



# Weekly Benson Bulletin

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PUPIL WELFARE GROUP		
We pride ourselves on being approachable and are happy to discuss any concern with parents, no matter how big or small.		
<b>Hrs Giblett</b>	Designated Safeguarding Lead	
<b>Mr Crocker</b>	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
<b>Mrs Truen</b>	Family Support Coordinator	
<b>Mrs J Williams</b>	Special Educational Needs	
<b>Mrs B Morris</b>	Coordinators	

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

### Attendance

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96.62%.

Congratulations this week to **1Kynance** who were top of the attendance table with 99%. *Well done!*

### Thank You!

At this busy time of the year, with so much going on, we can sometimes forget to stand back for a moment and appreciate all that is being done & achieved by pupils, staff, parents and governors.

I just wanted to say a few heart-felt thank –you’s :

- Thank you to all involved in the London trip – to the parents for being so supportive, to the children for being so delightful and to the staff for being so caring.
- Thank you to all for working together to allow the Sports Days to go ahead on such a hot day. It was great not to have to cancel, and we are so grateful to

pupils, parents & staff for all doing their bit to make it happen and for it to be such fun.

- Thank you to everyone who has helped to get our Reception Intake meeting and transition sessions off to such a great start. Our new Reception children have impressed us so much this week and we are so grateful to the parents for being so positive and friendly.
- We are hoping that we will see all of you at the Summer Fair tomorrow. It is always so nice to see our families informally and have a chat. The fair is also such an important fund-raising event too and we have such good plans of things we want to do for the children. Every pound you spend will have a direct impact on your child next year.

### Safety at Lunchtimes

It is lovely to see the children eating outside at lunchtimes and being able to enjoy their lunches in the sun. While the children and staff are really enjoying these lovely days, it has been marred a little by the presence of seagulls. Seagulls are a perennial problem across Cornwall, but we have noticed that there are a couple of things that the children are doing that could be encouraging the seagulls to be more adventurous:

- Some children are leaving their lunchboxes open while they are eating. Some beady-eyed seagulls are spotting these lunchboxes and will try to swoop down and take something. Where lunchboxes are left closed, they quickly stop trying to do this.
- Similarly, some children can be careless with the food they are eating and allow bits to fall on the floor and again the seagulls can be quick to respond to this.
- We are a little sad to say that this week we observed some Y6 boys throwing crusts in the direction of the seagulls.

We are responding to this in school both with individuals as well as with all classes in assembly. We just wanted to let you know so that hopefully you could re-inforce our message just in case your child came home and said that he/she might have been “told off” when eating outside. We are monitoring the seagulls carefully and hope to see an improvement next week. If we still have concerns then we may decide to move the children to a more sheltered place to eat.

### Sun hats

Although the weather may have cooled towards the end of the week, it is still summer and the UVA rates are always high. We are encouraging all children to bring a sun

hat/cap of some kind to school especially for the time when they are down on the school field at lunchtime. The school policy is that the children can wear any (reasonable) sun hat to school, which can either be the school hat or one from home. We don't mind as long as they are protected.

### **Fun on the fields**

It is so nice to see the children enjoying playtime on the fields. It is only natural that they should want to play a little adventurously, but please could we ask you to have a chat with them about risk-taking. Although we never like to ban activities, sometimes we have to do so to prevent the likelihood of the children hurting themselves or others. The children will be aware that all forms of wrestling are not allowed at playtimes. Although the children try to play well, it is very easy for the physicality of the wrestling to tip over into what can be, or seem to be, bullying-type behaviour. We will be discouraging the children from doing some of the more complex gymnastics as there have been incidences of children toppling over this week and injuring arms and shoulders.

Among some of our Y4 pupils, there has been a sudden interest in "boyfriends & girlfriends". Like the wrestling, discussions between children about liking someone else can suddenly turn upsetting. These sort of discussions can quick turn to group teasing and most children cannot handle this type of peer interest. Therefore, we have said to the children that we strongly discourage any talk of boyfriends and girlfriends while in school.

### **Show and Tell**

We know that our children really enjoy and look forward to Show & Tell time in their classes. We never cease to be impressed and amused by the wonderful array of items that they bringing into school to share with us. We just wanted to draw parents' attention to the fact that one or two of our older boys have brought in pen knives recently to show their classes. The children have been very sensible in that they have given it to their class teachers for safe keeping, but there are lots of reasons why bringing a knife of any kind onto the school site is too risky to allow. Therefore, we would like to let parents and children know that pen knives (along with any sharp object of any kind) are not allowed in school for Show & Tell, for play or for any other reason.

### **Volunteers**

We have been bowled over this year by how generous so many of you have been with your time and your talents, and have signed up as volunteers in school. As you will know, schools are incredibly busy places. Our team of staff work so hard to try and ensure that we offer as wide and enriched a curriculum as possible. Sometimes we find it hard to do all the things that we would like to do and we hope that there are parents, grandparents, governors or friends out there who might be able to help us out as volunteers:

- We are enquiring if we have any parents, or if parents might know of anyone, who has an ASA Swimming Level 1 or Level 2 who would be willing to volunteer and help out with our weekly swimming sessions (on Monday afternoons) next year. We really would welcome your support.
- The Truro Branch of the Kernow Credit Union, led by Jenny Kwee, has run a Young Savers Club all this year. Mrs Kwee will not be as available next year and we would love to recruit someone to work with her to keep this important club going within the school. Training and support would be provided. We hope

there may be someone out there – a parent, a grandparent or retired member of the community who would enjoy helping our children to develop the "saving habit" at an early age.

*Mrs H Giblett*



### **School Summer Fair 2017 – Sat 24<sup>th</sup> June**

This should be a fantastic day with plenty to do, see and eat. We do hope that parents, grandparents, friends and family will be able to come along and support us.

### **School choir and Dance Performances**

We are delighted that the school Choir and Mrs Medcalf's Dance Groups will be performing at the fair as follows:-

11.35am	Laura-Beth Dance (KS2 field)
12.05pm	School Choir (Platform area in KS2 playground)

If your child is takes part in these groups please can parents ensure that children congregate and meet the teacher in the area where they will be performing 5 minutes beforehand to get ready. Thank you.

### **CLUBS**

The following clubs have now finished for this term:

**CRICKET  
TOUCH RUGBY**

### Music Concert – Thu 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2.15pm

Selected instrumentalists will be sharing their progress with us as part of our summer recital. There will also be a performance by the choir. *Children taking part will receive a letter* and we hope that parents/carers will be able to join us. The concert will be completed by 3.15pm.

### Class Swaps

This year's class swap afternoon will be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. The children will spend time with their new teachers in their new classroom. At the end of the afternoon you will be able to collect your child from their new classroom and there will be an opportunity for you to informally talk to your child's new teachers. As always, there will be more formal 'Meet the Teacher' meetings in September when more information about expectations will be given.

Information regarding your child's new teachers and a map to show where classrooms are will be published in the newsletter on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.



### "Truro in Bloom" Garden in a Seed Tray Competiton

- Theme: My Wildlife Garden
- Seed trays available from the school office or use your own 38x24x5 cms.
- Completed seed trays to be returned to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

### Music Lessons

KS2 children have the opportunity to learn an instrument. Lessons are provided by peripatetic music teachers who come in once a week and provide lessons in the following:- violin, brass, woodwind and guitar. Forms are available from the school office for any children who would like to start in September.

### Young Savers Club

Children **leaving the school** at the end of term (Yr 6) should collect their passbook from the club *before* leaving. They can continue to save via any Kernow Credit Union ServicePoint (nearest is at City Hall Truro) or parents can set up a standing order to put money into their account on a regular basis.

If children **wish to withdraw money before the end of term**, please get them to pick up a withdrawal form for you to complete and sign. They can then withdraw money the following week.

If children wish to be to **draw money out over the summer holidays**, they can collect their passbook from the club, otherwise, the books will remain at school.

The final opening of the Young Savers Club this term will be **8.30am - 9am on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July**. Many thanks for supporting the club.

*Jenny Kwee for KCU*

### Year 6 Tennis Competition



On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, our Year 6 tennis team went to Truro Lawn Tennis Club to take part in the area competition. We did really well and came second overall out of all of the schools. This means that we qualify for the Cornwall School Games finals on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Well done to Noah, Benji, Poppy and Serena, and a huge thank you to Mrs Glanville for taking the children to the event.

### Sports clothing

We have several items of sports clothing missing which have not been returned after matches, etc. We would be grateful if items could be washed and returned to school for future use. Thank you.

### 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.

### Dates for Your Diary 2017:

#### June

<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Summer Fair 11am-1pm
<b>Wed 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Eucharist Service, 9am
<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Summer Fair, 11am-1pm
<b>Thu 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Summer Music Recital, 2.15pm
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Class 5C assembly, 9am

#### July

<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	FABB meeting - 7.00pm in Yr 5/6 work area.
<b>Tue 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Class Swaps
<b>Fri 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Class RR assembly, 9am
<b>Wed 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 Production, 7pm
<b>Thu 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 Production, 7pm
<b>Tue 25<sup>th</sup></b>	FABB Leaver's Reception & Summer Disco
<b>Wed 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Leavers' service, 1.30pm

### **Free Netball Taster Session**

Run by Saints Netball Cornwall at Truro College on  
*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 4.30pm-6pm* for Years 5 & 6. Contact  
Jean Davies: [davnetball@aol.com](mailto:davnetball@aol.com) or 07971 469608



### **Bosvigo School**

Bookings are now being taken for Summer Holiday Club  
based at the Children's Centre at Bosvigo School; open  
daily from 7.45am and 6pm, 27<sup>th</sup> July to 5<sup>th</sup> September.

For more information or to schedule a visit please contact  
Mrs Austin on:07591 945 238 or email  
[wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk)

### **Sport Summer Camp – Truro School**

Netball, Triathlon, Hockey, Multi Sports during various  
dates in August.

Visit: [www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com](http://www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com) for further  
details.

### **Rugby Camp**

At Truro Rugby Club on 21<sup>st</sup> August. Details at:  
[www.cornish-pirates.com](http://www.cornish-pirates.com)

