



Weekly Benson Bulletin

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Message from Mrs Giblett

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

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 97.2%.

Congratulations this week to 1Kynance who were top of the attendance table with 97.9% attendance. Well done!

Children in Need

Our wonderful pupils raised a grand total of £406.81 for Children in Need this year. We had some fantastic spotty outfits, faces and hair. Well done to all of them!

Going crackers!

Thank you to all those who have returned their Christmas crackers. So far we have had 180 lovely festive ones returned. Our Christmas lunch is on 7th December 2016 so we are hoping that families who have not yet returned a cracker, will find time over this weekend to make one. Thank you for getting into the festive mood and creating such beautiful crackers.

The Big January Games Collection

Just reminding you about **The Big January Games Collection**.

We know that lots of your children will be getting new toys & games for Christmas. Might you be able to do a bit of a clear-out in the New Year and donate some of the games that they no longer play with to the school. We would really welcome items that promote and encourage pairs or groups to play together e.g. board games, jigsaws, top trump cards, playing cards, colouring books. Perhaps you can talk to friends and neighbours and invite them to do the same. FABB members and staff will be on hand, soon after we return, to collect your donations and make sure that they go to a good home in wet play boxes for every classroom. Thank you.

Please can I draw your attention to a parental concern shared with me this week. A parent was greatly saddened that before school, her child had to walk on the muddy grass as opposed to the path because the pathway was blocked by Infant parents, some with buggies, watching and waving at their children in the playground. She felt that parents did not seem to show any awareness of other children and parents using the path to come into school. She asked if I could say to parents who gather on the pathway, if they could limit their time there to giving their children a quick wave and then leaving. Not only would this ease congestion and allow other parents with children and with buggies to be able to use the path easily, but would also free up car park spaces.

Looking for a cleaner

We are looking to recruit a new cleaner. We would be really grateful if you could mention this to others if you think there is a chance that someone might be interested in this role. We are a big school with lots of classrooms and spaces and another cleaner would make a real difference to ensuring that the school remains clean, tidy and attractive for the children & visitors.

The hours are 12.5 per week to start at 3.30pm and finish at 6.00pm. For an informal chat please see Marilyn Hawke or Treve Sims. If you are interest and would like a job description and application form please see Debbie Bullen via the office from Monday after school.

Mrs H Giblett

KS2 Cross Country – Thursday 8 December 1.15pm

KS2 cross country has been rearranged for Thursday 8 December at 1.15pm. Hopefully this time the weather will be kind to us! Parents of children taking part are welcome to come and watch. FABB will be serving tea and coffee, 50p per cup.

Recorder Lessons Next Term

Invoices will be going out next week for recorder lessons. Please let the school office know if your child does not wish to continue.

Christmas Lights Spectacular – raising money for CLIC Sargent.

Our very own Miss Kemp from RR and her partner Mark are raising money for CLIC Sargent this year by once again festooning their house with a Christmas light spectacular. The big switch-on will be at 6.00pm tonight and everyone is welcome to come and see this Christmas wonderland. Mark and Tracey are inviting donations either via the collecting tins which will be scattered around the outside of the house or by visiting their Just Giving Page (www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-verran). Lots of hours and work have gone into creating this wonderful light show, so please help them raise as much money as possible.

The lights will be switched on each day between 5.30pm – 6.00pm until 9.30pm approximately. Weekends will be earlier.

Address: Behenna Drive, Malabar, Truro TR1 3RB



Kitchen News

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER

Children in KS1 and Reception who receive a universal free meal will receive a Christmas lunch. Those who normally opt to bring in a packed lunch will receive a Christmas meal if they have booked on ParentPay for that day.

Children in receipt of Free School Meals will receive a Christmas lunch unless they have opted to bring in a packed lunch on that day.

THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH HAS NOW PASSED. IF YOU HAVEN'T ORDERED ONE PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD IN WITH A PACKED LUNCH ON THAT DAY.

We are very much looking forward to this event. Christmas music is played and the staff join in serving and clearing up helping to make a happy, festive atmosphere.

CLUBS

SPRING TERM

GO ACTIVE ARE OFFERING THE FOLLOWING CLUBS IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE SPRING TERM

KS2 ONLY – GYMNASTICS
Wednesdays from 11 January to
8 February 3.15pm – 4.25pm
Cost £20

KS1 & KS2 (Not Reception) – FOOTBALL
Fridays from 13 January to
10 February 3.15pm – 4.25pm
Cost £15

LAURA-BETH SCHOOL OF DANCE

KS1 Dance
Tuesdays from 10 January to
7 February 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Cost £15

KS2 Dance
Wednesdays from 11 January to
8 February 3.30pm – 4.30pm
Cost £15

FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Whole School Cinema Trip

On Tuesday 13 December Years 1 – 6 will be going to Truro Cinema to see their annual Christmas film which this year is "The Secret Life of Pets".

On Wednesday 14 December it will be the turn of the Reception Class children.

The trip will cost £2.10 which is fantastic value and includes an ice lolly. The children will be walking down to the cinema at 9.00am ready for a 9.30am showing of the film. They will be back at school at 12.00pm ready for lunch. It is hoped that younger children will walk to the cinema with the older ones and create a real school 'family' atmosphere.

To allow your child to attend could you please complete the permission slip below and return this to **your child's class teacher**. **Please pay £2.10 via ParentPay**. You can also pick up a slip at the office or write a note with the information on it.

We desperately need help with walking the children down to the cinema and would be really grateful if parents are able to help with this. If you are able to do so, please indicate this on the permission slip below:

Whole School Cinema Trip
13/12 – Y1 – Y6, 14/12 – Reception Classes

I give permission for my child
in class..... to walk to and from the cinema.

I will pay £2.10 via ParentPay as a contribution towards
the cost of the visit.

I can/cannot help to walk with the children at 9.00am and
back after the showing at approximately 11.15am.

Signed.....

Emergency contact no.....

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Christingle Performance – Year 1 and 2 Only

Please note that there is only **ONE** performance of the Christingle for Year 1 and 2 parents which will take place at 6.30pm on Monday 12 December. A letter has been sent home via your child giving details. Tickets are restricted to 2 per family due to Health & Safety regs and will be available to purchase, priced £1 each, from the classroom teacher next Wednesday and Thursday.

Carol Concert – KS2 – Thurs 8th December

Letters and tickets will be sent home to each family via your class teacher. Tickets are restricted to 2 per family due to Health & Safety regs. If you do not require your tickets please return them so they can be re-allocated to anyone who would like extra. There is no charge for the tickets, but there will be a retiring collection.

Archbishop Benson Choir

On Wednesday 7 December, we are delighted to have been invited to sing carols at Penhaligon Court in the afternoon. This will take place during school hours and children will not need to bring anything with them. Please keep an eye out for the letter which contains a permission slip that must be returned.

Uniform Shop

The school uniform shop will be held from 3.15pm onwards and can be accessed via the Junior (KS2) playground through the door between 6J and 5C.

These are the dates for our Uniform Shop:

- **Friday 9 December**
- **Friday 6 January**
- **Friday 20 January**

We do hold a reasonable level of uniform stock in school but this can get sold quickly at the Uniform Shops. Ordering online will ensure you get what you want.

Truro Primary Schools Gymnastics Competition



Ela, Luke Maisy and Katie getting ready for the competition.

On Friday 25th November, our gymnastics team went to Aspire Gym to compete in the Truro Schools Gymnastics competition.

Unfortunately, our star gymnast of the last few years, Katie, was struck down with illness just before the competition began and couldn't compete. However, the rest of the team rose to the occasion and performed incredibly. In the end, Maisy came first out of all the schools in the Penair cluster, Ela was second and Luke third! This means that they all qualify for the next round. Well done to all the gymnasts and a huge thank you to Mrs Dawes and Mrs Polkinghorne for taking the children.

Porthpean Residential Camp

The date for the final payment for the Year 4 Porthpean Camp is Friday 28 April. A new payment item has been added to ParentPay which will allow payments in instalments up to the full amount.

Young Savers' Club

**The Young Savers' Club is held on
Wednesday mornings from 8.30am in the
Infants Entrance.**

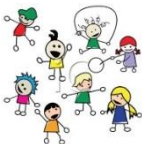
**If your child wishes to withdraw money
before Christmas, they will need to take
home a withdrawal slip. The last Young
Savers' Club will be on Wednesday 14
December, reopening on Wednesday 11
January 2017.**

Cornish Hospice Care - 2016 Santa Run Calendar

03/12 Wadebridge – Padstow Santa Cycle
03/12 Padstow Santa-v-Elves Run
04/12 Fistril Santa Beach Run and Santa Surf
10/12 Falmouth Santa-v-Elves Run
17/12 Helston Santa Run

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.



Next session: Thursday 8 December – Come along and join in the festive fun.

This will be the last Stay and Play until after the Christmas holidays.

FOR SALE

We currently have a piano in KS1 area which is no longer required. £50 to anyone who can also collect it.

Dates for Your Diary

December

Tue 6/12 Reception Christmas play - 2.15pm & 6.00pm in the school hall
Thu 8/12 KS2 Christmas Service – Truro Methodist Church – 6.00pm
Mon 12/12 KS1 Christingle Service – 6.30pm in the school hall
Wed 14/12 Holy Commotion Christmas Gathering in the school hall - 6.30pm.
Fri 16/12 **Break up for Christmas**

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Mon 9/1 **School closed for staff training day.**

Term Dates for School Year 2016 /2017

Fri 16/12 Break up for Christmas

2016 -2017 Term Dates

Tue 3/1 Children return to school for Spring Term
Mon 9/1 **School closed for staff training day.**
Fri 10/2 Break up for half term
Mon 20/2 Children return to school
Fri 31/3 Break up for Easter
Tue 18/4 Children return to school for Summer Term
Mon 1/5 Bank Holiday – school closed

Fri 26/5

Break up for half term

Mon 5/6

Children return to school

Wed 26/7

Break up for Summer Term

