



# Weekly Benson Bulletin

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## Message from Mrs Giblett

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>

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 95.45%.

Congratulations this week to 3Portscatho who were top of the attendance table with 99.7% attendance. Well done!

Although the weather may be unseasonably warm, it has not stopped us from immersing ourselves in the Christmas spirit.

This week, the Reception children charmed us all with their Christmas play, Whoops-A-Daisy Angel. I am so sorry that I was not there to see them in action but I succumbed to the dreaded bug that has been going round. Mrs Power told me that all the children performed beautifully and did really well in their first performance in the school. Well done to all of them.

Fortunately, I was better by Wednesday and was able to be back to enjoy Christmas lunch with the children. I would like to say a big thank you to George, our chef, and our wonderful team of kitchen staff for serving up a delicious meal – the festive sticky toffee pudding was divine! I know that you will also want to join with me in thanking the army of kitchen elves (our staff) who helped with the serving of the Christmas meal as well as tidying up afterwards. Your Christmas crackers were the icing on the cake!

The next day, it was a chance for the Junior children to shine when they presented their KS2 Christmas Service at Truro Methodist Church. The children re-told the Christmas story in a simple but very touching way to try and remind us all as to what the meaning of Christmas is. The children sang with great joy and enthusiasm and we all left Truro Methodist Church with a rosy festive glow.

We even managed to squeeze in the re-scheduled KS2 cross county event. It was wonderful event. The children ran with great energy, determination and sportsmanship.

They understood that they were running not just for themselves but also for their year group and for their teams. Naturally we would like to congratulate the winner but we also want to recognise all those children who helped other class mates along, encouraging them to keep going with smiles and kind words. Thank you to all the parents who turned up as spectators – your good cheer and encouragement was much appreciated.

A big thank you to Mrs Jo Williams for organising the event and a special thank you to Mrs Bullen and Mrs Fleet who donned their running gear and ran alongside the children in the races.

Like you, I am so grateful to staff, governors and volunteers for getting stuck in at such a busy and fraught time of the year to make sure that everything falls into place both for the children and for you. And there is still more to follow next week including the KS1 Christingle Service, the much anticipated cinema trip as well as lots of making and baking.

How many more sleeps to Christmas?

**Mrs H Giblet**

## Christmas Fayre

FABB would like to say a huge thank you to all staff, parents and friends for all their help and support both before and during the Christmas Fayre. It was great to see so many people enjoying the evening. We managed to raise just under £2,000 which will enable us to provide some wonderful experiences and equipment for the children. We would also like to thank the following businesses for their generosity:

The Alverton  
Fowey Hall Hotel  
Tregenna Castle  
Theatre Royal Plymouth  
Killagorden House  
Camel Creek  
Newquay Zoo  
Rudi's Hairdressing  
Cornwall Flat Roofing Ltd  
Wetherspoons  
Costa Coffee  
Starbucks  
Waitrose  
Sainsburys  
Tesco

And also a big thank you to the following Year 6 pupils who volunteered to help at the Christmas Fayre last week:

Poppy D, Katie B, Kaelyn, Annabel, Jack, Noah, Rebecca, Maisie, Charlie and Luke S.

We're very grateful for all their help which added to the smooth running of the Fayre.

### **FABB**

### **Receiving the Weekly Newsletter**

If you know of any parent who is not receiving the weekly newsletter via email or the eSchools app, please let them know that they should inform the school office of their email address.

### **Instrument Lessons**

Pupils who learn violin, recorder and woodwind all have lessons next week as well as **Year 4 guitars**. Violin lessons for Years 4, 5 and 6 will take place on Monday. Guitar lessons for Years 3, 5 and 6, violin lessons for Y3 and all brass lessons have now finished for this term.

### **Kitchen News**

**The current menu will continue until the Spring half term.**



### **Christingle Performance – Year 1 and 2 Only**

Please note that there is only **ONE** performance of the Christingle for Year 1 and 2 parents which will take place at 6.30pm on Monday 12 December. A letter has been sent home via your child giving details.

### **CLUBS**

**The new club list will be sent out in the first week of the Spring term.**

**Application forms for Go-Active gymnastics, Go-Active football, Capoeira, Yoga and Laura-Beth Dance are available now from the school office. Payment is required for these clubs.**

### **Christmas Lights Spectacular – raising money for CLIC Sargent.**

Try and make time to go and see the wonderful display of Christmas lights of our very own Miss Kemp from RR and her partner Mark. They are raising money for CLIC Sargent this year by once again festooning their house with a Christmas light spectacular. Mark and Tracey are inviting donations either via the collecting tins which will be scattered around the outside of the house or by visiting their Just Giving Page ([www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-verran](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-verran)). Lots of hours and work have gone into creating this wonderful light show, so please help them raise as much money as possible.

The lights will be switched on each day between 5.30pm – 6.00pm until 9.30pm approximately. Weekends will be earlier.

Address: Behenna Drive, Malabar, Truro TR1 3RB



### **Whole School Cinema Trip**

If you haven't yet returned your slip to allow your child to go to the cinema, could you please complete the permission slip below and return this to **your child's class teacher**. **If we don't have your permission, your child will be unable to go. Please pay £2.10 via ParentPay. You can also pick up a slip at the office or write a note with the information on it.**

We really appreciate all the offers of help with walking the children down to the cinema and back again.

### **Whole School Cinema Trip 13/12 – Y1 – Y6, 14/12 – Reception Classes**

I give permission for my child .....  
in class..... to walk to and from the cinema.

I will pay £2.10 via ParentPay as a contribution towards the cost of the visit.

I can/cannot help to walk with the children at 9.00am and back after the showing at approximately 11.15am.

Signed.....

Emergency contact no.....

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**Key Stage 2 Cross Country Races**

On Thursday 8 December, we had our annual Key Stage 2 cross-country races. The children had been training hard over the last few weeks for their races and this was evident in some excellent running.

Everyone tried their hardest and showed real sportsmanship and encouragement for their teammates. Well done to Grindal, who won the house cup this year, narrowly beating Islip, Beckett and Tenison.

A huge thank you to Mrs Williams for all the hard work that she put into organising the races and to our hares, Mrs Bullen and Mrs Fleet. Also, thank you to all the staff and parents who helped as marshals and serving refreshments.



The first five girls in the Year 6 race, won by Evie.



The first 5 boys in our Year 6 race, won by Freddie.

**Boys Football League Match v Devoran**

Benson 2-2 Devoran

On Monday 5 December, our A team played Devoran in a league match. We started well and created loads of chances. The first half was one of our best performances but we just couldn't turn the chances into goals. We went

close and their goalie made some excellent saves. Against the run of play, they scored to go 1-0 up. However, we fought back and Freddie scored an absolutely fantastic individual goal to make it 1-1. We had chances to go ahead but then Devoran scored again. Thankfully, we kept going and Freddie scored a second to draw the match. In the second half, Lewis S was a standout performer and played some of his best football for Benson.



Well done to Perran, Jake, Noah, Sam, Ollie, Lewis, Freddie and Max.

**KS2 Sportshall Athletics - Cornwall School Games Qualifier**

On Friday 2 December, twenty Y3/4 athletes, followed by 20 Y5/6 athletes went to Penair School to compete in this exciting Cornwall School Games Qualifier. The children really enjoyed the range of disciplines which included relays, sprints, throwing and jumping. They displayed superb sportsmanship in a very tense and highly exhilarating event. The Y3/4 team managed to finish 1st overall with a total score of 144 points during the morning session. The Y5/6 team came 2nd in their afternoon session with 108 points, missing first place by 12 points. Their behaviour and team spirit was excellent and they did themselves and the school proud. Well done to both teams! The Y3/4 team will now go onto represent the Truro area Primary Schools at Penryn in the New Year.

***Mrs J William***



Our winning Year 3 and 4 team!



Our fantastic Year 5 and 6 team



### 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 6 January**
- **Friday 20 January**

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.

### Porthpean Residential Camp

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.

### Young Savers' Club

**The Young Savers' Club is held on Wednesday mornings from 8.30am in the Infants Entrance.**

**The last Young Savers' Club will be on Wednesday 14 December, reopening on Wednesday 11 January 2017.**

### Lost PE Hoodie

Can you please check that your child has the right hoodie. A child in Year 5, Olivia G, has lost hers. It does have her name in it so if you find it, could you bring it to the office. Thank you.

### Truro Methodist Church

#### ***Saturday 24 December***

**Truro Nativity at 2.45pm** - Meet on the Truro Methodist Church forecourt at 2.45pm to follow Joseph and Mary as they walk the streets of the city, looking for a place to stay.

**Christmas Eve Holy Communion at 11.15am** – a traditional service of Holy Communion.

#### ***Sunday 25 December***

**Christmas Celebration Service at 10.00am** – all are welcome to come and join a short service of worship and celebration. The earing of Christmas jumpers, socks and onesies is actively encouraged!

### Tresillian Chapel

#### ***Saturday 24 December***

**Family Christingle Service at 6.00pm** – a Christingle service in the village chapel at Tresillian.

### Truro Baptist Church – Christmas Encounter

#### ***Sunday 18 December***

- 4.00pm – Christmas Activities

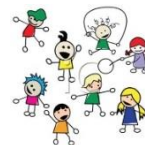
Craft, story and music followed by a picnic tea.

- 5.30pm – Community carols around the Christmas tree followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

For more information, call 01872 241984 or visit the website at [www.trurobaptist.co.uk](http://www.trurobaptist.co.uk)

### 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 5 January 2017 – Come along and join in the fun.**

### FOR SALE

We currently have a piano in KS1 area which is no longer required. £50 to anyone who can also collect it.

### Dates for Your Diary

#### December

**Mon 12/12** KS1 Christingle Service – 6.30pm in the school hall  
**Wed 14/12** Holy Communion Christmas Gathering in the school hall - 6.30pm.  
**Fri 16/12** **Break up for Christmas**

#### 2017

**Mon 9/1** **School closed for staff training day.**

#### Term Dates for School Year 2016 /2017

**Fri 16/12** Break up for Christmas

#### 2016 -2017 Term Dates

**Tue 3/1** Children return to school for Spring Term

**Mon 9/1** **School closed for staff training day.**  
**Fri 10/2** Break up for half term  
**Mon 20/2** Children return to school

**Fri 31/3** Break up for Easter

**Tue 18/4** Children return to school for Summer Term

**Mon 1/5** Bank Holiday – school closed  
**Fri 26/5** Break up for half term

**Mon 5/6** Children return to school

**Wed 26/7** **Break up for Summer Holidays**



