

BOSKENWYN



**Boskenwyn School**

**Newsletter**

28th February 2025

**MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN**

Dear parents and carers

I hope you had a lovely half term break.

I wish I had better news about the playground equipment but unfortunately we are still no further forward in getting a date for the works to be completed. Tony chased them up today and this is the reply he had... "Mark is formulating a plan as we speak and will be in touch soon, any work proceeding is likely to be phased but will let him contact you and Paula as soon as he can." Please remember that this is completely out of our hands; we are not at fault and we can not hurry it along. We are as frustrated as you are that we cannot go ahead with the new equipment until the drainage tank has been replaced. The land is not contaminated and the area is safe, it is only cordoned off due to the levelling of the land in preparation for the equipment. I will keep you updated at every stage of development.

Wishing you a lovely and sunny weekend.

Paula Blackburn



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **World Book Day**

Thursday 6th March

#### **Parents coffee and cake meeting**

Thursday 27th March 2.30pm

#### **Class Photos**

Monday 28th April 2025

#### **Parents coffee and cake meeting**

Thursday 8th May 9am

#### **Parents coffee and cake meeting**

Wednesday 2nd July 2.30pm

#### **KS2 Summer Production**

Tuesday 8th July

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

#### **MONDAY**

KS2 Tag Rugby with Mr Watson

#### **TUESDAY**

Year 3&4 LEGO with Mr Hemsley  
and  
Year 5&6 Greenpower with Mrs  
Nicholas

#### **Wednesdays and Thursdays**

Art Club with Bronwen

#### **THURSDAY**

Eco/Nature Club with Miss  
Schellekens

**SCHOOL CLUBS 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.**

## WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 6TH MARCH

We are very excited to have Rebbeca Cobb coming in to work with the children on World Book Day. We would like to thank FOBs for organising this for the children.

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on the day and bring their favourite book in to share with their peers. We understand that not every child likes to dress up, and so, they are welcome to come dressed in clothes that they find comfortable.

As part of our World Book Day activities, we are hoping to host a bake sale at breaktime. For this we are asking for donations of cakes and bakes. Are you up for a challenge? We would love these to be book themed!

This year we are also inviting children to take part in the Potato Book Character competition. Decorate and dress up a potato as a character or a scene from a book; let your imagination run wild. Drop them into the library on the morning of World Book Day where we can display them, and winners can be chosen.



## CLASS UPDATE

### Church Cove Class

We have had an exciting start to the half term in Church Cove Class. We have started looking at persuasive letters in English, which included writing our own account about coming to Boskenwyn School. We have been learning about fractions and decimals in Maths, whilst beginning to learn about Roman mosaics in Inquiry. We practised following and making patterns to form mosaics yesterday, and designed our own drawings to turn into mosaics today, ready to begin creating them next week.

In Science, we began learning about what forces are and how we use magnets. We have started learning about dates and birthdays in French, whilst continuing swimming at Helston Leisure Centre in PE. We have also started learning the necessary techniques and skills required to play Tennis.





## ECO CLUB

This week there was no Eco Club, but we are back again on Thursday 6th March.

When we return, we want to start making bird boxes.

If anyone has any ideas or donations please do get in touch.

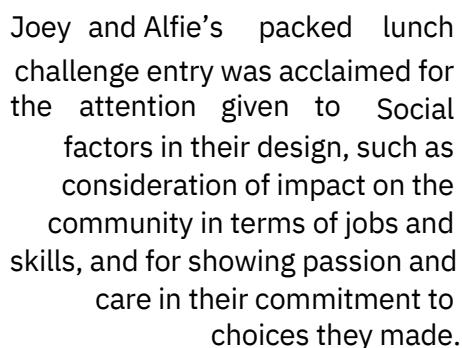
The Eco Club team



Poldhu class have recently taken part in a packed lunch challenge with the Eden Project. Their brief was to design a packed lunch. They had to consider sustainability, local and seasonal food, and taste, through the lens of nature, economic and social considerations, and consider choices that could be made and by whom.

As a class, we made Carrot Cake and a fruit smoothie – we paid particular attention to the use of gluten and dairy free ingredients, so that everyone could taste it – unfortunately, we were so engrossed in our food making afternoon, we didn't get photos, but everyone agreed it was delicious and a lot of fun.

Alfie and Joey's planning and book:



## FOBS NEWS

### **World Book Day Next Thursday 6th March**

If you didn't know... where have you been?  
Rebecca Cobb, illustrator and author, will be visiting the school in the morning to host a workshop with each class.  
We have received some great feedback from excited parents about this-  
thank you!

Please could you kindly send £1 in with each child to go towards hosting Rebecca. FoBS funds will be funding the rest. Thank you so much.

To add to the excitement, the tuck shop will be filled with book themed treats. If you would like to contribute to the Great Bookish Bake-off. Please pop your tray, clearly named into Linda on drop-off next Thursday. The cakes will be judged and there is a £10 book voucher up for grabs!

After school don't rush off! FoBS will be selling books, pre-loved uniform and any left over treats from tuck.

Together with the usual optional fancy dress - it's going to be a really fun and engaging day for the children!

The FoBS team x





## **GREENPOWER TEAM NEWS**

We are currently in the process of building our green power cars to take to the races this year.

We would like some businesses to sponsor us please!

All sponsorships will go towards race suits, parts for the cars, accommodation and travel.

if you have a small business, or know someone that does, and are interested in helping us please contact Linda in the school office.

Many thanks  
Boskenwyn Green Power Team





## 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@fbgschools.co.uk">secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk</a> or email class teacher( name plus @fbgschools.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@fbgschools.co.uk">head@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Angie Larcombe <a href="mailto:alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk">alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Denise Rusga <a href="mailto:drusga@fbgschools.co.uk">drusga@fbgschools.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**  
[www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall)
- **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**  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

### Contact us

Email: [togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Call: 0300 1234 101



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