

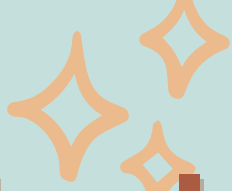
BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

13th September 2024



MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

Another exciting school week with lots going on – I've had some very excited children applying for places on the Poldhu Class Seychelles trip but I'd just like to remind you that their applications cannot be considered if I have not had parental consent by each parent with parental responsibility (PR) as we wouldn't be able to leave the country without that. Applications and parental consent need to be with me by 9am on Monday morning. I hope to secure flights that same day so late applicants will not be considered.

Don't forget the parent coffee morning on Thursday morning. Feel free to bring goodies! I will give you updates on the school grounds, we also have some policies to discuss such as internet safety and school debt policy. School dinner money and trips debt is becoming a big concern for us. When a debt is incurred then the school budget has to pay for it. This means that money which should be spent on all pupils' education in school is used to pay for debts incurred by individual parents/carers which is unfair.

I hope to see you at the meeting on Tuesday on 9am in the school hall.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Blackburn



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents coffee morning

Thursday 19th September 9am

Harvest Celebration

Tuesday 1st October - Gweek Village
Hall 2pm

Individual and Sibling Photos

Friday 4th October AM

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Friday 4th October PM

Christmas Panto!

Monday 9th December

KS2 Christmas Production

Monday 16th December, afternoon
and evening performances at Gweek
Village Hall

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Here are this terms after school clubs. Please register your interest with Linda. Children are expected to attend their chosen club throughout the term, not just a one-off session.

MONDAY

**KS1 Creativity with Mrs Nicholas
(until Oct half term)**

KS2 Football with Mr Watson

TUESDAY

Year 3&4 LEGO with Mr Hemsley

THURSDAY

**Eco/Nature Club with Mrs Rusga
Stay & Play with Mrs Care**

AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND AFTER
SCHOOL CLUBS BOTH FINISH AT
4:30PM PROMPT.

REMINDERS

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.

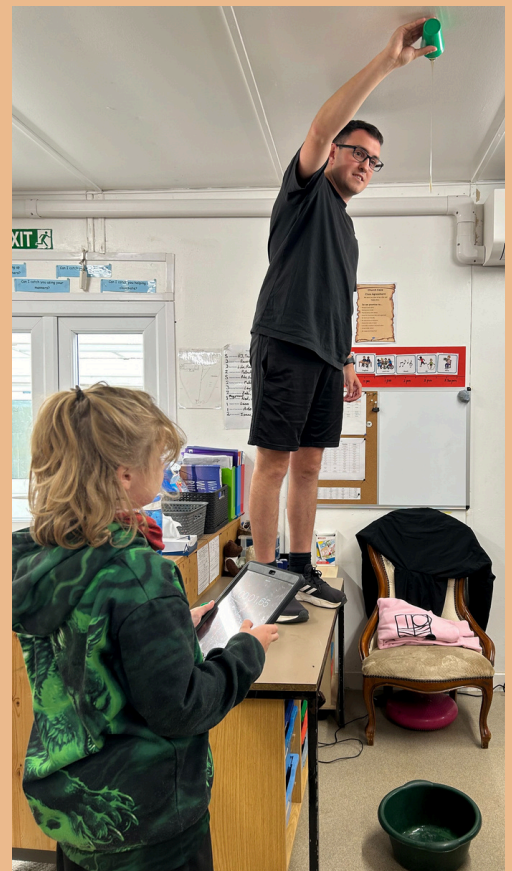
Please do not park across the staff car park and obstruct the entrance.

CLASS UPDATE

Church Cove Class

We have had a busy start to the year in Church Cove class. We have begun learning about our new topic of Ancient Greece in Inquiry, focusing on early Greece and the Minoan civilisation. We have been learning about types of nouns and verbs in English, as well as place value and rounding in Maths.

In Science, we have started learning about the three states of matter and completed a liquid investigation. We investigated the viscosity of water, ketchup, honey and soap. In PE, we have been learning how to pass, dribble and shoot in hockey. We have also familiarised with coding on Scratch in Computing. We have been learning about the creation story in RE, as well as preparing for the Harvest festival in Music.



ECO CLUB

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Green Flag Eco-Schools award. This is in recognition of all the hard work and efforts put in by our pupils , parents, staff and governors. A big thank you to everyone who contributed by being on the committee, donating plants and resources, sharing your green practices and generally mucking in with litter picking etc. This award is a result of a whole school community effort.

It doesn't stop here. We have lots more on our 'to do list' to retain the award next year! A huge thank you to Nikki for her parent contribution last year! We are now looking for another parent to join our committee. Please let us know if you are interested?

We meet after school every Thursday and will keep you all updated with our ideas and activities and welcome ideas and contributions. It really is a collaborative effort!

Denise Rusga, Chantalle Schelleckens and the new EcoClub committee



FOBS NEWS

Welcome!

Friends of Boskenwyn School (FOBS) is a group of people who work together to organise events and activities to support our wonderful school. We organise the autumn social, summer fayre, refreshments for school events, and work parties to improve the grounds, and many other things.

We put out requests for help here and in the FaceBook group (Boskenwyn FOBS) whenever there's an event on, but if you or anyone else would like to be more involved in coming up with ideas or helping others to arrange them, please get in touch with any of us. We can obviously be often found hanging around the playground at pick-ups, or send us a message, or give Linda in the office your number and she'll pass it on to us.

You can take part in as much or as little as you like – the more of us supporting our school, the easier and more fun it is. It's never too late to get involved whether your child is in Reception or Year 6!

We usually keep in touch via a very focused WhatsApp group, but don't be shy – please come and say hello in the playground – it's a really relaxed thing.

Raise money for school whilst you shop!

Will you, your friends, neighbours, or family members shop at Asda between now and 30th November?

Asda will donate 0.5% of the total of your shop to a Boskenwyn cashpot. It takes less than 4 minutes to set this up, so why not do it today!

- 1) Install the Asda Rewards app
- 2) Click 'cashpots', then 'join cashpots for schools'
- 3) Select 'Boskenwyn Community Primary'
- 4) Scan our school's barcode every time you shop!

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

MUSIC LESSONS

If your child would like to learn to play an instrument or take singing lessons, please sign up through [CMST.co.uk](https://ukcmst.co.uk). There are a range of lesson lengths and pricing options. You may be eligible for subsidies which could cover the full cost of the lessons.

When you go onto the website, you need to select the school option to sign up and then enter Boskenwyn School to show you the lessons we currently have taking place.

If your chosen instrument is not shown, then please add your name to the expression of interest on the right hand side of the page. If there is enough interest, then the music teacher will make contact with the school to see when these lessons can take place.

The screenshot shows the registration page for Cornwall Music Service Trust. At the top, there is a URL bar with the address <https://ukcmst.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>. Below the URL bar is the Cornwall Music Service Trust logo and name. A blue banner contains the text: "PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR NEW PRICES FROM SEPTEMBER 2024". Below this, there is a paragraph of text: "Please use the menus below to view and make an application for instrumental lessons currently offered by CMST at your child's school or a music centre, or to join an ensemble. If the instrumental discipline your child is interested in is not shown, please check with the school if they have other provision, and then [click here](#) to be added to an expression of interest list."

The page is divided into two main sections for registration:

- Find lessons in your school:** This section has a heading "Find lessons in your school" and a sub-heading "Search among courses offered on the selected school". It features a dropdown menu with "Boskenwyn Community Primary School" selected, a search input field with a magnifying glass icon, and a search button.
- Apply for Lessons at a Music Centre or to Join an Area Ensemble:** This section has a heading "Apply for Lessons at a Music Centre or to Join an Area Ensemble" and a sub-heading "Search here for music centre and ensemble membership". It features a dropdown menu with "Please select" selected, a search input field with a magnifying glass icon, and a search button.

Below these sections is a "Search results" section. It has a heading "Search results" and a sub-heading "Selected school: Boskenwyn Community Primary School". It displays two results in a list:

- Guitar
- Woodwind

SWISS STUDENTS

Last term we successfully hosted 5 Swiss Students at Boskenwyn school.

The children really enjoyed having the Students present in their classes, and the Students had a fabulous time both at the school, and with their host families.

This year, we will be hosting our Swiss students from Sunday 22nd June to Saturday 5th July 2025.

Host families receive £300 per student. For that, you will need to provide accommodation, all their meals, bring them to school and pick them up each day. (We are happy to send more than one student to the same family and the students can share a bedroom). The students are all CRB checked and they can provide proof of this. The students will be aged around 17-18 years old. They are German speaking, but they all speak excellent French and English.

If you are interested, please let Linda know so I can give a rough estimate of numbers to the Swiss School. They are looking to accommodate 160 students this year – so every place is gratefully accepted!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please look at the top of this newsletter for information about this term's after school clubs.

Please register your interest with Linda as some clubs may over-subscribe.

All after school clubs are intended for a term of membership, not just a one-off. If you would like your child looked after on an occasional basis, please use our after school care facility.

All clubs and after school care finish at 4:30pm prompt.

Early Help Drop-in Coffee & Chat Morning

You are invited to our Kerrier Coffee Morning

On Friday 13th September from 9.30am until 11.30am at Redruth Family Hub, Drump Road, Redruth, TR15 1NA

Family Workers and Youth Workers available for advice and guidance along with Guest Speakers.

The Literacy Trust- for families to be supported with reading locally.

Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change- support and advice on achieving your education, employment or personal development goals.

Parent Carers Cornwall -advice about the neurodevelopmental profiling tool

Healthy Cornwall -for all your general health advice

Smarter Smiles – advice about your families’ dental health

Community Energy Plus- helping households to enjoy more energy efficient homes.

Southwest Water -for tips on how to save water.

**For any further information
please contact:**

Email: Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk
or ring Redruth Family Hub on 01209 310000



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@fgbschools.co.uk or email class teacher(name plus @fgbschools.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@fgbschools.co.uk Angie Larcombe alarcombe@fgbschools.co.uk Denise Rusga drusga@fgbschools.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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