

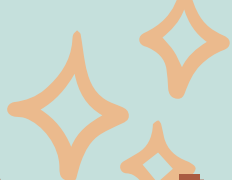
BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

20th December 2024



MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers

It's been a very exciting and magical festive season for us with the productions, the Christmas lunches and parties, lots of fun for everyone. The children did an amazing job with their acting and singing and we are so very proud of them all.

We are very sad to be losing 2 members of staff today. Amie Widdowson from Germoe's Kindergarten will not be returning after Christmas and we wish her all the best with her future career. We also say a sad goodbye to Mrs Rusga who has worked in many roles throughout our Federation for over 23 years. After leaving her career as bank manager at a building society to relocate with her family, she began working as teaching assistant and school crossing control at Germoe in 2001. She went on to become a staff governor and to complete her teaching degree and qualify as a teacher. She has since taught at both our schools from reception to year 6, enriching the lives of thousands of children in her care. We are very sorry to see her leave but she has promised to keep in touch with school life; we wish her every success as moves onto her next stage.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and to wish you a peaceful festive period with our very best wishes for a happy and bright 2025.

See you on the other side!

Paula Blackburn and Team Boskenwyn and Germoe

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents coffee and cake meeting

Wednesday 22nd January 9am

Parents coffee and cake meeting

Thursday 27th March 2.30pm

Class Photos

Monday 28th April 2025

Parents coffee and cake meeting

Thursday 8th May 9am

Parents coffee and cake meeting

Wednesday 2nd July 2.30pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY

KS2 Tag Rugby with Mr Watson

Starting Monday 6 January

TUESDAY

Year 3&4 LEGO with Mr Hemsley

Year 5&6 Greenpower with Mrs
Nicholas

Starting Tuesday 7 January

THURSDAY

Eco/Nature Club with Miss
Schellekens

Start date Thursday 16 January

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.

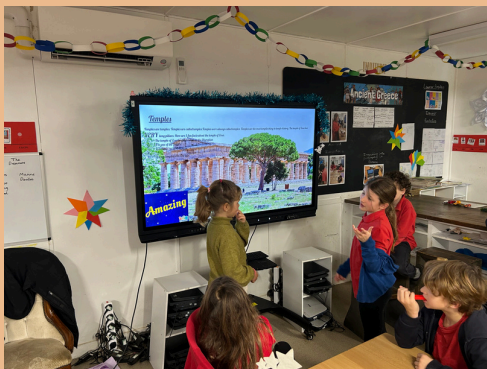
CLASS UPDATE

Church Cove Class

We have had a very busy yet exciting couple of weeks in Church Cove Class! We performed brilliantly in our Christmas production, with some of us improvising and taking on extra lines at the last minute.

We have completed and presented our inquiry into the human and physical geography in Greece and published our instruction texts about how to slay an Ancient Greek mythical creature in English. We also got the opportunity to showcase our fantastic projects based on our topic of Ancient Greece in a class art exhibition this week, with projects ranging from temples and statues to tablets of the Greek alphabet and even some Greek food!

We were also very lucky to be visited by Santa in the classroom on Wednesday, with the children each receiving a present despite his very busy schedule. The class thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Wednesday. We have also capped off our preparations for Christmas by watching *The Polar Express* with some hot chocolate on our last school day before Christmas.



ECO CLUB

First, a thank you to everyone who made a contribution to Eco Club for decorations. We will put the money towards improving habitats ie bird and hedgehog houses. We used more natural and upcycled materials this week to make Christmas decorations to decorate our own homes.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Green Flag Award application. Just a reminder we need continued support to retain our award which we hope to do. Please share any litter picks, energy saving, recycling activities you do at home with us so we can show a whole school community approach to caring for our environment.

It was Mrs Rusga's last session before retirement, but she will continue to support the school's application to retain our Green Flag Award as a governor. Miss S will continue to run the Eco Club sessions and will be assisted by either Linda or Mrs Care from Germoe School. As usual, we are always grateful to have extra adult support, so if you have a spare hour or so each week, please do get in touch.

Reminder you can borrow our long handled litter pickers anytime. We just ask for photos or a report about the difference you made.

Happy Green Christmas 😊

Denise Rusga, Chantalle Schelleckens and the Eco Club committee



SCHOOL MONEY

Thank you to everyone who keeps their school money account up to date. it really is appreciated and we hope that sending a weekly reminder out helps to keep the bills manageable for you.

Please can we ask everybody to make regular payments towards schoolmoney? We try to allow all the trips to be paid over weeks or months but there are still some accounts which are behind in payments. We really don't have the cash as a small school to lend you the money - and it affects what we do as a school when we haven't the money in our account to use.

Thank you.

SICKNESS

Please remember that if your child has been sick, they should not come to school until 48 hours has passed since the last bout of sickness.

We cannot risk infecting other children or adults with sickness, however much you feel that they have made a full recovery.



FOBS NEWS

FoBS Autumn Term Roundup

It's been an extremely busy Autumn Term, organising events which are fun for the children and raise vital funds for our wonderful school.

Here is what all our combined efforts have raised this term.

The Christmas Art orders are estimated to be over £100
Asda Cashpot for Schools £129.72
Tea and cakes for the Christmas performances over £150
Autumn Festival £313
Christmas Fair £348.12
Christmas Auction £2,169.85

A staggering total of £3,210.59, which we can all be hugely proud of.

Spring term will inevitably be a lot quieter, but we do have World Book Day on 6th March, I wonder what we can rustle up!

FoBS are never short of ideas- but we are often short on hands.
If you would like to help, a little or a lot, please let us know.

Special mention to Nicky Richardson (Killi's Mum) who took on the role of Chairperson of FoBS fresh into the school in Sep '23.

Nicky has stood down now but is keen to still help out where possible.
(Thank goodness as she is brilliant at it!)
Huge thank you from all of us to Nicky x

Thank you from Sophie, Tiffany, Ben and the FOBS Team



Provisional Holiday Club

St Keverne preschool is looking into offering a holiday club for children aged 2 - 11 years.

We are asking all parents from the surrounding area if this is a provision they would be interested in. The response to this email is vital in allowing us to see if this is indeed a wanted provision. We believe this would be a great benefit to all local families.

The holiday club is available to all children, they do not have to attend St Keverne Primary school or Preschool to be able to access this.

Holiday club information:

Days: TBC

Time: 9am - 3pm

Fees: ~ School aged children £25.50

~ 3 & 4 years old (Preschool) £28.50

~ 2-year-olds £31.50

Children will need to bring their own drink, snacks and lunch for the day.

We would like to start the holiday club in February half term 2025. We would look to initially open for the two most popular days over the half term, only then if there are sufficient numbers.

If you could complete the table below by stating which dates you would be interested in, this would help us establish the level of need.

Please could you all let us know your thoughts at the earliest opportunity or before Friday the 10th of January 2025.

Many thanks

Becky

Deputy Manager

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Day	Monday 17th	Tuesday 18th	Wednesday 19th	Thursday 20th	Friday 21st
Yes or no					
How many children?					

Name.....

Contact

Email us at: stkevernepreschool@hotmail.com or phone us on 07985789686

Parenting a child aged 4-11



Solihull - Understanding your child

A 10-week workshop delivered weekly. Each session is 2-hours in length. This hybrid programme gives you the option to attend in-person or virtually on Microsoft Teams

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 sleep is important
- Self-regulation and anger
- Communication and tuning in
- Looking back and looking forwards

When?

Tuesdays from 12:30-14:30,
Starting 25th February 2025



To book scan the QR code or click:
[Parenting children aged 0 to 11](#)
and select your preference for in-person or virtual attendance

Where?

Redruth Family Hub, TR15 1NA
or on Microsoft Teams

Contact us

Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk
Website: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -
please join us at our
1hr online
Worry Workshop

Monday 13th January - 9:30am & 2pm

Tuesday 14th January - 11am & 4pm

Wednesday 15th January - 09:30am & 1:30pm

Thursday 16th January - 11am & 4pm



This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on "What is worry?" and "Why does my child worry?" Also includes practical strategies for helping children manage their worries.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](#)

<https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -
please join us at our
1hr online
Resilience Workshop

Monday 20th January - 9.30am & 4pm

Tuesday 21st January - 11am & 2pm

Wednesday 22nd January - 11.30am &
4pm

Thursday 23rd January - 9.30am & 1.30pm



This workshop aims to talk about the
meaning of resilience, explore
building resilience and look at how
and when a young person should ask
for help.

To book a place please complete
the online form **HERE**

<https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of
primary aged children enrolled in Reception
to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -
please join us at our
1hr online
Behaviour Workshop

Monday 27th January - 9.30am & 2pm
Tuesday 28th January - 11.30 am & 4pm
Wednesday 29th January - 9.30am & 1.30pm
Thursday 30th January - 11.00am & 4pm

*This workshop provides parents with
practical strategies to foster positive
behaviour and communication at
home.*

To book a place please complete
the online form **HERE**

<https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of
primary aged children enrolled in Reception
to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers -
please join us at our
1hr online
Sleep Workshop

Monday 3rd February - 11am & 4pm
Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am & 2pm
Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am &
1.30pm
Thursday 6th February - 11am &
1.30pm



This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on sleep hygiene and sleep routines. Also includes practical strategies for helping children

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](#)

<https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

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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