

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

27th September 2024

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

There's not much to report in the newsletter this week apart from huge congratulations to Mr Conway and his wife Alex on their wedding on Saturday. It was a beautiful day despite the thunder and lightning!

We wish them many years of happiness and good health.

Don't miss our Harvest celebration on Tuesday 1st October at Gweek Village Hall at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you all. Please bring in suitable seasonal items to be auctioned and any edible contributions towards the FoBs refreshment stand will also be appreciated.

Our school individual and sibling photos are taking place on Friday morning; we look forward to seeing all your wonderful smiles on that day!

Have a lovely weekend, Paula Blackburn



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Harvest Celebration

Tuesday 1st October - Gweek Village Hall 2pm
FoBS are providing refreshments so any cake donations are appreciated.

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

Rosemullion Class

We have had a great week in Rosemullion class. We have been busy practicing our songs for the harvest show. We have also been exploring minibeasts and looking at the life cycle of a caterpillar creating writing and drawing the stages.

We also finished our multi-skills sessions in PE with some fun games. We are looking forward to having a rest this weekend and performing our songs next week.



ECO CLUB

Our litter pick this week resulted in a substantial amount of snack wrappers and food debris. It was suggested that each class needs new litter monitors allocating to champion this cause.

Our committee have a keen interest in the sea and our beaches and the impact of ocean plastic on our local marine life. They would like to contribute towards the marine section of our Green Flag retention. We

are keen to encourage beach litter picks and using the 'finds' to publicise the problem through an art project. We would like as many people from the school community as possible to bring us plastic and fishing waste found on beaches to contribute towards this piece of art.

We discussed litter picking safety and came up with the following:

- Always pick with an adult and be aware of tides.
- Do not collect sharp things and broken glass or anything that could potentially hurt you.
- Do borrow one of our long handled litter pickers. Do wear protective gloves.
- Don't pick anything that may have wildlife living or growing in/on it.
- Only bring 'clean' plastic and waste ie hard plastics, bottle tops, fishing net fragments etc.

We would like to start the art project after half term so are making a plea for your contributions before the break and immediately after as the half term break may be a good time to litter pick on our beaches. Please bring your contributions to the side of Praa Sands classroom.

PLEA: We are still begging for a flag pole or similar to display our hard earned flag. Let us know if you can help us.

Denise Rusga, Chantalle Schelleckens and the new EcoClub committee

FOBS NEWS

AGM

All welcome! As a registered charity, each year FOBS (Friends of Boskenwyn School) must hold an AGM (annual general meeting). At the meeting we'll share last year's accounts, a summary of last year, and outline thoughts for this year, then open up some discussion.

If anyone would like to volunteer for committee positions (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) please let Nicky (07846910031) know. Look forward to seeing you!

Thanks!

Big thanks to Hazel and family a couple of weekends ago for helping spruce up the Rosemullion garden area ready for the new term.

Also, big thank you to Nick at Trevena Nursery for donating the new flowers and shrubs you see around the school - a lovely touch of colour.

Raise money for school whilst you shop!

Boskenwyn school's cash pot has now reached £82.95!

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?

FOBs will be serving refreshments at the Harvest Festival event on Tuesday afternoon at Gweek Village Hall.

If anyone has time to make any cakes or biscuits they can serve, they would be really grateful.

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



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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