

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

19th April 2024



MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back. We hope you had a wonderful Easter break. I would like to say a huge congratulations to Mr Watson and his wife, Lauren on the birth of their daughter, Florence. Mr Watson will return to school on 29th April after his paternity leave. In the meantime, Mrs Basher, Miss Nagy (who was a student teacher many years ago in Mrs Nic's class) and myself will continue to cover his leave with Miss Brooks and Mrs VK.

Next week, I have an appointment with our attendance officer from the local authority. As a local authority maintained school, we have to report our attendance figures to the attendance officer who then meets with me to discuss any persistent absence.

Persistent absence is anything lower than 90% attendance and unfortunately we have a lot of children who fall into this category.

I have recently looked at the data for the Spring term and if your child falls into this category, you will have received a letter today. Some cases cannot be helped and I am usually aware of these and able to put them into context when discussing with the attendance officer: it could be there was a long illness, an exceptional circumstance where the parent worked away and child had to go too, or any other exceptional circumstance. It is the sporadic, persistent attendance which will be discussed at length and if you do receive a letter and also fall into this category then the next step will be explained in the letter and could result in a meeting with the attendance officer.

Our main priority however, is to support you and your child so if there is any way we can help, or support, then please drop me a line or give me a ring and we can arrange to meet to discuss.

Our whole school attendance so far this year is 89.2% which is way below Cornish (94.3%) and National (93%) averages and this could affect our ratings in future. Please help us to continue to be the wonderful school we are by supporting us in improving our attendance.

We are looking forward to hearing all about how much fun and adventure Y3/4 have on school camp next week! It will be a quiet week without them but we hope they have a wonderful time.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee and Cake - all parents welcome

Tuesday 23rd April 9am

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

Poldhu Class

At the end of last term, Poldhu Class held an open afternoon where parents were invited in to see their learning. The children worked extremely hard and were very proud of their projects, which was demonstrated in not only what they produced but how they also talked about their learning. We would like to thank the parents for coming in and supporting the children.

This week has seen us enter the new and arguably busiest term of the year. In English they have been starting to look at Ottava Rima poems and are getting ready to write one of their own. In geography we learnt about the features of the UK which will build into learning about the UK's resources and economy. This afternoon, they have started their art topic of sketching and their science topic of evolution and inheritance.

On Thursday this week, some of our year 6s took part in trial maths tests as a way to shape the SATs papers of the future. They stepped up to this role and were extremely polite and hardworking for the lady who came into administer them. We were very impressed with how they took this unexpected challenge in their stride!



ECO CLUB

Our first meeting this term was all about planting. We have planted two types of potato which we hope to give to the kitchen to be used in school meals. Fingers crossed for a good yield.

We also planted up the boxes on the shelter and the containers at the entrance to the school with plants chosen to attract bees and insects. In fact the very next morning children noticed two bees round the boxes on the shelter. So rewarding to see such immediate results!



FOBS NEWS

Easter clean-up

Thank you to those who were able to give time over the very soggy Easter break to make a start on clearing the grass play area, cutting hedges so they're more easily maintained, clearing rubbish, and moving mud from around the grounds. With a nearly full skip and several full trailers, school is looking smarter because of you. A special shout-out has to go to Lowen who single handedly took on one of the largest concrete footings with a combination of spade and crowbar! His mum confirmed "he was born to dig, he's in his element" :)

This Sunday at 11am - join our muddy work party!

All hands welcome, and we have a couple of parent volunteers to help supervise the kids! Feel free to bring them with bikes/ snacks/ etc.

Please bring gloves/ spades if you have them, though we have a few spares.

We're going to concentrate on the area where the climbing frame was to remove the rest of the old post footings, fill the holes, remove the remaining matting in this area, and level the soil.

Then we'll be ready to turf whilst we seek funding for new play equipment. Chloe's efforts have led to a lovely offer of support from a local landscaper for finding turf bargains and transporting it to school. It would be great for this half of the grass area to be ready for children to play on within a few weeks. Come join us!



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>



PLANET PK CHAMPIONS

Planet PK vs Plastics

SAT 20 APRIL Clore Learning Space 10:30 - 12:00



Something fishy is going on with our single use plastics, so this month we'll be getting creative and giving plastic bags a second life! Come and transform your everyday carrier bags into charming fish windsocks and see them fly in the wind.

Please bring a clean plastic bag from home to recycle into something new.

PK Champions is our free monthly workshop
Planet PK Champions is our free, monthly, environmental club for families.

Meet us in the Clore Learning Space, PK.

Free parking in our car park for all attendees.

Visit www.pkporthcurno.com/planetpk for further information about Planet PK Champions.





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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.

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... 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





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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 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

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