

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School Newsletter

20th October 2023

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers

What an exciting week this has been with the Harvest festival and the talent show. The children were so brave and so talented! I'm sure we have many future stars in our midst who will be on the big screen in the future!

Thank you for your wonderful contributions also, I don't have a final amount raised yet but I know we did well and will be able to contribute a fair chunk to both school and the Helston food bank.

It has been a long half term but a very pleasurable one. I'm sure you are looking forward to the rest over half term so enjoy, whatever you have planned!

Wishing you safe and happy holidays!

Paula Blackburn



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sports for Schools Event – postponed!

The athlete due to visit has had an accident and is not able to come now.

More news in the Spring.

Coffee and Cake – all parents welcome

Thursday 30th November 3pm

KS2 Christmas Production

Monday 4th December. Afternoon and evening performances. Gweek Village Hall.

School Christmas Lunch!

Tuesday 12th December

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

Back to School

Monday 30th October



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.

Please email Linda to enrol your child onto a club.

CLASS UPDATE

Church Cove Class Update

We have had a very busy and exciting end to half term in Church Cove class.

We have thoroughly enjoyed our Stone Age to Iron Age topic in Inquiry, and we got to make and finish our Stone Age to Iron Age tools and utensils this morning.

We have begun recapping non-chronological reports in English, ready to write our own after half term. In Maths, we have looked at measurement and multiplication in the last couple of weeks. In PE, we have practiced our basketball skills and played match-based games this week. We have also made posters showcasing our learning about animals including humans in Science this half term.

We have had a brilliant half term in Church Cove class. As we reached our class dojo target this week, we got to celebrate with a movie and hot chocolate!



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.

SWISS STUDENTS

Last summer we successfully hosted 5 Swiss Students at Boskenwyn school, the previous year we hosted 6 students.

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 23rd June to Saturday 6th July 2024.

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 we can give a rough estimate of numbers to the Swiss School.

FOBS NEWS

THANK YOU to everyone who baked, volunteered and bought/ate cake at the harvest show – you raised £97 towards our fundraising! That's a lot of 50p cakes 😊

Over the next few weeks, we'll be getting clear on what our fundraising goal is and how it'll support our school this year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Family social: we're looking at a Thursday 3.30pm–6pm in mid / late November. With it being a bit later in the year and the weather likely less favourable, we're proposing a kids disco and chance to relax and socialise for adults, but we need volunteers to make it happen. If you fancy making a playlist, sourcing and setting up disco equipment, supervising the disco, decorating, making soup, serving refreshments, or you have any other skills or ideas to contribute, please get in touch with Sophie Hertzum or add your name to her 'Boskenwyn FOBS' Facebook post.

Silent auction: we're collecting products and services now. If you have a hobby, business, or employer and could provide something we'd love to hear from you. This year there'll be opportunity to bid online and in person. Lots could include experiences or products – we're open to variety! More info after half term. Bidding commences mid-November... (Chloe and Jodie are organising)

KEEP IN TOUCH

Find us on Facebook as 'Boskenwyn FOBS'; it's a useful information sharing platform for everything school related.

There are plenty of parents who are part of FOBS and just help when they can. If you'd like to join us, drop any of us a message or catch us in the playground and we'll add you to the WhatsApp group.

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

CAST

Lumos

A THINK AND
MAKE WORKSHOP
FOR FAMILIES

EXPLORE LANTERN
TRADITIONS FROM
AROUND THE WORLD
AND MAKE A PAPER
LANTERN FOR
YOUR WINDOW

OCTOBER 28TH
10AM-4PM

FREE. DROP-IN
DONATIONS WELCOME

CAST

3 PENROSE ROAD
HELSTON, TR13 8TP
W: C-A-S-T.ORG.UK
FB: CASTCORNWALL

HALF TERM AT CHILDREN'S SAILING TRUST

We've a Halloween theme at our Trevassack Lake HQ for half-term with multi-activity sessions for young people and Floaty tours of the lake for those who prefer not to get wet. Find out more and book:
<https://cstexperiences.co.uk/autumn-half-term-activities/>

There are also RYA sailing courses for more confident sailors on the Helford River during half-term:
<https://cstexperiences.co.uk/sailing-courses-school-holidays/>

And finally, if you want to try your hand at open water swimming, our annual big swim is on the first Sunday of half-term, where any level of swimmer can dip challenge themselves to swim further around the whole lake. To round off the morning there are optional beginners and competitive races, for those who so wish. Book tickets:
<https://cstexperiences.co.uk/lap-the-lake/>

All proceeds support the work of Children's Sailing Trust.



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 |



IB learner profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

As IB learners we strive to be:

INQUIRERS

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

KNOWLEDGEABLE

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

THINKERS

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

COMMUNICATORS

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

PRINCIPLED

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

OPEN-MINDED

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

CARING

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

RISK-TAKERS

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

BALANCED

We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

REFLECTIVE

We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.



The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe Schools Home-School Promise



Aims:

Our home-school promise aims to outline effective ways in which we can agree to work together to foster and maintain respectful and pro-active relationships with you and your child as they move through our schools.

As a pupil, I promise to:

- Come to school with a positive attitude to learning
- Have mutual respect for my classmates and the staff
- Respect the resources, the classroom and whole school environment
- Be a positive role model in my community
- Try my best when learning and use the 4B's to help me
- Complete some home learning with my family or on my own
- Use online technology at school and at home safely and responsibly

As a parent/carer, I/we promise to:

- Ensure my child attends school regularly and on time and in the correct uniform
- Ensure my child is collected on time unless I have informed the school otherwise
- Notify the school of any illness
- Give my child time every day to listen to them read or read to them or ask them questions about their reading
- Support my child's progress when learning at home
- Support school policy on learning and behaviour
- Ensure the school has up to date emergency contacts
- Notify the school if my child has any allergies/dietary requirements
- Notify school of any problems at home which may impact their learning or well-being
- Support the school in the teaching of safe internet use at home
- Attend parent consultations to discuss my child's learning and progress
- Regularly check emails, school website, Seesaw and/or social media for important school information
- Respond promptly to communications from the school where required
- Help my child to have a positive attitude to learning
- Talk positively to my child about their school day

As a school, we promise to:

- Be open and welcoming, offering parents the opportunity to be involved in the life of the school
- Provide information and opportunities to support and reinforce learning at home
- Communicate regularly via email, text, website, (social media, phone, letter and face to face may also be used)
- Provide a bespoke, inquiry based curriculum which inspires and enriches
- Ensure children are sufficiently encouraged, supported and challenged
- Have high aspirations for what your child can achieve now and in the future
- Give children the tools to become confident, 21st century, lifelong learners
- Support children to feel safe and have a trusted adult to open up to
- Continue to learn and develop professionally and adapt our practice where we see the benefit of improvement
- Be available at the beginning or end of the school day to answer immediate queries or concerns
- Notify parents of events in good time via school website/email

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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