



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 96.3%.

Congratulations this week to **4Trelassick** who were top of the attendance table with 100%! *Well done!*

Happy Easter

We wish you all a very happy and relaxing Easter holiday. Thank you to everyone for the myriad of ways that you have supported the school this term. I am sure that you will want to join with me in thanking staff, volunteers and governors for all that they have achieved this term. As you might imagine we have lots of lovely things planned for the Summer term.

We look forward to seeing you all in a couple of weeks. Have a great break

Shield Designs for House Teams

Thank you to all the children who submitted such colourful and creative designs for the new house shields. There was a very high standard of entries which made the judging even harder. Because so many of the entries had special elements in them, we decided not to go for a single child's design, but to mix and match from a number of entries. Congratulations to the following children whose designs will be used to create a combined design for their house team shield:

Tennison:

Williams H (1W) & Maisy L (6J)

Grindal:

Katie D (6) & Saffron J (3SP)

Beckett:

Lillian R (6J) & Xanthe K (5C)

Islip:

Anabelle C (4T), Tom S (2PG) & McKenzie M (RP)

We look forward to the grand unveiling of these shields once they have been created and decorated.

Musical Magic

I just wanted to say a big thank you to all those who were involved in any way with our lovely Spring Music recital yesterday afternoon.

The choir was a real credit to the school. It was wonderful to see them in action and their harmonisation impressed us all so much. We were treated to the full range of musical ability and experience from our wonderfully enthusiastic Y2 beginners playing Recorder Rock on their recorders to our guitar and ukelele players performing together a beautiful piece called Caribbean Moonlight, finishing with a rousing performance by the choir of "Rocking All Over the World"

The peripatetic teachers were so lovely with their pupils and it is no surprise that the children went on to perform so confidently and competently. We are hugely grateful to Miss McDonald for coordinating this recital and for ensuring that it all came to life on the afternoon.

Thank you also to all our supportive parents & grandparents who turned up to share in the performance. You were a great audience. Thank you!

Playtime behaviour

The overall behaviour of our children is always a source of great pride to the school. We regularly receive positive reports from the local community when our children are out on trips. Inside school, time and time again I see the children demonstrating real acts of kindness towards each other, and governors speak so positively of how they see the children interacting with adults and other children, when they do their governor visits. However, in the past term or so there have been a number of incidences of poor behaviour among our Junior children in the playground that have caused us some concern. At our staff meeting this week, we met to discuss how we can refine and strengthen our whole-school approach to behaviour management in the playground to ensure happy playtimes for all our pupils. We looked at:

- how to celebrate and reward the consistent good behaviour of the vast majority of our pupils;
- how we will review with the children their use of the PlayPod equipment to sort out any glitches;
- what will be our non-negotiables in terms of behaviour expectations;
- how we will record playground incidences more effectively and consistently.

Teachers discussed some recurring behaviours that we will be focusing on particularly in the Summer term.

- We do not accept the use of rude or inappropriate language or gestures. At the moment, this is

particularly prevalent among a group of our Y4 boys. Many of our children are telling us that they experience these words through adult computer games, often online. We will be monitoring and challenging this in the Summer term.

- We will be working with the children on what we call the "Big 3". There are 3 particular actions that are causing problems in the Junior playground at the moment – children doing "play attacks" on each other's dens, raiding each other's dens for scrap, using scrap in the wrong way or with excessive force
- We will be training the children to have real respect for the PlayPod equipment and know how to handle it properly, how to share it with others and how to tidy it away responsibly and properly
- We will also be just as proactive in responding to other forms of poor friendship or unacceptable behaviour.

I will be addressing our focus on positive playtimes with the children in a number of assemblies after the Easter holidays. I wanted to make you aware of some of the points I will be covering as I will be encouraging teachers to follow up in class, and that may mean that, as well as class circle time, teachers may have a chat with a group of children or an individual child. Please don't worry unduly if your child mentions that they have been spoken to. If there were a real problem, then the school would have contacted you. We are just trying to help children to understand how to make more positive choices, particularly in the playground.

We will be introducing the children to our new Playtime Logs. These logs will be used by staff to develop a consistent approach to recording poor behaviour in the playground. We will then be able to use these logs to track patterns of behaviour and to support our pupils better. It may be that we will need, on occasion, to introduce a Playtime Behaviour Report to support any child who may be struggling to self-manage their own behaviour in the playground. Parents would always be informed and involved with this.

We would be really grateful if you could help us in our efforts. We would encourage all our parents to talk to their children about what positive play means to them and how they can help to promote that in the playground. Please can you also remind your children of the importance of reporting poor behaviour as soon as it occurs? We explain to the children that it really helps if they report the problem to the **same** teacher or TA or lunchtime supervisor each time. In that way, they become aware if the problem is more than just a one-off incident. All children can use their mood pebbles or pick sticks on their classrooms and place them on the red, amber or green mats or buckets to indicate if they need any support or guidance. All teachers and TAs are being asked to be particularly vigilant next term in checking the pebbles or pick sticks daily.

We know that all our parents understand that we are a genuine community school which means that we welcome a wide and varied intake of pupils every year. It is inevitable that within a cohort of 60 pupils each year, we will have pupils with a range of physical, social, and emotional needs. Sometimes these needs can have behavioural symptoms. We never consider a child with a behavioural need to be a naughty child. All behaviour is a form of communication and we work hard and successfully with children, and their families, to move them from expressing themselves physically to verbally. It can be a longer journey for some children more than others. At

times it may feel to some parents that we could be treating some children too leniently or not punishing the "naughty" children enough. Whilst we cannot discuss individual children with parents, we can assure them that we use a comprehensive range of strategies and plans to support pupils with recurring behavioural issues, including external agencies, but we do so discreetly and sensitively in keeping with our school values.

We are never complacent about pupil behaviour, which is why we maintain an annual Friendship/Anti-Bullying focus every year. If you go to our school website, click in School Info and then click on Our Aims & Values, you can scroll down and find our 2015 - 2016 Friendship/Anti-Bullying Overview and see how hard we work to maintain a high focus on good behaviour and citizenship. We know that we don't always get it right all of the time, but we are very proud that the 3 year percentage average for how satisfied parents are with pupil behaviour in school is 95%. We remained committed to high standards of behaviour and are looking forward to a Summer term of pupils making proactive behaviour choices and creating positive playtimes together. Thank you for your support in making this happen.

Mrs H Giblett

KITCHEN NEWS

There is a change in the menu the first 2 days back due to problems with deliveries following the Easter weekend:

Tuesday 18th April

Thai Lentil & Coconut Soup (v)
Macaroni Cheese (v)
Homemade Garlic Bread & Rainbow Salad
Apple & Rhubarb Crumble with Vanilla Bean Custard

Wednesday 19th April

Cream of Broccoli Soup (v)
Roast chicken
Cheddar & Leek Tart
Roast Potato & Seasonal Vegetables
Ice Cream with Mixed Berries

CLUBS

A new clubs list will be sent out next term.

Clubs will start week commencing 1st May.

Thank you to all teachers and parents who have run or supported a club this term.



Family Learning – Keystage 1

After the Easter holiday, we will be offering a fantastic Outdoor Learning course for families in YR, Y1 and Y2. This course is for both parents and children and will run on Wednesday mornings for 4 weeks. The sessions will

include lots of activities and ideas to engage children in the outdoors, there is even a visit included. The course is **free** and spaces will be limited so if you are interested please see Mrs Power as soon as is possible. As always, child care for younger siblings can be funded. For further information and dates, please see the poster below.

Thanks from FABB



A big thank you to all who helped and supported the Mother's Day coffee morning last Friday. It was lovely to see so many mums and dads who were able to come along.

We were delighted that a total of 22 'pamper' prizes were donated by FABB members, staff, parents of 5T and local businesses – a voucher from The Rising Sun Pub, makeup from Clinique at Boots and a beauty voucher from the Inspiration salon at Truro College. The stall was ably run by the pupils, overseen by parents from 5T, which raised a total of £220. Thank you and well done to Fardeen, Evie, Jake, Ella, Ellie and Ashleigh.

Thanks also to Fentongollan Farm, who supplied the beautiful daffodils.

Coose Trannack Cross Country Race

What an amazing 2 weeks of achievement for ABB running club, held every Tuesday lunchtime by Mrs Williams. It all began with the exhilarating cross country race held at at Coose Trennack (Helston) where after sheer determination ABB school were the overall winners, beating Devoran school (last year's winners) by 1 point. A challenging terrain, which was conquered by all, especially by Yr3 ABB boys: 1st Tom R, 2nd Charlie M and 3rd Louis T, but we also managed to get 7 runners in the top 10.

Other medal winners were:

Gold	Athina R (Reception)
	Olivia R (Yr1)
Silver	Emma H (Yr 2)

James Tucker (parent)

Polwhele Annual Cross Country races



On a beautiful spring morning last Saturday 24 children took part in the Polwhele annual cross country races. The course was very demanding with a huge hill at the end. 14 children took part in the under 9s race and 10 took part in the under 11s race.

Medal winners were:

U9 boys - Myles R 1st
U9 girls - Izzy B 3rd
U11 boys - Benji H 2nd

Overall Archbishop Benson's team came a very close second to Polwhele School.

All the children finished the gruelling course and a big 'well done' goes to Florrie who gave 100% effort with an amazing sprint finish.

That finishes off our cross country season and we now look forward to an action packed term of athletics.

Vacancy for a parent governor

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor on the Governing Board, which is open to all parents and guardians of children in this school. Being a governor will afford you the opportunity to help shape and guide the strategic vision and direction of Archbishop Benson School. We really value and welcome parental involvement and would be very open to discussing how you might be able to add your weight to our efforts. Along with the advert and the application pack for this parent governor vacancy there is a useful NGA (National Governors' Association) document entitled "What Do Governors Do". All of these documents are on the school website or available from the school office.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school on:

secretary@archbishop-benson@cornwall.gov.uk

or contact us through the school office.

Netball



On Monday, in beautiful sunshine, our Year 5 A and B netball teams participated in their first 7 a side tournament hosted by Truro High School, where 18 teams were present. The teams were delighted to be wearing the smart brand new red and black kit – Thank you to FABB for the donation to purchase kit and netball equipment and to Grant Ellis of Ellis Electrical who has kindly sponsored the tops.

A team

The A team's first match was against Truro Prep's A team, they were a brilliant Year 6 team who managed to score goals at every opportunity, unfortunately we lost the game 8-0. Our second game was against St Agnes B team, we were pleased with a 0-0 draw. Our third game against Bosvigo school saw us winning up to the last few minutes with a great goal from Poppy, the game finally drew 1-1. Our play improved and we went on to win our next 3 matches, the first of these was against Truro High School's C team where we won 4-1, with Ella scoring 3 goals and Silvenna 1. Next we secured a win against Kea School 2-1 with goals again being scored by Silvenna and Ella. Our last game was against our friends, Archbishop Benson's B team, Silvenna scored the first goal followed by another 4 goals from Ella finishing our last match with a 5-0 victory. This placed us in 9th place out of the 18 teams – a great achievement!

Well done to the A team - Ella, Evie, Silvenna (captain), Olivia H, Jayden, Jake and Poppy

B Team

For some of the team this was the first time they had played in a match, they started well but were up against Threemilestone School's A team, who won 12-0. But we came back fighting with an impressive win over Devoran, 2-0, both goals being scored by Hannah. We then lost our next matches, 5-0 to Truro Prep School B team and 3-0 to Kea, our defenders, Florrie and Chandler worked really hard during these matches. Although we lost our next game against Truro High School's C team 2-1 Ashleigh

scored an amazing goal. Our final match saw us play our own A team which we lost 5-0. This meant we finished the tournament in 11th place out of the 18 teams which was another great achievement!

Well done to the B team – Gaby, Olivia G, Chandler, Ashleigh, Elowenn, Florrie, Hannah (captain) and Gracie

Thank you to Mrs Reynard, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Binding for helping us with the teams.

This brings the netball season to a close – we have had a great first season and are looking forward to more training and matches next year. The Year 5 pupils have been brilliant to coach and have done amazingly well both in the league and during tournaments, showing great skill, team work and sportsmanship. We are very proud of them all.

Girls Football



Truro Primary Schools Girls' Tournament

On Friday 24th March, Mrs Fleet and Mr Sims took two girls' football teams to Truro College to take part in the Truro Primary Schools competition. It was a fantastic afternoon's football and both teams did extremely well.

A team

The A team played 6 group games, winning 5 and drawing one to Threemilestone. They managed to get into the final against St Agnes! The final's time ended before either team had scored. Luckily, in the last 30 seconds of extra time, Evie G took a kick in, scoring the winning goal. We were Truro champions! The woman of the tournament was Silvenna M, who scored over half the

goals! In the end the A team won and are looking forward to playing in the next matches.

By Abigail T & Evie G 6FT.

B team

The B team played 5 matches. Everybody played well, but players we particularly noticed were Gracie H in 5C and our goalie, Ellie Maeve in 5T. Everyone enjoyed themselves but we all know we wouldn't have participated in the tournament if it wasn't for Mrs Fleet and Mr Sims, so a massive thank you to them. Thank you also to all the parents who helped us get there.

By Poppy T and Annabel S 6FT.

Well done to all the girls and a huge thank you to Mrs Fleet, Mr Sims and Mrs Olds for taking, coaching and supporting the children.

Mrs Bullen is at it again!!



Our very own Mrs Bullen is running another marathon this April, but not on her own this time. She will be running with our Chair of Governors, Mark Dunn-Wilson who is also the minister at Truro Methodist Church and Andy Dye, a youth worker at Truro Methodist Church.

Message from Mrs Bullen, Mark Dunn-Wilson and Andy Dye

The charity we are running for ALD Life. **Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD) is a rare, genetic, terminal brain disorder that affects mainly apparently healthy young men.**

We are privileged to know one extraordinary family who are living with the reality of this dreadful disease and have seen just a little of how challenging life can be. We are running the Southampton marathon and other events during the year, not because we feel sorry for them (although of course, we share their pain) but because we want to honour them and others like them. Training for, and running a marathon is hard work. We are not finding it either pleasant or easy. But with your help, we can make a difference.

ALD Life offers advice and support to families and individuals affected by ALD. We respectfully and humbly ask you to help us support this extraordinary group of people."

You can donate on our Just Giving Page: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/trundling>, by completing the sponsorship form in the reception area of the school or via your Mobile Phone. Text TRUN57 followed by £2, £5 or £10 to 70070 (texts are charged at your usual rates plus the donation)- and you will have the option to gift aid your donation. Together, we can make a difference.

Childhood illness - extra vigilance requested

We have a child in school who has a compromised immune system and is more vulnerable to disease and illness, therefore it is important that you do not send your children to school if they are unwell. For example, if your child has an infectious disease (such as the measles, chickenpox or flu), your child should stay at home until no longer contagious. For more information about how long an illness is contagious, please contact your GP.

We would also appreciate it if you would notify the school office immediately if your child has an infectious disease. This will allow us to notify the parents of this child.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Mrs Power

Awards given out in assemblies

It is lovely that our children receive so many awards for such a variety of events they take part in and we enjoy sharing their success in assembly. As we receive such a large number to give out we would ask that they are clearly labelled and medals are put in a clear labelled plastic bag. Your help with this would be much appreciated. Thank you.

Lost Property

We have lots of lost property. Please check the various lost property boxes around the school. We have a box outside class 5C under the sheltered area, a box located in the corridor near the Year 2 classrooms, and one in the Early Years area.

Please also check that your child is wearing the correct red hoody. We have a boy in Year 3 who lost his after running club this week. Thank you.

Class Assemblies (Fridays 9am, School Hall)

RP	5th May (NB changed from 12 th)
1W	9 th June
2L	16 th June
5C	30 th June
RR	7 th July

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

London trip 2018

Letters have been given out to Year 5 children. Please return slips by Friday 21st April so that we can confirm the accommodation booking. Thank you.

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.

Uniform

We would encourage you to purchase school uniform via our website. Uniform is then sent home via your child approx 2 working days later.

School Summer Fair 2017 – 24th June, 11am-1pm

It is with much excitement that planning has begun for this year's summer fair. The theme will be "A Cornish Summer", fingers crossed for sunshine! FABB are keen to hear from you if you are able to:

- Donate a raffle prize
- Know a business that would be interested in donating raffle prizes.
- Help with planning, however big or small.

Please contact Sarah sarahzoehills@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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.



Our next session will be on Thursday 20th April.

Royal Cornwall Museum – Easter

Easter activities at the Royal Cornwall Museum will centre on *Great Little Artists* – 'make and take' your own masterpiece this Easter Holiday.

All sessions are bookable when you call 01872 272205. Sessions cost £3 per child. Please check the www.royalcornwallmuseum.org.uk for session dates and times.

Easter Holiday Child Care – Bosvigo School

We are open from 7.45am until 6pm each day during the school holidays (except Good Friday and Easter Monday), offering a wide range of activities indoors and outside, including gardening, cooking, crafts and an Easter Egg Hunt. Breakfast, mid-morning and afternoon snacks are included in the price of £23.50 per day and we do ask for children to bring a packed lunch, wet weather gear and clothes that can get messy.

We have a few spaces left each day. If you are interested please contact:

wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk.

Further information is available on the Bosvigo School website.

Dates for Your Diary 2017:

May

Thu 4th	FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
Mon 8th to 10th	Porthpean Camp – Year 4
Fri 5th	Class RP assembly, 9am
Fri 19th	Yr4 assembly, 9am

June

Fri 9th	Class 1W assembly, 9am
Fri 16th	Class 2L assembly, 9am
Wed 21st	Eucharist Service, 9am
Sat 24th	Summer Fair, 11am-1pm
Fri 30th	Class 5C assembly, 9am

Mon 12th to 16th Year 6 trip to London

July

Mon 3rd	FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
Fri 7th	Class RR assembly, 9am
Tue 25th	FABB Leaver's Reception & Summer Disco
Wed 26th	Leavers' service, 1.30pm

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



HOLIDAY CAMP



WHERE? Cornwall Cricket Centre, TR1 3XX
WHEN? 3rd - 6th April & 10th - 13th April
TIME? 10am - 4pm
HOW MUCH? £15 Pre Booking. £20 on the Day
WEBSITE: www.cornwallcricket.co.uk
CONTACT: m.kent@cornwallcricket.co.uk



TRURO YOUTH SPORTS EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

Shortlanesend Village Hall
April: Tues 4th, Weds 5th, Thurs 6th
 Tues 11th, Weds 12th, Thurs 13th

For bookings and enquiries please
 contact:
truroyouthsports@outlook.com

Players must wear suitable clothing
 for football, shin pads, trainers or
 Astro boots, NO STUDS.

TRURO LAWN TENNIS CLUB

FREE OPEN DAY

Saturday 8th April

ALL SESSIONS RUN BY T.L.T.C. COACHES HEADED BY RYAN FERN

A great day for all the family

FREE COACHING

Hit with your own Children, friends or coaches

Whatever your age it is a great opportunity to give this fantastic sport a trial
 And for existing club members to try out new things.

SNACKS
TEA & COFFEE

TIMES FOR THE SESSIONS

9am - 10am 5-9yrs old
 (Parents can also come on court to hit with their children)

10am - 11am 9-12yrs old

11am - 12.30pm 13yrs plus and adults

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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Truro Lawn Tennis Club TR1 3BN HEAD COACH: RYAN FERN ryan@ryanfern.orangehome.co.uk

TRURO METHODIST CHURCH



TUESDAY 11th APRIL
11am

Snacks, activities, crafts, music, worship based
 on Holy Week and Easter. Includes a shared
 meal.

Admission by donation on exit.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

All Welcome!

Family Learning

part of Cornwall Adult Education Service
For Key Stage 1 parents and children

Explore Outdoors!



4 weeks of outdoor learning together

Starting on

Wednesday 26th April, 9:00 -11:00am
at

St Paul's Children's Centre

For more information, please contact Vicki on 07968 992495
or vicki.salvidge@cornwall-acl.ac.uk or speak to Carolyn
Power here at the school.



