

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School Newsletter

24th November 2023

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

We've had a busy week at school with our Year 5's and 6's spending Wednesday with CAST and at Helston Museum and today I've accompanied our KS1 children on a visit to Pendennis Castle. We couldn't have had better weather for it. I'm sure we'll all sleep well tonight!

This half term is always a busy one, leading up to Christmas. Our Christmas Productions are invariably a highlight. I look forward to seeing the results of their rehearsals as the children start to prepare and rehearse for their performances.

Speaking of Christmas, our school Christmas dinner menu is shown further down this newsletter and traditionally just about everyone takes part in the School Christmas Dinner. It makes for a very festive lunchtime when we are served all the delicious Christmas food together. Something else to look forward to this term!

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 - see menu below

KS1 Christmas Production

Friday 15th 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

Tuesday 28th November 3:30pm

1. All KS2 children to be collected from Gweek Village Hall following their Christmas Production rehearsal.
2. ECO Club decorations being made (see below).

Thursday 30th November 3pm

Coffee and Cake - all parents welcome to join us in the Green Room.

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.

ECO CLUB UPDATE

This week eco club discussed sustainability at Christmas. We decided to make some Christmas decorations from natural and recycled materials to sell at the Christmas Fair. We started by collecting natural materials, but we really need lots more sticks so if you are out and about walking at the weekend can you please collect sticks and bring them into school before next Tuesday.

We would also be grateful for any of the following:

Ribbons, string and wool

Pine cones

Broken or unwanted Christmas decorations

Buttons

Scraps of red material or wool

Lolly sticks

Bio degradable glitter

Used or unwanted wrapping paper

Pompoms

Pipe cleaners

Please let us know if you would like to come along to help some decorations. We can accommodate 16 children including eco-club committee members so please let Linda know if your child will be attending next week.

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.

FOBS NEWS

Thanks for joining in pyjama day last week – we collected £53 for Children in Need and started our collection of tombola prizes. Linda has kindly paid the Children in Need money via a donation point in Helston. If you find yourself with surplus bottles, chocolates, or other suitable tombola prizes over the next week, please drop them into reception and Linda will pass them along to us.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE. We're holding this in between the two KS2 Christmas productions.

There'll be sweet and savoury festive refreshments, craft activities, crafts for sale made by the children, hair braiding, games, auction lots, and of course the tombola!

FOBS NEWS CONTINUED

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)



Christmas

MENU

TUESDAY 12 DECEMBER

MAIN

Farm Roast Turkey
or
Vegan Roast
both with gravy

SIDES

Sage & Onion Stuffing
Pigs in Blankets
Roast Potatoes
Honey Roast Parsnips
Fresh Button Sprouts
Carrots & Peas

DESSERT

Festive Shortbread Biscuit or
Christmas Sponge & Custard
Vegan & Gluten Free options available



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 9TH DECEMBER 2PM AND 7.30PM

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ADULTS £8 AND UNDER 16'S £4

CALL 01726 63513 OR ONLINE CRBO.CO.UK/ACT1



THE GOOSEBARN CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER
SEWORGAN, CONSTANTINE

11AM - 5PM

FREE ENTRY

STALLS FROM LOCAL ARTISTS &
MAKERS INCLUDING JEWELLERS,
PRINT, WOOL & SILVER SMITHS

FESTIVE FOOD, MUSIC AND DRINKS

KIDS CHRISTMAS DECORATION
MAKING & CRAFTING

HAMPER RAFFLE

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE OUR
FACEBOOK PAGE
<https://www.facebook.com/TheGooseBarn>

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

**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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