

# Boskenwyn School Newsletter

10th October 2025



#### **MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN**

Dear parents and carers

Please have a look at the information in this Newsletter (below) about our Harvest Festival and save the date. The Harvest Auction is always great fun; this year we will be raising funds for Helston Food Bank and our School.

Please bring anything you would like to donate for auction the day before so we can get things organised into hampers. We are not limited to food. If you would like to contribute by offering toiletries then they would be most welcome. We thank you in advance.

A safeguarding warning to take note of – there is a series of books available for children called Spy Dogs, Spy Pups and Spy Cats. Within the books there is a link to a pornographic website so please look out for these books and take them away from your children.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn



#### **WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**

#### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Harvest Festival**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November Gweek Village Hall

## Parents coffee meeting

Wednesday 19th November 9am

#### **KS2 Christmas Production**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December Gweek Village Hall - Afternoon and Evening

#### **School Christmas Dinner**

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Class Photos**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - AM

### Parents coffee meeting

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2:30pm

# Parents coffee meeting

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9am

#### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

## **Mondays**

KS2 Football with Mr Watson

This club will not run when there is a football league game on:

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.

## **Tuesdays**

- Year 3/4 Lego Club with Mr Hemsley
- Year 5/6 Greenpower Club with Mrs Nicholas
- KS1 Seasonal Crafts with Mr Lawrence

# Thursdays

Eco Club
 with Miss Schellekens
 NO CLUB ON 16 OCT

Wraparound Breakfast Club available from 8am and after school care until 4:30pm daily

#### **SAFETY REMINDERS**

Please do not park across the staff car park and obstruct the entrance.

Drive slowly when you enter and leave the school.

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#### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Our annual Harvest Festival will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at Gweek Village Hall starting at 2.30. All welcome!

This will include our harvest auction to raise money for Helston food bank.

All donations of auction items will be greatly appreciated!



#### **HEALTH AND SAFETY FIRST!**

Please do not bring scooters, skateboards or similar onto the school playground at the beginning or end of the day.

They playground is quite busy, and this is a real a health and safety hazard with so many people milling about.

Thank you

#### **ECO CLUB**

Hi all,

What a beautiful week we've had! The autumn scents are in the air and the sun has continued to make us smile!

This week, at Eco Club, we have carried on with the mosaic board. Our school name is now fixed in position on the board and we've added a few more sea creatures. The Eco Warriors have been working really hard.

If anyone has some broken crockery, particularly blue in colour, that they want to donate we would be very grateful.

Please remember there is no Eco Club next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

The Eco Warriors





#### **GREENPOWER CLUB**

Our GreenPower team have their sights on the races this year and have already begun to think about fundraising.

They will be holding a bake sale on Tuesday 21st October after school. Any donations will be gratefully received.

They have also started thinking about running an online auction.

If you are able to donate anything for this, please contact Mrs Nicholas. We are hoping to run the online auction shortly.

In addition, if you know anyone who would be happy to sponsor our GreenPower team, then we would be delighted to accept their sponsorship! We have two GreenPower cars and are desperate to race them again this year!

Many thanks,

The GreenPower Team



#### **CLASS UPDATE**

Another busy few weeks in Church Cove Class!

We continue to learn about our topic of 'Stone Age to Iron Age', by recently learning about how people in Britain lived during the Bronze and Iron Ages.

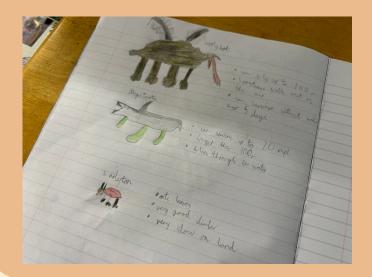
Today, we learned about roundhouses and hillforts, and even drew some detailed diagrams of hillforts, as an effective defence system in the Iron Age.

In English, we have been learning about how to write non-chronological reports about prehistoric animals, as well as creating our own creatures, ready to write about them next week.

In PSHE, we have been learning about the importance of exercise on our physical and mental health - we even completed an exercise to investigate how exercise makes us feel before and after we have completed it. In PE, we have been practising our dribbling, passing, ball control and tackling skills in Hockey.

We have been learning about Hinduism in RE and Animals including Humans







#### **LATENESS!**

Our KS2 classes start at 8:45 and the classroom doors are open from 8:30.

More and more children are arriving late and disrupting learning.

Please make sure this is not your child.

#### **CHANGE OF MENU ITEM!**

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October we are having loaded nachos instead of our regular menu item. On offer is a beef chilli option or a veggie option, both options come with nachos and cheese (dairy or vegan) of course!



#### PLEASE RESPECT OUR SCHOOL!

Please respect the school rules and grounds by not allowing your child/ren to climb the hedges/tree/gates at drop off and pick up.

Please also DO NOT REMOVE play items from the shed. This can only be done during school hours by school staff.

#### **FOBS NEWS**

## **Pub Quiz and Meet up!**

The Black Swan Pub in Gweek are kindly donating all proceeds from their Pub Quiz to our playground fund. The Quiz will be held on 14th October from 8PM. All are welcome - it's a bit of fun whilst raising funds for our school.

The FOBS team will also be holding an informal meeting from 7pm before the Quiz. Please do come along to find out how you can help get involved with our fundraising events. Our volunteers make it possible to hold events and we are so grateful for any help people can offer us!

We hope to see you at the quiz!









The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend...

# Wild Wellbeing

During October half term we are offering FREE nature based creative sessions linked to the 5 ways to wellbeing.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall.

Please book EACH child on to a session.

Morning and afternoon sessions available at:

The Core at St Ives Community

Orchard - Thursday 30 October

Hayle Family Hub - Friday 31 October

We are also offering a Parentwell session at

Penrose Estate - Monday 27 October

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

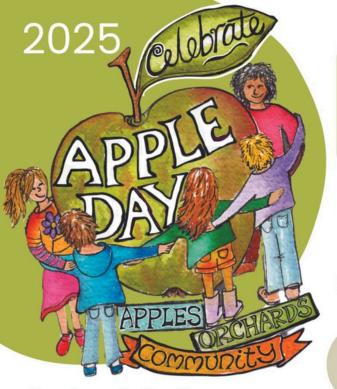
To request a place, please complete the online form or scan the QR code provided: https://forms.office.com/e/vc2Dtk8C5B

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:

Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)







Saturday
11th October
11am until 6pm



Refreshments & Bar

Children's Games & Activities

Live Music all day, Procession Orchard Blessing, Ceilidh

Join Us! TR14 ODD

# Rural Crafts & Demonstrations

Exhibition, Tasting, ID, Trees, Orchard Tours & Advice, Juice & Juice Pressing, Games, Traditions, Crafts, Cakes, Cider & more

# The Apple!





TICKETS

It's cheaper to book in advance Adults £5 (£6 on the day) Children 6-16 £3 (£4 on the day) Carers and children 5 & under FREE





www.kehellandtrust.org.uk

#### A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

#### Become a Governor at Boskenwyn!

Are you passionate about education and eager to make a difference in our school community? Our governing board (joint with Germoe) is looking for new governors, and in particular for those who can represent the needs of Boskenwyn.

Influence School Decisions: Play a key role in shaping the future of our schools.

Support Our Students: Help ensure every child receives the best possible education.

Develop New Skills: Gain valuable experience in governance and leadership.

This is open to parents or guardians of current or future students, or anyone committed to the school's vision and values. We meet once each half term, with the occasional need for ad hoc extra sessions.

To learn more or to express your interest, please contact Bertie Archer (chair) at <a href="mailto:bertie.archer@fbgschools.co.uk">bertie.archer@fbgschools.co.uk</a>

Please join us in making Boskenwyn and Germoe even better places for our children to learn and grow!



# 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@fbgschools.co.uk or
	email class teacher( name plus
	@fbgschools.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	See saw
their homework	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@fbgschools.co.uk
	Angie Larcombe <u>alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk</u>
	Denise Rusga <u>drusga@fgbschools.co.uk</u>

# 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** 



