

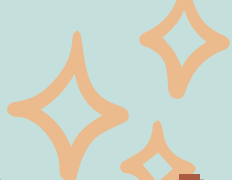
BOSKENWYN



**Boskenwyn School**

**Newsletter**

6th September 2024



**MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN**

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely Summer and managed to recharge your batteries. We've had lots of work going on in both our schools over the Summer, heating and insulation etc., so we have been denied access and unable to upkeep the site - so we apologise if it looks a little neglected.

We should be back to normal in no time. That aside, we've had a great start to the new school year with lots of exciting activities and some very excited children. I was quite shocked when I first bumped into a very tall, Anglo-Saxon in the foyer at Germoe on Wednesday but he was such an incredible asset to our learning of the Anglo Saxons and Vikings. It was also great to see the Boskenwyn and Germoe Year 5 and 6's all learning and playing together.

It is always good to listen to parental opinions about the learning at our federation, to listen to your ideas about how we could improve, how you can help us and to bounce new ideas to and fro with each other - so please do come along to the next coffee morning. Everyone is welcome and it will help you get to know the other parents too. The next parent coffee morning will be Thursday 19th September in the school office starting at 9.00am.

I really hope to see you there.

Miss Blackburn

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Talk on reading to all KS1 students**

Wednesday 11th September

### **Parents coffee morning**

Thursday 19th September 9am

### **Individual and Sibling Photos**

Friday 4th October AM

### **Nasal Flu Vaccinations**

Friday 4th October PM

### **Christmas Panto!**

Monday 9th December

### **KS2 Christmas Production**

Monday 16th December, afternoon  
and evening performances at Gweek  
Village Hall

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Here are this terms after school clubs starting from Monday 9 September. Please register your interest with Linda. Children are expected to attend their chosen club throughout the term, not just a one-off session.

### **MONDAY**

**KS1 Creativity with Mrs Nicholas  
(until Oct half term)**

**KS2 Football with Mr Watson**

### **TUESDAY**

**Year 3&4 LEGO with Mr Hemsley**

### **THURSDAY**

**Eco/Nature Club with Mrs Rusga  
Stay & Play with Mrs Care**

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.**

## **WELCOME TO YOUR CLASSROOMS**

Meetings will take place early next week in your child's new classroom to let you know what we are planning on doing in class this term.

### **Rosemullion Class**

Tuesday 10th September 3pm

### **Praa Sands Class**

Monday 9th September 3pm

### **Church Cove Class**

Monday 9th September 3:30pm

### **Poldhu Class**

Tuesday 10th September 3:30pm

## **HELP NEEDED PLEASE!**

Please can we ask for some parental help to empty, sort and clean the resources in the Science and DT shed.

If you're able to come, make sure you're in old clothes!

Date will be Friday 13 September.

Thank you!

## CLASS UPDATE

### Poldhu Class

It has been wonderful welcoming the children back and getting to know the new children to our class.

We started the week with familiarising ourselves with the classroom and deciding what we want our classroom to be like. We ended the day with some music and art and then we headed outside into the sunshine for some team games.

On Wednesday, we headed off to Germoe for an Anglo-Saxon workshop to launch our topic this term. We met Aethelwulf who told us about how the Anglo-Saxons ruled after Rome in 7 kingdoms, about the Viking raids and how, eventually, England was formed.

The children got the chance to learn battle techniques, become archaeologists, handle weapons and armour, take part in a witan and play some Anglo-Saxon board games (Nine Men's Morris and Hnefatafl) We have had a great 1st week and I am looking forward to seeing their learning develop over the coming weeks!



## **FOBS NEWS**

### **Welcome!**

Friends of Boskenwyn School (FOBS) is a group of people who work together to organise events and activities to support our wonderful school. We organise the autumn social, summer fayre, refreshments for school events, and work parties to improve the grounds, and many other things.

We put out requests for help here and in the FaceBook group (Boskenwyn FOBS) whenever there's an event on, but if you or anyone else would like to be more involved in coming up with ideas or helping others to arrange them, please get in touch with any of us. We can obviously be often found hanging around the playground at pick-ups, or send us a message, or give Linda in the office your number and she'll pass it on to us.

You can take part in as much or as little as you like – the more of us supporting our school, the easier and more fun it is. It's never too late to get involved whether your child is in Reception or Year 6!

We usually keep in touch via a very focused WhatsApp group, but we're meeting by the big gate in the playground on MONDAY 9th September at 8.45am (or under one of the shelters if it's raining!). Please come and say hello – it's a really relaxed thing.

### **Raise money for school whilst you shop!**

Will you, your friends, neighbours, or family members shop at Asda between now and 30th November?

Asda will donate 0.5% of the total of your shop to a Boskenwyn cashpot. It takes less than 4 minutes to set this up, so why not do it today!

- 1) Install the Asda Rewards app
- 2) Click 'cashpots', then 'join cashpots for schools'
- 3) Select 'Boskenwyn Community Primary'
- 4) Scan our school's barcode every time you shop!

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

## MUSIC LESSONS

If your child would like to learn to play an instrument or take singing lessons, please sign up through [CMST.co.uk](https://ukcmst.co.uk). There are a range of lesson lengths and pricing options. You may be eligible for subsidies which could cover the full cost of the lessons.

When you go onto the website, you need to select the option to sign up and then enter Boskenwyn School to show you the lessons we currently have taking place.

If your chosen instrument, or singing option is not shown, then please add your name to the expression of interest on the right hand side of the page. If there is enough interest, then the music teacher will make contact with the school to see when these lessons can take place.

The screenshot shows the registration page for Cornwall Music Service Trust. At the top, there is a URL bar with the address <https://ukcmst.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>. Below the URL bar is the Cornwall Music Service Trust logo and name. A blue banner contains the text: "PLEASE CLICK HERE TO SEE OUR NEW PRICES FROM SEPTEMBER 2024". Below this, there is a paragraph of text: "Please use the menus below to view and make an application for instrumental lessons currently offered by CMST at your child's school or a music centre, or to join an ensemble. If the instrumental discipline your child is interested in is not shown, please check with the school if they have other provision, and then [click here](#) to be added to an expression of interest list."

The page is divided into two main sections for searching lessons:

- Find lessons in your school:** This section has a dropdown menu for "Boskenwyn Community Primary School" and a search input field with a magnifying glass icon.
- Apply for Lessons at a Music Centre or to Join an Area Ensemble:** This section has a dropdown menu for "Please select" and a search input field with a magnifying glass icon.

Below these sections is a "Search results" section. It features a dropdown menu for "Selected school" with "Boskenwyn Community Primary School" selected. Below this, there are two white boxes with black text: "Guitar" and "Woodwind".

## **SWISS STUDENTS**

Last term we successfully hosted 5 Swiss Students at Boskenwyn school.

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 22nd June to Saturday 5th July 2025.

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 I can give a rough estimate of numbers to the Swiss School. They are looking to accommodate 160 students this year – so every place is gratefully accepted!

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Please look at the top of this newsletter for information about this term's after school clubs.

Please register your interest with Linda as some clubs may over-subscribe.

All after school clubs are intended for a term of membership, not just a one-off. If you would like your child looked after on an occasional basis, please use our after school care facility.

All clubs and after school care finish at 4:30pm prompt.

# Early Help Drop-in Coffee & Chat Morning

## You are invited to our Kerrier Coffee Morning

On Friday 13th September from 9.30am until 11.30am at Redruth Family Hub, Drump Road, Redruth, TR15 1NA

Family Workers and Youth Workers available for advice and guidance along with Guest Speakers.

**The Literacy Trust-** for families to be supported with reading locally.

**Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change-** support and advice on achieving your education, employment or personal development goals.

**Parent Carers Cornwall** -advice about the neurodevelopmental profiling tool

**Healthy Cornwall** -for all your general health advice

**Smarter Smiles** – advice about your families’ dental health

**Community Energy Plus-** helping households to enjoy more energy efficient homes.

**Southwest Water** -for tips on how to save water.

**For any further information  
please contact:**

**Email:** [Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk)  
or ring Redruth Family Hub on 01209 310000





## 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**  
[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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