

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

13th December 2024

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

What a festive week it has been, the children had a wonderful time at the Hall for Cornwall watching Jack and the Beanstalk...oh yes they did! Lots more festivities to look forward to next week. Please don't forget that our last day of this term is Friday 20th December and we will be finishing school at 1:30pm.

I'd just like to give a special mention to the children who attended the Seychelles trip last week. They were true ambassadors for their school and their country! They gained so much knowledge of biodiversity and conservation and they enhanced their 21st century, transferrable skills such as confidence building, resilience, problem solving and reasoning. The Bel Ombre School were so hospitable, we joined them in a concert where we sang Cornish Sea Shanties and they sang and danced Creole. They taught one another playground games, they ate Creole food which was delicious, they swam with reef sharks and rays, snorkelled in the Indian Ocean and many other unforgettable experiences. A massive thank to Chris and Nancy for sharing their expertise, using their contacts to get better deals for us, for arranging accommodation and transport with lifetime friends and for their lovely company. The Turing Scheme application rounds will open again after Christmas so I'm thinking of where to apply to take them next! If you have any suggestions/have familiarity with a school/community in an interesting place where you think our children would gain experiences of a lifetime then please let me know so we can talk about it further.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn

PHOTOS FROM THE SEYCHELLES VISIT



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

KS2 Christmas Production

Monday 16th December, 2pm and
6pm performances at Gweek Village
Hall

KS1 Christmas Production

Tuesday 17th December, 2pm at
Gweek Village Hall

School Christmas Dinner!

Wednesday 18th December

End of Autumn term

Friday 20 December Finish 1:30pm

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Art Club with Bronwen Tyrrell
until Christmas

THURSDAY

Eco/Nature Club with Mrs Rusga
**No clubs during last week of
Autumn Term**

**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

Poldhu Class

Wow! What a busy, but amazing few weeks we have had!

The children who went to The Seychelles had the most wonderful time and the children that stayed behind had two weeks of different activities. Both groups have enjoyed sharing their stories and experiences.

Production practice is in full swing. A huge thank you for the amazing costumes that you have produced. You are all in for a treat!

This week the children have finished their art project with Mrs Larcombe by creating their Viking longboat figureheads in clay. They are very impressive! We are looking forward to performing on Monday and then enjoying the rest of the festivities!



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



Christmas

MENU

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER

MAIN

Roast Turkey
or Quorn Roast
or Vegan Roast, all 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



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/TE2U
mBZrHK](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



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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

Contact us

Email: togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk
Call: 0300 1234 101



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