

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

10th May 2024

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you've had a lovely week, including the bank holiday and Flora Day. You may have seen Mr Conway and Miss Laity dancing in the 7am and 5pm dances so I'd like to congratulate them. Also, congratulations to Miss Symons and Mrs Basher who participated in the Gig Rowing competition in the Isles of Scilly over the bank holiday. What a sporty team we have!

On a more sombre note, I know how difficult some families are finding things financially as prices continue to rise along with the cost of living. Cornwall Council are offering £80 per child for those on free school meals as before and this payment will now go to those who claim council tax support and those in emergency accommodation. It will be paid to you directly and now includes children of pre-school age and children over 11 years and in education. Please do check if you are eligible for support for free school meals, council tax and tax credits, it will also bring extra money into school for your child which we use to keep staffing levels high and to subsidise schools trips. You can apply for free school meals even if your child is in reception, year 1 and year 2 and they receive universal free school meals, they would still receive the universal meals but would also get the extra funding to subsidise trips etc. The eligibility criteria and the free school meals application can be found on the link below, as well as a link to claiming council tax support (then giving you eligibility to the £80 per child payment). Council tax support is given to low income families who have to pay council tax in the accommodation they are living in. Click the link below:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class Photos

Friday 17th May - morning

Sports for Schools Athlete Event

Monday 17th June 1pm

Sports Day

Tuesday 18th June 2pm

Coffee and Cake - all parents welcome

Thursday 20th June 3pm

KS2 Summer Production - Day/Evening

Tuesday 9th July

Leavers' Service

Tuesday 23rd July 2:30pm

Last Day of Term - half day!

Wednesday 24th July 1:30pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mondays

KS1 Stop Motion Club - Mr
Watson

KS2 Sports Club - Mr Hemsley

Tuesdays

Eco Club - Mrs Rusga

Thursdays

Year 5/6 only - Greenpower
with Mr Monhemius.

**CLUBS FINISH AT 4:30PM
INCLUDING AFTER SCHOOL
CARE.**

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.

ECO CLUB

We had a lovely afternoon gathering sticks, moss, dried grass etc to make bug hotels. While we were out we monitored litter and couldn't find any! Well done Boskenwyn!

Don't forget anyone can borrow our long handled litter pickers to do a clean up near you. We only ask that you send a photo of before and after or a photo of what you picked. Enjoy the sunshine.

From all on EcoClub committee



NEURODIVERSITY TOOL INFORMATION

Parents of children and young people who are showing signs of neuro-developmental needs can now access a new tool which can help identify what support would be beneficial.

Here are the details of an online event which you can sign up to:

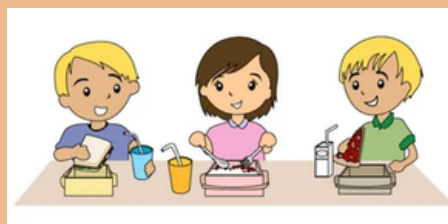
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/information-session-for-parentscarers-on-the-neurodiversity-profiling-tool-tickets-893656870757>

SCHOOL DINNERS UPDATE

For next week only, we will be swapping around the Thursday and Friday lunches from the week 1 menu:

Thursday 16th we will be offering the usual choices of Pizza and Friday 17th we will be offering the homemade sausage rolls (meat or vegan).

Also, on the last day of this half term (Friday 24th May), we will NOT be having a pasty day.



HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

The entitlement criteria for automatic payments from the Household Support Fund is changing.

To be entitled to a payment from the Household Support Fund in 2024, you must be responsible for at least one child and on 3rd June 2024 either:

- be entitled to Council Tax Support or
- have been placed in emergency accommodation by the Council

You will receive £80 per child. If you are already in receipt of Council Tax Support, then you will receive your payment automatically.

To find out if you are eligible for Council Tax Support, please check the information here <https://www.gov.uk/benefits-calculators> .

You can make a claim for Council Tax Support by using this link <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/council-tax-support/apply-for-council-tax-support/>

It is important that you submit your application by 31st May 2024.

You may also be entitled to help from the Household Support Fund via one of the Household Support Fund partners. Details are:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/household-support-fund/>

Why have we made this change?

Because entitlement to Free school meals has been protected since 2018, parents of children entitled to free school meals aren't always still on a low income. By using Council Tax Support data, we can ensure that the Household Support Fund is going to parents who currently have a low income and are struggling with the increased costs of running their home. By better targeting the awards, we are able to help families with children of any age, rather than just school age children.

Families of children in receipt of free school meals can still access help through the Time2Move holiday programme. This scheme offers fun physical activities, games and wider activities plus a meal for all children during the main school holiday periods.



Cornish Seal Sanctuary



SPRINT FOR SEALS



RUN FOR (MORE THAN) FUN



Cornish Seal Sanctuary,
or join us remotely!



19th May 2024



SCAN ME



TO FIND OUT MORE!

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Together for Families Parenting

Parenting Workshops

April - August 2024



Solihull – Understanding your Child

- Early Years (ages 1-3)
- Primary Years (ages 4-8)
- Transition Years (ages 9-11)

Workshop Description

Delivered over 10 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- How your child develops
 - Understanding how your child is feeling
 - Tuning into what your child needs
 - Responding to how your child is feeling
- Different styles of parenting
- Having fun together
- The rhythm of interaction
- Why is sleep important?
- Self-regulation and anger
- Communication and tuning in
 - Looking back and looking forwards

Workshop Dates

Countywide – VIRTUAL		
Ages 1-3 Mondays	18:00-20:00	22.04.24-24.06.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 1-3 Wednesdays	09:30-11:30	05.06.24-07.08.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 4-8 Tuesdays	12:30-14:30	23.04.24 – 25.06.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 4-8 Mondays	18:00-20:00	03.06.24-05.08.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 9-11 Thursdays	12:30-14:30	02.05.24-11.07.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 9-11 Wednesdays	18:00-20:00	08.05.24-17.07.24 Virtual MS Teams
East		
Ages 4-8	Mondays 09:30-11:30	13.05.24-22.07.24 Wadebridge Family Hub
Ages 9-11	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	30.04.24-09.07.24 Launceston Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 1-3	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	04.06.24-06.08.24 St Austell Family Hub
Ages 4-8	Thursdays 12:30-14:30	02.05.24-11.07.24 Newquay Family Hub
Ages 9-11	Fridays 09:30-11:30	10.05.24-12.07.24 The Park Family Hub
West		
Ages 1-3	Thursdays 09:30-11:30	02.05.24-11.07.24 Gooseberry Bush Nursery
Ages 4-8	Wednesdays 09:30-11:30	08.05.24-17.07.24 Helston Family Hub
Ages 9-11	Mondays 12:30-14:30	13.05.24-22.07.24 Penzance Family Hub





Parents Plus Adolescent Programme

Workshop Description

Delivered over 9 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- Understanding teenagers
- Pressing the pause button
 - Getting to know your teenager
 - Establishing rules with teenagers
 - Connecting with your teenager
 - Communicating rules positively
 - The power of encouragement
- Using consequences
- Active listening
- Creating a discipline plan
- Empowering teenagers
- Dealing with conflict and aggression
- Problem solving with teenagers
- Establishing routines
- Family problem solving
- Parent self-care

Workshop Dates

Countywide - VIRTUAL		
Ages 12-18	Wednesdays	01.05.24-26.06.24 18:00-20:00 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 12-18	Mondays	03.06.24-29.07.24 09:30-11:30 Virtual MS Teams
East		
Ages 12-18	Tuesdays	02.05.24-04.07.24 09:30-11:30 Saltash Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Mondays	13.05.24-15.07.24 12:30-14:30 Wadebridge Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 12-18	Tuesdays	19.04.24-21.06.24 12:30-14:30 The Park Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Mondays	13.05.24-15.07.24 12:30-14:30 Newquay Family Hub
West		
Ages 12-18	Tuesdays	28.05.24-23.07.24 12:30-14:30 Penzance Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Wednesdays	05.06.24-31.07.24 12:30-14:30 Helston Family Hub





Supporting Healthy Relationships

Me You and Baby Too (MYBT) Workshop Description

Delivered over 3 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

A course for all new or expectant parents/carers:

- What your baby picks up on
- How to support each other
 - How arguments start, and how to manage them constructively

Arguing Better (AB) Workshop Description

Delivered over 3 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

A course for all parents/carers with a child of any age:

- How to support each other
 - How arguments start, and how to manage them constructively
- Impact on children

Getting it Right for Children (GIRFC)

Workshop Description

Delivered over 3 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

A course for separating or separated parents/carers:

- How to stay calm and listen
- Seeing things differently
 - Finding solutions and making compromises

MYBT Workshop Dates

Countywide – VIRTUAL		
Ages pre-birth – 12months	Wednesdays 17.04.24-01.05.24 09:30-11:30	Virtual MS Teams
Ages pre-birth – 12months	Thursdays 04.07.24-18.07.24 18:00-20:00	Virtual MS Teams

AB Workshop Dates

Countywide – VIRTUAL		
Ages 1-19	Thursdays 18:00-20:00	02.05.24-16.05.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 1-19	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	02.07.24-16.07.24 Virtual MS Teams

GIRFC Workshop Dates

Countywide – VIRTUAL		
Ages 0-19	Fridays 09:30-11:30	19.04.24-03.05.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 0-19	Thursdays 18:00-20:00	06.06.24-20.06.24 Virtual MS Teams



How to access

Parents/carers or professionals can access the parenting offer by visiting www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting.

Parents/carers or professionals will be able to self-book onto workshop using the parenting booking portal, which can be found at the above website. If a family requires targeted or specialist support, an Early Help Request for help should be made via the [Early Help Hub](#).

If parents/carers or professionals would like support booking themselves or a parent/carer onto a workshop, they should contact the Early Help Parenting Team using the contact details below. An advice line will be available Monday – Friday, 9am - 5pm to support queries.



Parenting children aged 0 to 11

SELECT A SERVICE

<p>Virtual - Understanding your child (ages 1 to 3)</p> <p>This is a Virtual course delivered on Micros... Read more</p> <p>2 hours</p>	<p>Understanding your child (ages 1 - 3) Bodmin Family Hub</p> <p>This is a Face-to-Face course delivered over... Read more</p> <p>2 hours</p>
<p>Understanding your child (ages 1 - 3) Troon Family Hub</p> <p>This is a Face-to-Face course delivered over... Read more</p>	<p>Understanding your child (ages 1 to 3) The Park Family Hub</p> <p>This is a Face-to-Face course delivered over... Read more</p>



Parenting Young People aged 12 - 18

SELECT A SERVICE

<p>Take 3 - Virtual</p> <p>This is a 10-week series delivered virtually... Read more</p> <p>Free - 2 hours</p>	<p>Take 3 - Bodmin Family Hub</p> <p>This is a Face-to-Face course delivered over... Read more</p> <p>Free - 2 hours</p>
<p>Take 3 - Callington Family Hub</p> <p>This is a Face-to-Face course delivered over... Read more</p> <p>Free - 2 hours</p>	<p>Take 3 - Hayle Family Hub</p> <p>This is a Face-to-Face course delivered over... Read more</p> <p>Free - 2 hours</p>



Supporting Healthy Relationships Workshops

SELECT A SERVICE

<p>Me, You and Baby Too - Virtual - (30 Jan, 6 and 13Feb)</p> <p>This is a virtual series of 3 sessions running... Read more</p> <p>2 hours</p>	<p>Me, You and Baby Too - St Austell Family Hub (20, 27 Feb and 5...</p> <p>This is a Face-to-Face series of 3 sessions ru... Read more</p> <p>2 hours</p>
<p>Me, You and Baby Too - Penzance Family Hub (12, 19, and 26...</p> <p>This is a Face-to-Face series of 3 sessions ru... Read more</p> <p>2 hours</p>	<p>Arguing Better - Virtual - (30 Jan, 6 and 13Feb)</p> <p>This is a virtual series of 3 sessions running... Read more</p> <p>2 hours</p>

ADD YOUR DETAILS

<p>First and last name *</p> <input type="text"/>	<p>Notes</p> <input type="text"/>
<p>Email *</p> <input type="text"/>	
<p>Address *</p> <input type="text"/>	
<p>Phone number *</p> <input type="text"/>	

Contact us

Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk

Call: 01872 324323

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY

Email: equality@cornwall.gov.uk Telephone: 0300 1234 100





ChatHealth Parent Line 5-19

School Nursing messaging service for parents and carers of children and young people 5-19 years in Cornwall and Isles of Scilly



07312 263 499



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confidential
health and
wellbeing advice
and support



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

