

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

20th September 2024

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to all those who attended the parent meeting this week. It was a productive time: we discussed the minibus, school grounds and school debts.

We are looking for volunteers to drive the school minibus on the odd trip here and there. We are so lucky to have a bus to take the children to competitions, local visits and music events but we are lacking in drivers. If you know somebody who has a D1 on their license and who is willing to do the 2 hour Cornwall Council training then please get in touch with Linda.

Parents have been looking at ways to develop the school grounds. Funding options are limited so we have chosen to do it in phases. Thank you to those who have volunteered to source the digger and rotivator to turn over the land and to those who will do it over the coming weeks. The ground, once aired, will be turfed, a climbing frame (small initially) will be bought, fitted and added in phases.

We discussed how we could keep school debts down as they are quite large in some cases. We talked about having a food bank so that if a child needs a school lunch and there is an outstanding, large debt already then we will make them a sandwich rather than increase the debt in some cases. We also talked about children ordering tuck with parental consent/money in the kitty and decided that if a child doesn't have the money in the bank/in hand then they will not be allowed to take tuck and run up a debt with parents knowing. We have told the children that if they have no tuck and they are hungry they need to tell a teacher and we will get them a piece of fruit.

If you have any other ideas on any of the above then please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always open to discussion.

Have a lovely weekend Paula Blackburn

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Harvest Celebration

Tuesday 1st October – Gweek Village
Hall 2pm

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. 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.

CLASS UPDATE

Praa Sands Class

We have continued to capture biodiversity through creativity through our mini east topic this week. In English as well as developing our grammar, we have started writing Autumn poems which is very exciting! Maths has been all about comparing measurements. So we have been very busy!

We have settled well into our new classroom and our new routine, joining Rosemullion every afternoon. We have also been loving taking our learning outside in the early Autumn sunshine. Long may it last!



ECO CLUB

We had a lovely litter pick in the sunshine this week. Not too much to report which is good. We did collect lots of squashed apples fallen from our tree though and will compost them so they don't go to waste. Although we did try one fresh from the tree and it was delicious!

We all set out our aims for this academic year and one was to tackle marine waste so watch this space for ideas.

Enjoy the last of the September sunshine.

PLEA!

We have a lovely flag to display our award but have no way of displaying it at the moment. Can anyone out there help us by donating a flag pole or similar? Would love to hear from you?

Denise Rusga, Chantalle Schelleckens and the new EcoClub committee



FOBS NEWS

AGM

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.

FOBS are having their AGM on Thursday 3rd October at 6.30pm at the Black Swan in Gweek.

Everyone is welcome - even if you can't make it for the start of the meeting.

Bug Hotel!

Please can you collect any materials suitable for a bug hotel and leave it to on the grassy bit close to the Rosemullion Gate. We're looking for terracotta pots, bamboo and other things suitable for making bugs comfy.

Raise money for school whilst you shop!

Boskenwyn school's cash pot has reached £73.23!!

Big thank you to everyone who is taking part.

Let's keep going !

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)

HARVEST

A reminder that our School Harvest celebration will take place on Tuesday 1st October at 2pm at Gweek Village Hall.

It will be followed by a harvest auction to raise money for the food bank - so please can we ask for you to bring along donations to be auctioned?

Donations are usually home-grown produce, bread, cakes and produce along the harvest theme.

Please can you bring along your donations so we can raise some money for a worthy cause?

Everyone is welcome, and we ask that you collect your child from the hall at the usual time.

Thank you!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are looking for good condition tools that you may be able to donate for our KS2 children to make things in a supervised environment:

hand drills
smaller drill bits
any foldable 'workmate' type cutting/vice bench?

We are also looking for materials:

straw (for thatching models)
small diameter willow sprigs for wattle & daub
any clean, corrugated cardboard

All of the above is for our model making in Year 5/6 DT lessons.

Please can you bring anything you might be able to donate to the office?

Many thanks!



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!

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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