

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School Newsletter

17th November 2023

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you've had a lovely week. We've had a great week at school with Diwali celebrations in early years and key stage one, amazing scientific investigations in key stage two and lots more. The rehearsals for the Christmas production have started and those Christmas songs have already started to pop up as I'm cooking dinner at home! Such a lovely time of year though and a beautiful Christmassy atmosphere already.

We are still awaiting the report for the playground equipment survey despite Linda chasing them. Please bear with us on this, we are just as frustrated with this as you are - we all want the same thing - for our children to have a safe and secure place to play.

Finally, I just want to extend my thanks towards the FOBS team and their many volunteers who helped put together a fantastic disco on Thursday after school - the children are still buzzing from it. Thank you for all so much for your hard work.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

KS1 Christmas Production

Thursday 14th December Poldhu Class 2pm

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

KS2 Parents – please read!

The next 2 Tuesdays, KS2 children will be rehearsing for the Christmas Production down at Gweek Village Hall. Please can you collect your child at the usual time from the hall rather than school on:

Tuesday 21st November

Tuesday 28th November

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.

Thursdays

Multiskills Sports Club for all children with Mrs Care.

CLASS UPDATE

Praa Sands Class Update

We have been very busy this week. Our English has had an oracy focus and we have been learning all about the Hindu festival of Diwali. We used our voices and whole bodies to act out the story of Rama and Sita. We learnt about how Rama and Sita followed lamps left by the villagers to find their way home and made our own diva lamps.

Our book club has been creating a real buzz for reading and we created a Padlet this week to share our favourite books.

Everyone was looking forward to coming to school in their pyjamas today!

Have a good weekend everybody!!



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.

ECO CLUB UPDATE

We held our first Eco-Club since the half term break this Tuesday.

We split into two teams and one team conducted an energy audit. We will let you have our findings and recommendations soon.

The other group started to plan a litter awareness assembly to deliver to KS2. We delivered one to KS1 last half term and we have noticed how they are starting to notice, and even pick up, litter on the playground.

We would still like representation from years 5 and 6 on our committee, so if you are free on Tuesdays after school, please consider coming along.

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

A HUGE thank you to everyone who planned, prepared, supported, and cleaned up after the autumn social and disco which raised a fabulous £400. A particularly big thank you goes to Sophie Hertzum for taking the lead and pulling everything together. There were many smiling, if slightly tired, faces in school this morning for the well-timed pyjama day!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Now live – CHRISTMAS AUCTION Wow! What a variety of auction lots we have already... nights away and days out, firewood bundles, wellbeing and fitness sessions, craft design sessions, business services, jewellery, and craft gifts... and bidding has already started.

You can see all the lots and bid anytime online from now: www.jumblebee.co.uk/boskenwyn. Please share the link with friends and family who are looking for Christmas gifts. You can also bid in person at the Christmas fayre where we'll have some of the items on display.

OTHER HELP NEEDED

We're looking for paving slabs and sand to put under a couple of new coat sheds around the school to avoid them sitting in puddles. I'll get exact measurements but we're looking to cover 2 areas just under 2.5m x 1.5m each. If you have access to sand or slabs, please get in touch with Nicky (07846910031). Thanks in advance.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Find us on Facebook as 'Boskenwyn FOBS'; it's a useful information sharing platform for everything school related. If you'd like to be more involved, drop any of us a message or catch us in the playground to find out more.

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

VACANCY AT BOSKENWYN SCHOOL

Would you be interested in working in our school for a 2 day per week job share with our existing Cook, Kate, to cover our kitchen during term times Mondays – Fridays?

Kate will work 3 days a week, and you will pick up the remaining 2 days each week.

The hours of work are 5 hours each day for each of the 2 days:
08:30 – 13:30

If so, please let Linda know and we will send you the job spec and an application form.

All applications to be in by Friday 24th November please.



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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SATURDAY

18th November, 2023



START AT

10-30 - 12.30

If you wish to come along there is a £20 donation, which helps to keep the charity running. For this you will get a box filled with groceries, to include:

Tea or coffee

Sugar

Pasta or rice

A selection of tins

A large bag with a selection of
crisps

A bag of frozen items

A bag of fresh fruit and
vegetables

A bag of pasties or pies





MUSEUM OF GLOBAL COMMUNICATIONS

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



COMPETITION TIME!

Sleeping Beauty

A stylized illustration of a spinning wheel, part of the background art for the poster.

**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



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 secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk or email class teacher(name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Our school – Meet the staff
I need to know term dates	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk 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 www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Calendar
I want to read a school policy	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Our school - Policies
I want to see the school development plan	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Our school – school development plan
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info – Menu Summer term (being refreshed at the end of October)
I want to find out about clubs	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info - Newsletter
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	School Website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info - Newsletter
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Phone or email 01326 572618 Paula Blackburn head@fbgschools.co.uk Angie Larcombe alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk Denise Rusga drusga@fbgschools.co.uk

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 and on our social media channels.

Social Media

- **Facebook**
www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall
- **Instagram**
www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall
- **Twitter**
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
- **Met Office**
www.metoffice.gov.uk
- **Environment Agency**
www.environment-agency.gov.uk
- **Devon and Cornwall Police**
www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

Contact us

Email: togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk
Call: **0300 1234 101**



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