

Weekly Benson Bulletin

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Message from Mrs Giblett

Ofsted Attendance Grades		
96.5% + High	96.1% - 96.4% Above national average	95.5% - 95.9% In line with national average
94.0% or below Low	90% or below Cause for concern	85% or below Persistent Absence

Attendance

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 95.03%.

Congratulations this week to **RRock** who were top of the attendance table with 98%. *Well done!*

PlayPod

We hope that children in the Juniors have been feeling positive and enthusiastic at home about our new PlayPod. For several years, we have wanted to create better play experiences for the children and FABB have worked tirelessly to help make this a reality.

PlayPod is a purpose built play facility full of scrap or loose parts from Children's Scrapstore. The scrap materials, or 'loose parts', can include anything from cardboard tubes, tyres, lengths of material, netting, rope, and much, much more. At lunchtimes, staff open the doors and the children are free to go into the pod and take out anything they like to play with.

These items of scrap can be played with however children want. The flexible nature and variety of scrap available means that the Scrapstore PlayPod creates an environment which will stimulate and enhance children's play experiences. Children are hugely imaginative and so the scrap is transformed into all kinds of different things to become part of their play as the photo below proves!

The children are delighted to know that the Scrapstore PlayPod will also be topped up with reusable and recycled scrap materials on a regular basis.

*We are delighted with pupil comments this week:
It is like a theme park
I felt free
I didn't know that scrap could be so much fun*

Video link:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/4x8ht6evuqtsb6r/Keep%20it%20Simple_Niki%20Willows%20%282%29%20%281%29.pdf?dl=0

Once again, pupils, staff and governors would like to say a huge thank you to FABB, and to all our parents because you have supported so many FABB fundraising events to help make this happen.

All parents are invited to come into school on Tuesday 21st February, 2.30pm for a presentation on Playpod.



RAK Week (Random Acts of Kindness)

Next week, during half-term, is Random Acts of Kindness Week 2017. As part of our anti-bullying focus (We All Bee-long!) this year we have been getting the children ready this week to shower their family & friends, or others, with kindness. At least 2 children in each class were presented with a Kindness Certificate in assembly today for various RAKs this week and many others will have had stickers for being kind and caring to others.

We are encouraging the children to be a "RAKstar" and to bring some joy and surprises to others next week. If you want to get involved as a family, we are attaching a Kindness Calendar for the month of February with lots

of wonderful RAK ideas. If your child does a RAK that they would like to share with the school, then take a photo or write it down and we will share it at assembly as we love to be inspired by others
Happy RAKing!

Pupil behaviour

As you know, I am incredibly proud of the children at Archbishop Benson and every day they do such wonderful things which show our school values in action. Now and again incidences or behaviours can occur that cause us a little concern and where that happens we like to be as pre-emptive and proactive as possible in addressing them. In Spring 1 we have noticed that quite a few of our Year 4 children are using an increasing amount of sex-related language with their peers. We wanted to make our Y4 parents aware of this and to seek their support.

As part of our SRE provision, year on year, we provide sex & relationships education for all our children in the Summer term and our wonderful staff do a fantastic job in introducing the children to age-related themes and vocabulary with in a safe & supportive learning environment. We have no problem with the children knowing and using age-appropriate SRE language in the right context. We also know that sometimes they will experiment a little with using some of these words in the playground and we are always poised to deal with that. However in Year 4 at the moment a number of children are using both age-related and some surprising non age-related SRE language quite frequently in the playground. It may be linked to the fact that some of them are teasing each other, as seen in the disco last night, about boyfriends and girlfriends and are getting a bit carried away.

It may well be that some Y4 children have older siblings and are just aware of more adult vocabulary at home but we also know that some of the children are telling us that they play 18+ computer games. If they, or older siblings, are doing so online then they could be being exposed to some horrific language. Myself, Mrs Teasdale and Mr Thomas will speak to Y4 after half and I will do some assemblies on positive language and choices. We thought that half-term might be the ideal time for you to talk to your child and maybe have an informal SRE discussion with them. They may know words or have questions that they would like the chance to discuss with you. You can talk to them about what might be appropriate to speak about at home and then remind them about our expectation, and your expectations, for behaviour in school. We wanted to make you aware of our actions so that if, by any chance, your child mentions having been spoken to about using

SRE language, or being around when SRE language is being used, then you are aware of the background.

Thank you for your support and both Mrs Teasdale and Mr Thomas are more than happy to speak to you if you have any questions or concerns.

Parking on school grounds

I would like to bring a safeguarding situation to your attention. Several concerned parents have contacted me this week because over the last few weeks they have observed an increasing issue when parents are picking up children from after school clubs, particularly on a Tuesday.

Parents have reported that instead of finding a car parking space some parents are now stopping in the dropping off area as well as queuing down the school driveway from the gates. Parents said that it was particularly bad on Tuesday this week. They felt that some parents just abandoned their cars on the school driveway, and walked down to reception to collect their child. This action then blocked the whole area, so that other parents were stuck down by the crossing unable to park anywhere. What concerns us, in school, is that this action also resulted in children and parents having to cross over the school driveway in between cars and staff did not have a clear view in front of them as they are dismissing the children. Parents who spoke to me felt that such driving/parking is just an accident waiting to happen. What frustrated these parents is that there were plenty of parking spaces around for all parents but those who were in the queue did not have enough room to reverse into them or go down to the old playground to park as cars were coming out, having collected their children properly.

We recognise that the vast majority of our parents drive/park carefully and sensibly when on school grounds. We also know that no parent would intentionally wish to harm any child. Therefore we would just like to remind all our parents to exercise courtesy and consideration when parking at any time of the day. I have asked our site supervisors, and staff in general, to be extra vigilant. It may be that a member of staff might speak to individual parents if they have concerns about driving or parking. We would hope that you would not take offence if we were to do so. As ever, the safety of your children is of paramount importance to us.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the children who won a prize in the Lewisham Estate Agents Art Competition:-

Alfie L (5C)	1 st Prize
Melodie S (4T)	2 nd Prize
Charlotte G (4T)	Highly Commended

The task was to draw/paint a picture called "Design your Dream Home!" *Well done children!*

Mrs Giblett

Family Learning for Everyone!!

Many of you who have attended Year 2 Family Learning courses over the years will know the benefits of learning alongside your child in school. In the past we have been limited to offering courses to one year group, however, this year we are delighted to be able to offer a range of courses to ALL families. The courses are a great opportunity to find out about how subjects are taught in school in order to support your child as well as honing your own skills in that area.

After Half Term we kick off with SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) which will be an invaluable source of information and is open to all families. For further details, please see the promotional materials attached to last week's newsletter. To book a place, pop into school and see me or contact the office by phone or email.

Spaces are limited so please book your place early. I look forward to hearing from you. *Mrs Carolyn Power*

Sainsbury's Active Kids

Sainsbury's have started their Active Kids vouchers for 2017. One voucher will be given for every £10 spent. Please ask family, friends and even neighbours to donate theirs to Archbishop Benson School so we can acquire new PE equipment to add to our sporting resources and lunchtime Huff & Puff equipment. We have a collection box in reception. Thank you.



CLUBS

STREET SURFING (KS2 only)

This club has been CANCELLED due to lack of numbers. Apologies to those who applied for a place.

CROSS COUNTRY – KS2

This club will move to Tuesday lunchtimes starting 28th Feb (no cross country club the first week back).

Please remember to bring spare socks!

All clubs will be cancelled week commencing 27th February, except for Yoga and Go Active Football due to parents evenings.

Sleep Success

Free workshop for parents and carers of **children with additional needs:-**

Helping your child to sleep

- Raising awareness of good sleep practice
- Strategies for parents
- Discussion with time to share ideas

Includes: The impact of sleep disorders

- The bedroom environment
- A good bedtime routine
- Night waking
- Keeping a sleep diary

Date: Friday 24 February

Time: 9.30am – 1.30pm

Venue: St Paul's Children's Centre (next to Archbishop Benson School)

Please book your free place via the school office.

Early Years Foundation Stage would be very grateful for donations of the following for their outdoor area

Milk Crates
Pipes/Guttering/pipe connectors
Carpet off cuts
Large planks of wood
Large tractor tyres x 2
Building bricks
Logs
Large and small cable reels
Steering wheels/bike wheels
Painting rollers and trays
Sails

Some of the above items such as logs we need in abundance. If you have any of the above then please come and speak to Mrs Riches or Miss Palmer in EYFS. Many thanks in advance.

Porthpean Residential Camp, 8th-10th May

The date for the final payment for the Year 4 Porthpean Camp is Friday 28 April. A new payment item has been added to ParentPay which will allow payments in instalments up to the full amount.

Spring Parental Consultations

Parents' evenings will be held on the following dates:

Mon 27/2	All classes apart from Y6
Tue 28/2	All classes (late night, until 7pm)
Wed 1/3	All classes
Thu 2/3	Y6 only

Booking via eSchools will open on **Monday 20 February, 9am**. If you have forgotten your password, please contact the school office.

Having recently carried out a whole-school, scrutiny of books and planning, we were delighted to see how enthusiastically the children are embracing their work and how much progress they have made with their spelling and handwriting, two big areas of focus in school this year. We know that you will enjoy seeing the impressive learning journeys in their lovely books.

Information Board – there will be a display board set up in the school hall with various useful items of useful information from the School Nurse, Family Information Service, FABB, SENCO, etc.

Class Assemblies

4T Friday 24th February, 9am
5T Friday 10th March, 9am
1K Friday 17th March, 9am

All parents/carers of the class are invited to come along and watch in the school hall.

Year 4 – memories of Porthpean, Friday 19th May, 9am
Year 6 – memories of London, Friday 23rd June, 9am

Assemblies for RP, RR, 1W, 2L and 5C will take place next term. Dates to be arranged.

Kitchen News

The new menu is now available on Parentpay. Please book your child's choices for next half term. For information, the menu is also attached to the end of this newsletter.

Recorder/Woodwind Lessons

Unfortunately, Mrs Robinson has been poorly and not been able to teach for 2 weeks this half term. Please be assured these lessons will be made up to the correct number by the end of the term.

Children's University

On the first Thursday back, after half term (February 23rd), we invite the children who have Children's University Passports to bring them to school if they have clocked up enough hours for the next certificate/s. To make things a little easier for me, please could parents write the total number of hours on a Post-it note inside the front cover of the passport and which certificate the child was last awarded (if appropriate). Then we shall look forward to presenting the children with their certificates in an assembly. Many thanks.

Mr Kitto

FABB

FABB would be grateful for any volunteers to help tidy and clean the school greenhouse on Wednesdays, 9am-10am next half term to get it ready for the growing season. If you are able to help, please contact a member of the FABB team or let the school office know. Thank you.

Data Collection Sheets

These have been sent home via your child. Please check the details, sign and return as soon as possible in order that we can make any corrections/updates on our data system. Thank you.

Year 5 Netball

The team have played their last two matches of the league. The first match was against the amazing St Agnes Year 6 team which despite great defending by us we eventually lost 10-0. St Agnes now look set to win the league. Our final match was against Mount Hawke Academy, another strong Year 6 team. We were so pleased to be winning at half time 2-0 but unfortunately Mount Hawke came back stronger and finally won the match 6-2. The team found playing in the league a great experience and did themselves proud, winning 2 of their 6 matches. Congratulations to the whole team, Silvenna (captain), Ella, Jake, Jayden, Ellie-Maeve, Ellie, Poppy, Gaby, Olivia H, Gracie, Elizabeth, Evie and Hannah. They have been a pleasure to coach and accompany to matches, thanks to Mrs Reynard and Mrs Binding for transporting the team and all the parents who came along to support us.

Mrs Olds



Polwhele House Inter-school Cross country Match KS 2

On Saturday 25th March Polwhele will be holding their annual cross country races. Children are invited to run for Archbishop Benson School in either the U9 (1km) or U11 (1.5km) race. There will be medals and certificates awarded for the top three boys and girls with the top six finishers from each team contributing to an overall team prize. The school will also be providing refreshments throughout the morning.

This event will start with registration at **9:30am**, walking the course at 9:45am and finish with a presentation of awards at **11:30am**. *The deadline for entries is Friday 26th February.* Please note that the course is multi-terrain much of which is through the school woodland. It is therefore advisable to wear running spikes or football boots.

Please can you return the slip below with the entry fee of £1 to the office by 25th February.

Many thanks.

Mrs J Williams

Polwhele Cross Country Match KS 2

My child _____ aged _____ in class _____ would like to enter the cross country at Polwhele on Saturday 25th March. I have included a £1 entry fee and **will stay for the duration of the event.**

Signed: _____

Contact no: _____

INVITATION TO COOSE TRANNACK – SATURDAY **18th MARCH 2017**

Children are invited to race in the 17th annual running of 'Coose Trannack Cross Country Races' on Saturday 18th March 2017.

The event is held on the Coose Trannack Woodland adjacent to Trannack School (near Helston). It is a millennium wood with fantastic views over The Lizard peninsula. The course is sloping and represents a tough challenge for even the most talented runners.

The event is open to all children from Year Reception to Year 12 and will involve separate races for each Primary School age group.

Further details of this event are available on the Trannack School's website:-

http://trannack.eschools.co.uk/website/coose_trannack/29267

For the first time this year there will also be an adult "fun" run for anyone who likes a challenge and a bit of fun!!!

Mrs J Williams (Running teacher)

Girlguiding World Thinking Day – 22 February

World Thinking Day is a special day for members of Girlguiding. It is a time when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts across the world think of each other and their commitment to international friendship and understanding. Traditionally, all members of Girlguiding are encouraged to wear their uniforms to school, college or work on World Thinking Day. Usually it falls in half-term but this year it happens in the middle of the week following half-term. Therefore, on this occasion, the school is happy to give permission for members of the Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and the Senior Section to proudly wear their guiding uniform to school on that day.

Naturally, we would be willing to consider similar support for other groups like Cubs and Scouts.

Uniform Shop

The school uniform shop will be held from 3.15pm onwards and can be accessed via the Junior (KS2) playground through the door between 6J and 5C.

These are the dates for our Uniform Shop:

- **Friday 24 February**
- **Friday 10 March**
- **Friday 24 March**

We do hold a reasonable level of uniform stock in school but this can get sold quickly at the Uniform Shops. Ordering online will ensure you get what you want.

Stay and Play

Truro Nursery School, in partnership with Archbishop Benson School, offer a Stay and Play session on Thursdays in St Paul's Children's Centre from 9.00am – 10.30am. Play and early learning sessions for families following the early



years' foundation stage curriculum for ages 0 – 5 years. Cost is £2.00 per family (up to 2 children). First session is free to new families.

Next session: Thursday 23rd Feb.

Cornwall Cricket

Cricket games and skills for children during February half term staffed by qualified coaches. £15 per day if booked in advance. Further info: www.cornwallcricket.co.uk. Enquiries: mkent@cornwallcricket.co.uk.

Charity Quiz Night

Friday 31st March, 7pm in our school hall in aid of the children's charity CHICKS. £26 per team (max 4 people) to include a pasty. To reserve your team contact David Rogers davidrogers58@googlemail.com or 01872 260315.

Dates for Your Diary 2017

February

Tue 21st 2.30pm Presentation to parents about Playpod.
Fri 24th Class 4Trelissick Assembly, 9am
(Parents/Carers of children in 4T welcome)
Mon 27th Parents' Evenings – all classes apart from Y6
Tue 28th Parents' Evenings – all classes (late night)

March

Wed 1st Parents' Evenings – all classes
Thu 2nd Parents' Evenings – Y6 only
Wed 8th Spring Eucharist Service, 9am
Fri 10th Class 5T Assembly, 9am
(Parents/Carers of children in 5T welcome)
Wed 15th FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
Fri 17th Class 1K Assembly, 9am
(Parents/Carers of children in 1K welcome)
Fri 24th Mother's Day Coffee Morning – FABB
Sat 25th KS2 Cross Country - Polwhele

May

Thu 4th FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
Mon 8th to 10th Porthpean Camp – Year 4

June

Sat 24th Summer Fair
Mon 12th to 16th Year 6 trip to London

July

Mon 3rd FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
Tue 25th Leaver's Reception & Summer Disco

Term Dates for School Year 2016 /2017

Mon 20th Feb	Children return to school after half term
Fri 31st Mar	Break up for Easter
Tue 18th Apr	Children return to school for Summer Term
Mon 1st May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Fri 26th May	Break up for half term
Mon 5th June	Children return to school
Wed 26th July	Break up for Summer Holidays

Half Term Dance & Multi-skills School 2017.



Activities Include:

- Dance battles
- Soft football & Dodgeball
- Team games/ball games
- Arts & Crafts
- Relay races
- Competitions
- Gymnastics
- Quiz's
- Dance Performance
- Medals & Trophies
- Prizes & Treats

£12 a day

What to bring?
Packed Lunch
Drinks bottle
Sports/Dance clothes

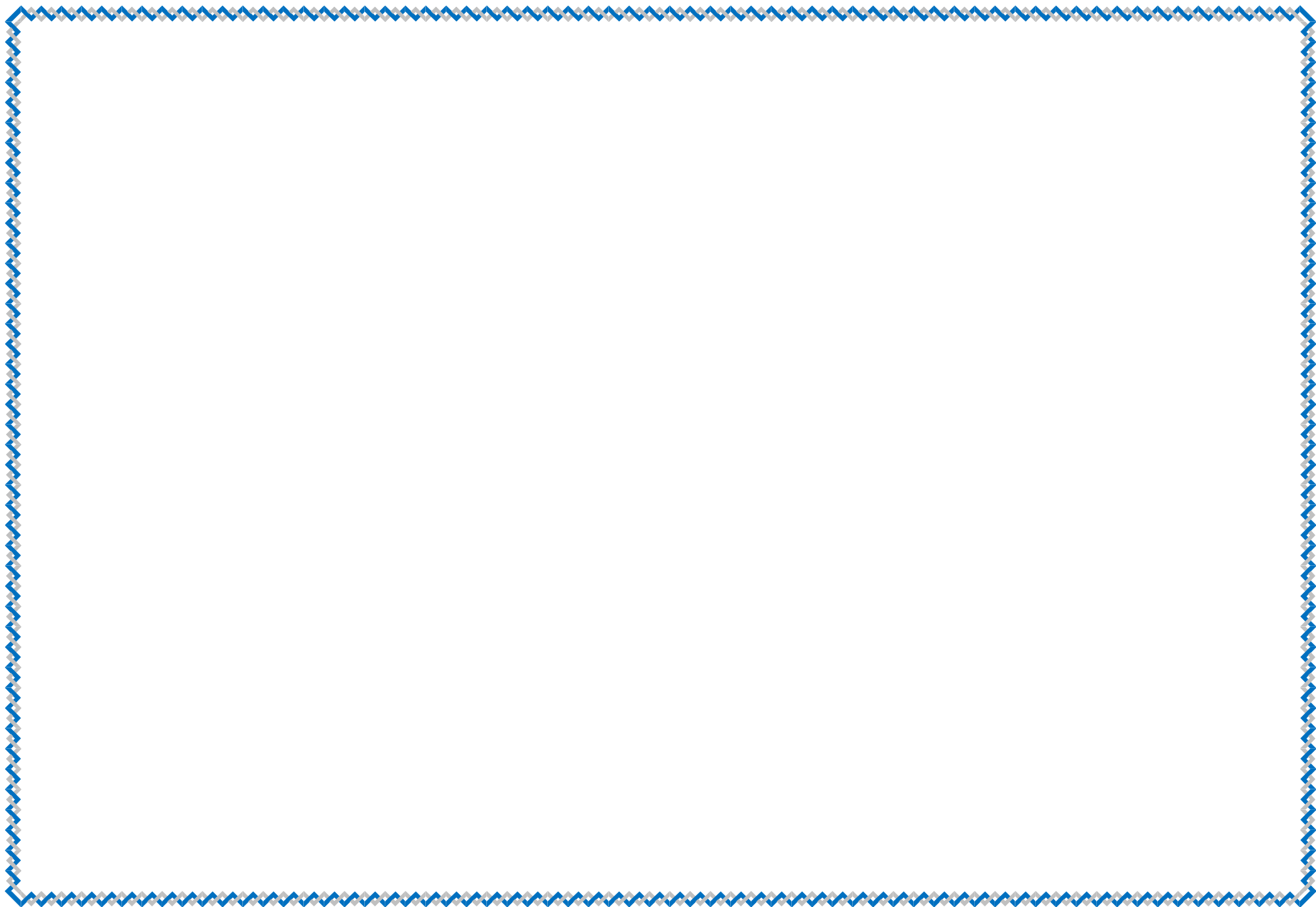
Where: Threemilestone Community Hall
Truro, Pengelly Way. TR36PD

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BOOK NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE!!!

TUES 14TH, WED 15TH , THURS 16TH FEB
9:00am-3:30pm

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
☆Thank you ☆ for your kindness #KindnessCalendar		1	2	3	4	5
		Share this calendar to inspire kindness in others	Make someone laugh	Spend time with loved ones	Give your post-man/woman a treat on 'Thank a Mail Carrier Day'	Take yourself out on a 'date'
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Give gentle encouragement to someone who needs it	Let your friends know you care on 'Send a Card to a Friend Day'	Buy a few extra items to start your 2017 Food Bank donation box	Think, speak and act positive to yourself and to others	Hug someone who's having a bad day	Donate pre-loved clothes to charity	Treat yourself to something nice
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Get together with your best gal pals on 'Galentine's Day'	Show some love to yourself and others on 'Valentine's Day'	Hide positive messages for strangers to find	Send a postcard, or 2, to someone on postcardhappiness.com	👑 Go kindness CRAZY 🌟 on 'Random Act of Kindness Day'	Give a genuine compliment to 10 people	Go for a gentle soul stroll in nature
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Show your pet some extra love on 'Love Your Pet Day'	Say thank you with your biggest smile	Volunteer at an animal shelter for 'Walk The Dog Day'	Say sorry to someone you need to	Wear a pink shirt for 'STAND UP to Bullying Day'	Decide to just be happy today, no matter what	Safely watch the rare and extraordinary Solar Eclipse
27	28	<h2>Kindness Calendar - February 2017</h2> <p>"Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver." - Barbara De Angelis</p> <p>Download your free Kindness Calendar at www.maketodayhappy.co.uk</p> <p>Share your kindness stories and experiences at www.facebook.com/spreadingalittlekindness</p>				
Offer to help someone who doesn't like to ask for help	Be present for others					



Welcome to Archbishop Benson's spring-summer menu for 2017. Our team in the kitchen – George, Korrine, Sally and Cheryl – hope you enjoy eating with us as much as we enjoy preparing and serving your food.

All our produce comes from local suppliers and we take real pride in treating this wonderful food with the respect it deserves.

If you need to speak to us about any dietary requirements or have any questions about the menu please contact a member of staff and either George or Korrine can answer your query.

Our suppliers include: Matthew Stevens Fish (St Ives), Westcountry Fruit Sales (Falmouth), Roddas Creamery (Redruth), Brian Ethringtons Butchers (Redruth).

WEEK 1 20/2/17 13/3/17 17/4/17 8/5/17 5/6/17 26/6/17 17/7/17				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato Soup with optional Pesto (v)	Thai Lentil & Coconut Soup (v)	Cream of Broccoli Soup (v)	Leek & Potato Soup (v)	Pea & Mint(v) Soup
Shepherd's Pie	Carbonara Pasta Bake	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce	Slow Cooked Beef Chilli with Steamed Rice	Battered Cod
Vegetarian Shepherd's Pie	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Cheddar & Leek Tart	Crispy Baked Potatoes with a Choice of Fillings	Poached Free Range Egg
Seasonal Vegetables	Homemade Garlic Bread & Rainbow Salad	Roast Potato & Seasonal Vegetables	Sweetcorn & Peas	Chips & Beans
Steamed Honey & Orange Sponge with Organic Yogurt	Ice Cream with Mixed Berries	Mixed Fruit Jelly with Whipped Cornish Cream	Apple & Rhubarb Crumble with Vanilla Bean Custard	Lemon Drizzle Cake
Available Daily: Soup of the Day Freshly baked bread Fresh Fruit Salad Trewithen Dairy Milk Fruit Juices				

Week 2 27/2/17	20/3/17 24/4/17 15/5/17 12/6/17 3/7/17	24/7/17		
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Smoked Haddock Chowder	Carrot & Coriander Soup (v)	Tomato & Basil Soup (v)	Cream of Vegetable Soup (v)	Sweet Potato Soup (v)
Ethringtons Hand Crimped Steak Pasty	Cornish Beef Lasagne	Roast Free Range Chicken with Sage & Onion Stuffing	Salmon Fillet with a Crispy Topping, Potato Wedges & Garden Peas	Homemade Pizzas – Salami or Tomato & Mozzarella
Cheese & Onion Pasty	Spring Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetable Crumble	Crispy Baked Potato with a choice of fillings	Chips & Beans
Homemade Chutney & Seasonal Veg	Mixed Leaf Salad	Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables		
Homemade Scones with Jam & Cream	Carrot Cake	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard	Blueberry Cheesecake	Chocolate Brownie

WEEK 3 6/3/17 27/3/17 1/5/17 22/5/17 19/6/17 10/7/17				
Smokey Tomato & Lentil Soup(v)	Creamy Carrot Soup (v)	Tomato & Roasted Red Pepper Soup (v)	Minestrone Soup(v)	Vegetable Noodle Soup(v)
Cornish Sausage & Mash with Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast Topside of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding	Mild Thai Chicken Curry with Rice, Peas & Sweetcorn	Cornish Hot-Dogs
Homity Pie	Homemade Pesto Pasta	Vegetable Filo Pie		Vegetarian Hot-Dogs
Seasonal Vegetables	Homemade Focaccia & Salad	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Veg	Crispy Baked Potato with a choice of fillings	Chips, Beans & Fried Onions
Organic Cornish Yogurt with Honey & Granola	Vanilla Ice Cream with Fruit Salad	Apple Upside-down Cake with Custard	Superfruit Smoothie	Homemade Honey Roast Cereal Bar
Available Daily: Soup of the Day Freshly baked bread Fresh Fruit Salad Trewithen Dairy Milk Fruit Juices				