

# BOSKENWYN



# Boskenwyn School

## Newsletter

26th April 2024

### MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

I'd like to say a huge thank you to those who attended the parent coffee morning this week. It's a great opportunity to have your say to help create the vision for our school. Please pop the next one in your diary, all are welcome. The next one is Thursday 20th June at 3pm. Feel free to bring cake, it helps us to think better!

One of the things discussed at the parent meeting was the attendance letter which went out earlier this week. All families whose children's attendance is less than 90% (Spring term) received a letter. The DFE are striving to raise attendance as we have seen a fall, nationally, since Covid; they are campaigning, advertising the importance of attendance and allocating Attendance Officers to schools. The Attendance officer will visit once a term to discuss data to look at persistent absence. We are doing our duty of compliance and of care to your child by sharing this data with you when you fall below 90% (classed as persistent absence). We are aware, in the majority of cases, the reasons why this attendance is below 90% - it could be through long term illness, authorised absence such as parent working away or other exceptional circumstances which have been authorised by us. The persistent absence which is flagged up and discussed with the attendance officer is the absence which is sporadic (a day here and there over a number of weeks (and not appointments disclosed to us for authorisation), lateness (which is classed as absence) and any other patterns which are unauthorised. I just wanted to make it perfectly clear to you: you will not be penalised for authorised absence and genuine illness. Apart from a couple of cases, our attendance officer was happy with everything we do to improve attendance and punctuality so thank you for all your efforts.

I hope you have a lovely weekend, let's hope the sun continues to shine!

Miss Blackburn

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Class Photos**

Monday 29th April 9am

### **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**

### **Tuesdays**

Eco Club with 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.**

## CLASS UPDATE

### Praa Sands

Well what a week! We came to school on Tuesday morning to a shocking sight! Mess and devastation everywhere! After consulting a very old book we analysed the footprints and noted the oranges had been taken which led us to believe we had become the victims of Cornish piskies. Mrs Rusga called her sister, Hetty Flower, who is a mythological creature expert. We had to find out how to stop them and the class needed to find out more about them. Armed with new knowledge they set about designing some ingenious piskie traps (humane of course, as they are an endangered species). We will keep you updated if they come back again.

Hope you all have an enjoyable, piskie free weekend.



## ECO CLUB

This week's meeting was very small as so many of our members were at camp. We are still looking for representatives from years 5 & 6, you can come along for a taster session if you are interested but not sure.

We took advantage of the dry weather and completed a litter pick. As you will see from the picture, there was less to pick up, but we know we can still make improvements. Just a reminder we have litter pickers to lend out should you want to do a pick near you. We just ask for a before and after photo or a picture of what you collected.

We then surveyed our new plantings of food to eat and plants to attract wildlife and made sure they were watered.

Have a great weekend and let us know if you've been involved in any eco activities. 😊

Best wishes from all the committee.



## **HOUSEKEEPING**

### **Please keep our school gates locked!**

Please can we ask everyone to take responsibility for locking the gates when dropping off or collecting children – both before or after school.

It doesn't take a moment to do so, and we have had a couple of incidents where young children have attempted to dash out of the gates when they've seen something more interesting outside.

The children dashing out of the gates may be younger siblings not yet of school age or children already attending our school. It makes no difference.

Safety of our children must come first.

### **Parking around the school boundary**

Please can everyone be very aware if they are parking on the road, particularly on the school office side, to allow room for our neighbours to access their driveways and for staff to be able to come into the staff car park and leave.

We simply ask that you park with access for all neighbours and staff in mind. Our neighbours are being penned in their homes by people parking far too close, or opposite, their driveways. Please allow our neighbours access – even if it means you have a little bit of a walk to get into school.

We have staggered start and finish times for KS1 and KS2 children to allow parking to be a little easier – again, if you have dropped off or collected your children please drive away to leave a space for the next person.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## **PLEA FROM PRAA SANDS CLASS**

To keep up with demands for resources in our classroom we are always after the following if you can help:

Buttons  
String  
Ribbons etc  
Fabric offcuts  
Pine cones  
Shells  
Small wood offcuts  
Small nails or tacks  
Interesting packaging/arrays  
Bottle tops  
Cardboard tubes

If you can help the please leave any items at reception.  
Thank you in anticipation

Mrs Rusga, Mrs Bird and the Year 2 Children

## **NEURODIVERSITY PROFILING TOOL**

Please follow the link below to access tickets for this online event (a selection of dates of times are currently available)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/information-session-for-parentscarers-on-the-neurodiversity-profiling-tool-tickets-884811554177>





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# 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](http://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 Micro... <a href="#">Read more</a></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... <a href="#">Read more</a></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... <a href="#">Read more</a></p>	<p>Understanding your child (ages 1 to 3) The Park Family Hub</p> <p>This is a Face-to-Face course delivered over... <a href="#">Read more</a></p>



### Parenting Young People aged 12 - 18

**SELECT A SERVICE**

<p>Take 3 - Virtual</p> <p>This is a 10-week series delivered virtually... <a href="#">Read more</a></p> <p>Free - 2 hours</p>	<p>Take 3 - Bodmin Family Hub</p> <p>This is a Face-to-Face course delivered over... <a href="#">Read more</a></p> <p>Free - 2 hours</p>
<p>Take 3 - Callington Family Hub</p> <p>This is a Face-to-Face course delivered over... <a href="#">Read more</a></p> <p>Free - 2 hours</p>	<p>Take 3 - Hayle Family Hub</p> <p>This is a Face-to-Face course delivered over... <a href="#">Read more</a></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... <a href="#">Read more</a></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... <a href="#">Read more</a></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... <a href="#">Read more</a></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... <a href="#">Read more</a></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](mailto: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**

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

## **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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures) and on our social media channels.

### Social Media

- **Facebook**  
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- **Instagram**  
[www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Twitter**  
[www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall](http://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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow)
- **Met Office**  
[www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)
- **Environment Agency**  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
- **Devon and Cornwall Police**  
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