and can talk and interact with each other as they play through the in-game chat feature. However, this feature can leave children vulnerable to other users. If your child is using this game, can you have an open and honest conversation about how to stay safe online.

This website below contains useful information about how to keep your children safe online.

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers)

We also have some useful guidance on our own school website. Click on School Info, then click on Pupil Welfare, and then click on Online Safety. You can read or download some Internet Matters age-related guidance on e-safety.

Mrs K Sowden

The Kitchen staff have requested that all dinner money is paid at the time of booking your child's meal. It causes a lot of extra admin work for staff to have to chase payment for outstanding debts.

### Class Assemblies

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

Dates for class assemblies	
Time for class assemblies - 2.30pm	
Class RR and RP graduation service	Friday, July 13th
Class 1L	Friday May 11th
Class 2C	Friday, May 25th
Class 3K	Friday, April 27th
Class 3W	Friday, July 6th
Class 5MS	Friday, June 29th
Class 5K	Friday, May 4th
Class 6T	Friday, June 22nd

### Tri-Golf Competition

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, our Tri-Golf team took part in the Peninsula qualifier for the Cornwall School Games at Truro Golf Club.

The children did brilliantly and came 2nd overall. They now qualify for the Cornwall School Games on June 29th at Penryn College.

Well done to all of our golfers and thank you to Mr Thomas and Mrs Glanville for taking the children.



### Boys Football

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, our boys football team travelled to Biscovey Academy in St Austell to play the quarter final of the Rosewarne Shield County Cup Competition. We won 2-1 in a fantastic match.

The boys played some excellent football and it was a great overall team performance. We are now in the semi-finals.

Well done to the boys!



### Girls Football

Last night, our girls football team went to Mount Hawke Academy to play a County Shield football match. The girls did really well but, in the end, lost 2-1.

Well done to all of the girls and thank you to Mr Sims and Mrs Glanville for taking them to Mount Hawke.



### CSG (Cornwall School Games) finals

Yr 3 and Yr 4 have today taken part in the County Sports Hall Athletics Finals at Truro School. The children have been practising hard ready to compete in relay races, throwing and jumping events. All their hard work has paid off. The top three winners out of eight schools were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Archbishop Benson School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Charlestown School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Threemilesone School

Thank you to the parents and carers who helped and came to support.

We now look forward to a busy Athletics season.

Jo Williams





### **Cornwall School Games Biathlon**

Huge congratulations to Maisy Polkinghorne who won gold in the Year 5 Biathlon at the Cornwall School Games this morning!

She is now County Champion!

What an absolutely fantastic achievement!



### **Homework Club Years 3 to 6**

For the Summer term, Homework Club will be run on a drop in basis during Tuesday lunchtimes in the ICT suite. Key Stage 2 children are welcome to come along at 12:10pm if they need help with their homework that week. They can come just once or every week. It will begin on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

Mark Thomas

### **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)

### **New 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.

### **Wanted**

Kitchen Worktops, any length, required for school outdoor activities. If you have any you no longer need, please contact Mike Williams, Site Maintenance, via the school office.

## **FABB**

Just a reminder that the next FABB meeting will be held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm in the Yr 5 and 6 work area. Everyone welcome.

## **Parent Request**

I am a parent of a child in the school recently diagnosed with the childhood absence type of epilepsy. I understand that there are other children in the school also dealing with epilepsy. I wondered if any parent of these children would like to contact me so that the children can possibly get to know one another and have someone in a similar situation and of a similar age to talk and the parents may also find this useful and supportive. I know my daughter feels isolated as she doesn't know of any other child with the condition and there are no local support groups for children which I am aware.

If you feel you might be interested please call or text on 07881583266 (Sarah)

## **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.



## **Dates for Your Diary 2018**

### **April**

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup>** Class 3K assembly to parents

### **May**

**Fri 4<sup>th</sup>** Class 5K assembly to parents  
**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** Class 1L assembly to parents  
**Fri 25<sup>th</sup>** Class 2C assembly to parents

### **June**

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** Non-Uniform day  
**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** Class 6T assembly to parents  
**Sat 16<sup>th</sup>** Summer Fair  
**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

## **Term Dates for 2018**

### **May**

**Mon 7<sup>th</sup>** Spring Bank Holiday – school closed  
**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



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