

# BOSKENWYN



# Boskenwyn School

## Newsletter

10th November 2023

### MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers

It has been lovely spending time in classes at both our lovely schools this week. Our children are a joy to teach, they are so inquisitive and caring to one another.

We had 2 very special visitors this week. One was Bracken, a therapy dog from Penzance and the other was my dog, Koopa. Bracken usually works with patients with dementia and her owner Edwin said that even though her patients may not remember their immediate past, they always remember when Bracken is visiting and remember her name. Koopa is a border collie and usually stays at home when I'm at work but he had a great treat! He has been listening to readers and being available for cuddles, mainly in year 2 but he saw everyone on the playground. Some children have taken Koopa for a walk and he has thoroughly enjoyed his time with them. He will definitely be back soon! Bracken will be joining us every Wednesday morning from now on.



With all good wishes,  
Paula Blackburn



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **FOBS Autumn Social Disco!**

16th November 3:30–6pm at the Gig Club

**Pyjama Day!** Friday 17th November

### **Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome**

Thursday 30th November 3pm

### **KS2 Christmas Production & FOBS Christmas Fayre**

Monday 4th December. Afternoon and evening performances. Gweek Village Hall.

### **School Christmas Lunch!**

Tuesday 12th December

### **Last Day of School before Christmas!**

Tuesday 19th December. Break up 1:30pm

### **Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome**

Tuesday 23rd January 9am

### **Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome**

Thursday 29th February 3pm

### **Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome**

Tuesday 23rd April 9am

### **Sports Day**

Tuesday 18th June 2pm

### **Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome**

Thursday 20th June 3pm

### **Leavers' Service**

Tuesday 23rd July 2:30pm

### **Last Day of Term – half day!**

Wednesday 24th July 1:30pm

## **IMMINENT DATES**

### **FOBS Autumn Social Disco!**

Thursday 16th November

3:30pm – 6pm

The Helford River Gig Club

### **Pyjama Day!**

Friday 17th November

Joint fundraising for Children in Need AND the Christmas tombola. Please bring a bottle or prize for the tombola and a small donation for Children in Need.

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

### **Mondays**

KS2 Lego Engineers with Mr Hemsley

KS1 Young Engineers with Mr Watson.

### **Wednesday lunchtimes**

KS2 Choir

### **Tuesdays**

Eco Club for all children with Mrs Rusga and Miss Schellekens.

### **CANCELLED TUESDAY 7TH NOV**

### **Thursdays**

Multiskills Sports Club for all children with Mrs Care.

## CLASS UPDATE

### Rosemullion Class Update

We have had a really good week in Rosemullion. Everyone has properly settled in again after our week off and we have been super busy.

We have been looking into our topic of Kings and Queens and have discussed how they have lived in the past. In science we have been exploring sound. We created sounds in the classroom and then the children created a table to describe if they liked/disliked the sound, or were unsure.

The children have also created some wonderful firework art using paint and glue.

We are very excited about our school trip at the end of the month!

We hope you have lovely weekend from us all in Rosemullion class 😊



## REMINDERS

Please remember to close all gates as you enter and leave the school grounds to help keep our children safe.

If you arrive after 8.45 (KS2) or 9.00 (KS1) please take your child to the office to sign them in.

If your child is going to be off, please phone the school office, 01326 572618, before 8:45am.

Take care with children when crossing the road as some traffic is travelling very fast.

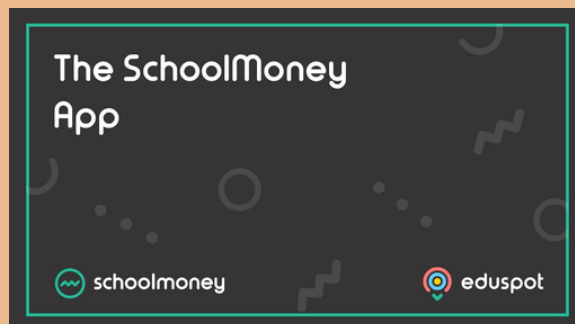
**Please do not park across the staff car park and obstruct the entrance.**

## SCHOOL MONEY ACCOUNTS

Please can everyone check their Schoolmoney Accounts?

We have a few hefty bills to pay before the end of the year and would appreciate your prompt payment of your child's accounts.

Thank you.



## DT SCROUNGE!

Please can you bring in suitable things for Y5/6 DT work this half term - kitchen roll tubes, shoe boxes, clear yoghurt pots and 'junk modelling' items for construction of light house and dioramas? Thank you!



## **FOBS NEWS**

### **Friday 17th November – PYJAMA DAY**

A joint fundraising day for Children in Need AND the Christmas tombola.

If you can, please bring a bottle or prize for the tombola and a small donation for Children in Need. Thank you.

### **Thursday 16th November – AUTUMN SOCIAL AND DISCO**

The autumn family social this year is based around a kids 'dance like no one's watching' (not too loud) disco.

TICKETS: £3 per child on the door, which includes squash and a biscuit.

This is still a family event (not drop-off) so everyone can connect with our lovely school community. There's separate indoor space to chat and hangout away from the disco, and a firepit.

You can also enjoy...

- Home made soups
- Crusty bread with herby vegan butter using sage from our children's garden at school
- Home made cakes and biscuits (donations please!)
  - And, plenty of warming hot drinks.

SONG REQUESTS – If your child has any requests I'd love to add them to the playlist! Please send to me by Whatsapp, text, or email: Sophie, 07447933619, [sophiehertzum@gmail.com](mailto:sophiehertzum@gmail.com).

PLEASE NOTE that it's not a drop off disco, grown ups will need to stay and supervise their children, thank you for your understanding :)

We really look forward to seeing you all.

## **FOBS NEWS CONTINUED**

### **Upcoming Events**

Silent auction: we're collecting products and services now. If you have a hobby, business, or employer and could provide something we'd love to hear from you. This year there'll be opportunity to bid online and in person. Lots could include experiences or products – we're open to variety! More info after half term. Bidding commences mid-November...  
(Chloe and Jodie are organising)

### **KEEP IN TOUCH**

Find us on Facebook as 'Boskenwyn FOBS'; it's a useful information sharing platform for everything school related.

There are plenty of parents who are part of FOBS and just help when they can. If you'd like to join us, drop any of us a message or catch us in the playground and we'll add you to the WhatsApp group.

Till next time, Nicky (07846 910 031), Sophie, Tiffany and Ben (FOBS leads)



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DISCO



Thursday 16 November

THE GIG CLUB, G WEEK \* 3.30-6PM



SHINE YOUR SHOES, BREAK OUT NEW MOVES!

£3 ENTRY (ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED 😊)

INCLUDING DRINK AND BISCUIT! GLITTER TATTOOS

HOMEMADE SOUP + CAKES CRAFT ACTIVITY



**WE NEED YOU!** TO HAVE THIS MUCH FUN, WE  
NEED VOLUNTEERS! SIGN UP!

WE NEED YOUR FABULOUS CAKES FOR ALL DIETS PLEASE!

AND SHARE YOUR REQUESTS FOR OUR PLAYLIST!

# BOSKENWYN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS ONLINE AUCTION

Auction closes 4th December at 9.30pm

We have lots of fantastic products, experiences and services to bid on.

Great for Christmas presents or a festive treat for yourself.



Scan to see our  
Online Auction



Great offers from companies such as:

Firewood supplies LTD, The Incredible Bulk, The National Trust, Naked Generation, Slice of Cornwall, Tetley Shaw Pilates, Kernow Evolve swim coaching, Artist Hazel Ashe and more.

Proceeds will go towards our new school library and playground equipment.

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## Planet PK Champions

Saturday 18 November  
10:30 - 12:00

Free parking  
in our car park  
for attendees

### Midwinter Light Up Masks

Join us for our last Planet PK Champions of the year and celebrate by making your own Midwinter light up mask whilst learning about the Valley's nocturnal creatures and the magical Montol festival.



Come and join our Planet PK Champions club!  
Regular members will receive a free members pack.  
Planet PK Champions sessions are free.  
Limited spaces- scan the QR code to book in advance.



→ [PKPorthcurno.com](https://pkporthcurno.com)

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you're invited to join the

# NATURE PLAYGROUP

At Chyan Cultural Centre TR10 9BT  
10am - 12pm every Tuesday during school term

sessions can be bought  
online or in person at  
the playgroup. Prices  
vary from £7-£8.50 per  
session.  
(concessions and pricing  
details online)



things to know  
suitable for 0-5 year olds  
Enjoy a range of fun, seasonal  
activities for all  
Nurture nature connection  
small healthy snack provided  
Dress for the outdoors  
Some sessions may be cancelled  
- see online for updates

## Why nature playgroup?

We have been delivering  
sessions for parents and  
guardians of young children for  
8 years. We are all about  
being with, learning about and  
connecting to nature and each  
other



Nature Playgroup

[natureconnects.org/nature-playgroup](https://natureconnects.org/nature-playgroup)



**COMPETITION TIME!**

# *Sleeping Beauty*

**WIN 2 TICKETS TO HELSTON THEATRE  
COMPANY'S PANTOMIME, SLEEPING BEAUTY!**

## **DESIGN A POSTER FOR 'SLEEPING BEAUTY'**

**THE 4 WINNERS WILL RECEIVE:**

**~ 1 X ADULT TICKET AND 1 X CHILD TICKET  
TO OUR PERFORMANCE ON WEDNESDAY  
24TH JANUARY, 7:30PM**

**~ THEIR ARTWORK DISPLAYED IN OUR  
PROGRAMME**

**TO ENTER:**

**~ DESIGN YOUR POSTER AND HAND IT IN TO  
YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE BY THURSDAY 30TH  
NOVEMBER**

**~ ON THE BACK, INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE,  
SCHOOL AND YOUR PARENT/CARER'S EMAIL  
ADDRESS SO WE CAN CONTACT YOU**

**GOOD LUCK!**

# Christmas afternoon

Cornwall Cricket Centre  
December 10th  
1pm to 4pm

Fancy Dress competition  
(children & adults)  
Festive cricket  
Elf Workshop  
Stalls  
&

# Meet Santa

Book today at

<https://booking.ecb.co.uk/d/qpqkkd>  
or scan the QR Code

Children  
£10  
Adults £5







# CHRISTMAS

at

# DAIRYLAND

Entry 10-6  
(10 - 4 on Christmas Eve)

**Breakfast  
with Santa**  
@ Farmhouse Kitchen 9 - 10  
**See our website  
to book**



*Book Here*



2nd, 3rd,  
9th, 10th  
16th-24th\*  
**DECEMBER**

*Santas Grotto  
Elves Workshop  
Singing Reindeer  
Christmas Trail  
Festive Lights  
And Much More*



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## School information finder - Boskenwyn

What information do you need?	Where to find the information
I need to contact school urgently	Phone on 01326 572618
I need to contact school non-urgently	Email <a href="mailto:secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk">secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk</a> or email class teacher( name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – Meet the staff
I need to know term dates	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Term dates
I need to see if my child has homework or upload their homework	See saw Reading records
I want to report my child absent from school	Phone call before 0900 on 01326 572618
I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Calendar
I want to read a school policy	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school - Policies
I want to see the school development plan	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – school development plan
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Menu Summer term (being refreshed at the end of October)
I want to find out about clubs	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	School Website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Phone or email 01326 572618 Paula Blackburn <a href="mailto:head@fbgschools.co.uk">head@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Angie Larcombe <a href="mailto:alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk">alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Denise Rusga <a href="mailto:drusga@fbgschools.co.uk">drusga@fbgschools.co.uk</a>



## **SCHOOL CLOSURES IN EMERGENCY – AGREED NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE**

Please see the attached guidance from Cornwall Council. Sometimes schools have to make the decision to close either partially or fully due to inclement weather such as snow or other unforeseen circumstances. The procedures are revised annually.

The agreed notification Procedure for our school is:

- 1) We will inform Cornwall Council so they can update their website
- 2) We will inform local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM, Pirate FM) so they can make announcements and update their websites
- 3) We will post on our Facebook pages, "The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe School," "Boskenwyn FOBS" and "Germoe FROGS"

If you wake up to a blanket of snow in the near future then please make sure you check one or more of the above places to keep up to date with school closures, it may be that we open later or close earlier so you will need to check before coming to school. If the school needs to close whilst the children are there then we will contact all parents via phone.



# School emergency closures

## A guide for parents / carers

We recognise that the decision to close a school in the event of an emergency (eg snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents / carers. This guide outlines the agreed procedure which all schools are asked to follow and offers advice to parents / carers on the key things to consider, both before and after the decision to close has been made.

### Guidance given to schools

Guidance and procedures are sent to all schools on an annual basis, usually at the start of the autumn term. To prevent the possibility of fraudulent school closures, schools are required to follow a verification process before providing school closure information. Schools are then asked to:

Undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to determine whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. Before school hours start, schools are also asked to assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school.

Seek approval from the Governing Board (usually the decision of the Chair of Governors will suffice) to authorise the decision to close.

Notify Cornwall Council and the local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Providing the school follow the agreed procedure, each of the radio stations have all agreed to broadcast details of all school closures.

We will publish a list of current school closures on the Cornwall Council website at [www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures) and on our social media channels.

### Social Media

- **Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Instagram**  
[www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Twitter**  
[www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall)

### Know your school's procedure

Although schools are asked to follow this procedure, schools will have their own plan of action to be followed in the event of a closure. This should include details of how parents will be notified (eg via radio, text message, social media, etc). It is essential that schools communicate their plan to all parents as early as possible, and equally that all parents familiarise themselves with the agreed plan.

### Who to contact

If the decision is made to close, you will be notified by the school's agreed notification procedure. Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line(s) may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time.

### Useful websites

- **Cornwall Snow Advice**  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow)
- **Met Office**  
[www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)
- **Environment Agency**  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
- **Devon and Cornwall Police**  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

### Contact us

Email: [togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Call: 0300 1234 101



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