



# Weekly Benson Bulletin

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### 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>

### 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 Galler</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	

### Attendance

Our whole school attendance last week was 98.04% .

Congratulations to 1Lerryn, 2Perranporth, 5Kynance and 5Mousehole who had 100% attendance last week. *Well done!*

### Message from Mrs Giblett

#### Goodbye and Thank You

At Archbishop Benson, our staff are unquestionably one of our greatest assets. With a team of almost 60 members of staff, we are lucky that we can have a wonderful blend of

staff combining youth and experience with a wealth of specialisms. However, being a large school means that it is inevitable that staff will leave from time to time. Whilst we are always sad when members of staff move on to new positions or opportunities, we are also pleased for them and wish them the very best.

Today we are saying goodbye to Mrs Crocker who has worked at Archbishop Benson School for almost 6 years. In her role as school secretary, she has been at the heart of the school supporting pupils, parents, staff and governors on a daily basis. She is a familiar and welcoming face at the front office and has been unfailingly helpful and considerate to families, visitors and staff alike.

We know that parents and governors will want to join with us in saying a big thank you Mrs Crocker, as she certainly deserves to be recognised for all she has contributed to the life of the school. We wish her every happiness and success in the future.

### Something to celebrate!

We are sure you will be delighted to learn that we have been awarded the Sainsbury's School Games Silver Mark again in recognition of our hard work and achievement in P.E. and competitive sport over the last year. The Sainsbury's School Games Mark is a Government-led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community. Just because we have been successful in retaining this award for yet another year does not mean that we ever take it for granted. We know that it is the time and commitment of lots of staff & helpers that allows us to retain it year on year. This is a whole-school achievement and we would like to thank staff, pupils, parents and governors for the many ways in which they have contributed to the wealth of sporting opportunities that our children enjoy



Whilst we are proud of our sporting tradition and success at Archbishop Benson, we know that many of our children do not seek to engage in competitive sport. Many prefer the informality of the various physical activities on offer at lunchtimes. Below is a grid/information on what children in the Juniors can enjoy at lunchtimes. All of these activities are part of our Healthy Schools provision to support the children in developing a healthy attitude to physical activity from an early age.

We are very grateful to our team of LSAS for overseeing all these activities at lunchtime:

#### The Scrapstore Playpod

We have received an exciting, new delivery of scrap this week and Playpod will be available again for the children from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. This year, the children will be able to play with the Playpod equipment on the top half of the playground by the sheds, while the lower half will be reserved for Huff and Puff and ball games.

For more information about Playpod: <http://www.playpods.co.uk/>

#### Huff and Puff and Ball Games

Each year group have a day when they can play with the Huff and Puff play equipment, such as footballs. This year, the lower half of the playground will be available for this.

Monday- Year 4  
Tuesday- Year 5  
Wednesday- Year 6  
Thursday- Year 3

#### Table Tennis

Each year group have their own day when the outdoor tables are exclusively for their use. Children will need their own bats and balls and can only play on their year group's day.

Monday- Year 6  
Tuesday- Year 3  
Wednesday- Year 4  
Thursday- Year 5  
Friday- Year 6

#### Quiet areas

Our Wills and Sensory gardens provide quieter areas for the children to spend lunchtimes. Here they can read, draw, chat and play calmer games.

#### **Diary Dates**

Thank you to those who spotted some errors in our diary dates last week. Below are the corrections:

- The time of our Harvest should have said **9am**, not 9.45am.
- The dates and times for assemblies are:  
6FT Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2.30pm  
4T Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2.30pm
- The date and time for our KS2 Christmas performance is Thu 14<sup>th</sup> December, 6pm

We would like to draw attention to the fact that class assemblies will be at 2.30pm this year rather than 9.00 am in the morning. We appreciate that parents are familiar with the class assemblies first thing, but by having the assemblies in the afternoon, it gives staff an important 30 – 45 minutes in the morning when teachers and TAs can be doing important support and intervention work with the children. Last thing on a Friday afternoon is a good time for pupils, staff and parents to come together to celebrate together.

**Inset Day – 20<sup>th</sup> October is NOT an inset day.** (2 further dates to be arranged.)

#### **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 knowledge and skills to our efforts.

Next week we will be distributing the application pack for this parent governor vacancy along with a useful NGA (National Governors' Association) document entitled "What Do Governors Do". These documents will also be on the school website.

If you would like to know more about the practical implications of being a school governor, then myself, Mrs Power or Mr Galler would be more than happy to have a chat with you – just speak to one of the ladies in the office.

#### **Introducing Our New Phase Leaders**

We all know that being able to talk to the right person at the right time is crucial if a large organisation such as our school is to offer our families the very best support we can. Whilst class teachers routinely communicate with parents on a daily basis at home-time, we appreciate that there are times when you may wish to seek further clarification, take concerns further or share information with the school leadership to ensure it is handled as rapidly as possible.

To ensure that senior staff are more widely available to parents and pupils, we have created 3 new Phase Leader roles this year. Each Phase Leader works closely with their team of class teachers, teaching assistants and pupils on a daily basis. In addition to enhancing communication for parents, the Phase Leaders are also directly responsible for the teaching and learning, behaviour, support and outcomes in their areas. As a result, they will have a good understanding of any issues specific to the pupils within their phase group. Importantly, each Phase Leader is also a member of the Senior Leadership Team, meaning that they are in a position to act upon situations quickly and with a full understanding of the wider issues involved. It also means they are able to ensure that, where necessary, information shared with them is fed into decision making at the highest level.

Our Phase Leaders are:

Years 1 and 2 – Mr. Crocker  
Years 3 and 4 – Mrs. Kyte  
Years 5 and 6 – Mr. Kitto

If you have spoken with a class teacher and wish to seek further information or take a matter further, please do speak to them at the end of the school day to agree what next steps should be taken. Similarly, should a more senior member of staff than your class teacher be required to deal with a situation in school that involves your child, it may well be the Phase Leader who contacts you.

We are confident that in the vast majority of cases our Phase Leaders will be able to effectively and efficiently deal with your concerns. However, should there be an occasion where they are unable to help, Mr. Galler and Mrs. Power are available, as am I.

We know they are looking forward to meeting you, so don't be shy and do feel free to pop in to their rooms and say hello at the end of the day if there is anything you would like to discuss.

*Mrs Giblett*

### **Volunteer Helpers**

We would like to thank all our parents who have been keen to start helping in school again as a volunteer for their patience. September is an incredibly busy time for us in school, not just because it is the start of the academic year but also because it is when our annual financial audit takes place and it involves a lot of staff time for a couple of weeks. This means that sometimes we have to delay certain arrangements for a little while. The audit is now over and so we are ready to initiate our Volunteer Helpers programme for this year. We would ask for just a little more of your patience as we have a new Volunteer Helpers coordinator in place this year (Miss Williams) and she is busy familiarising herself with our procedures. We are hugely grateful to our volunteers for their support and they make a real difference in the school. Last year we changed our volunteer arrangements, which had not been reviewed.

### **Parents' Forum**

Our first Parents Forum of the year will be on Wednesday, October 4th (7.00 – 8.00). We will be discussing class trips and outings, including residential trips.

All parents are invited, but numbers for each forum are understandably limited. We do not want to set too much of a limit on numbers as we know that parents who want to attend are interested in that particular issue, but we also want to ensure that the number present also allows for a meaningful discussion. For this evening meeting, we can facilitate about 20 parents.

If parents are interested in attending any forum, then we ask them to contact the office. On a first come, first served basis, we will ensure that if sufficient parents express an interest in attending that there is representation from all classes. Having done that, if there are additional spaces available then we open it up to the other names on the list in rank order. If we have too many requests, we may need to consider who attended forum meetings already in the year/previous year and offer it to those who have not yet attended. If a parent has attended a forum meeting in the year, it is always worth putting your name down again if you are interested in attending another meeting as some of the forums have not been fully booked.

## **CLUBS**

Year 6 Netball club starts on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Harvest Eucharist Service**

All parents are warmly welcomed on Wed 11<sup>th</sup> October, 9am in the school hall. We will be supporting Foodbank again this year and are collecting the following:-

Reception/Year 1	Tinned potatoes
Years 2 and 3	Tinned fruit
Years 4 and 5	Coffee
Year 6	Tinned tomatoes

Please bring on the day. Thank you.



### **School Meals**

A particular reminder to new parents of our Reception children to book your child's lunches on Parentpay. Where a booking hasn't been made your child will be served the meat option unless they are vegetarian.

### **Purchasing of items at school office**

Thank you to everyone for using Parentpay to purchase items such as school uniform, lunches, etc. We do still sell a few items via the school office, but keep very little change. We would request that if you wish to make a purchase at the school office you have the correct change. Thank you.

### **FABB Christmas Fayre**

We know it is only September, but we are already planning our Christmas Fayre this year which will be on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017. We would love to hear from any local companies or small businesses who would be willing to sponsor an element of the fayre. We would also like to hear from anyone who would be interested in ordering a homemade Christmas pudding. Please contact us via email: [friendsofarchbishopbenson@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofarchbishopbenson@gmail.com). Many thanks FABB"

### **School Photos**

The children's photos were taken on Wednesday and your child will have been given an order form. Orders should be returned to the school office no later than *Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October*.



### **Flu Immunisation**

Kernow Health will be coming into school on 30<sup>th</sup> October to administer the nasal spray flu vaccination to children in Reception, Yr1, Yr2, Y3 and Y4. Information leaflets and consent forms will be sent home via your child next week. Please look out for them via your child's bookbag.

### **Congestion**

The path at the top of the KS1 playground is very narrow and does become congested in the mornings. We would be grateful if, to allow other parents to drop off their children, you could leave the school grounds once your child is safely in the playground. Some parents have found it particularly difficult when trying to push buggies along the path.

Your help is appreciated. Thank you.

### **Tremorvah Playing Fields Community Survey**

Tremorvah Fitness is running a community survey from August until 30 September to see whether there is local support for an outdoor gym at Tremorvah Playing Fields. The survey results will be used in applications to funding bodies like Sport England, Truro City Council.

The ambition is to improve sports facilities at Tremorvah Playing Field and attract more users to the park by installing free, accessible and easy-to-use outdoor gym equipment, available to everyone. The gym would be installed on an all-weather surface with dynamo-powered lighting to make the equipment usable in winter.

A large park gym of up to 10 pieces would take up roughly 12 x 7 m space. Examples of equipment that could be included are cycle machines, cross trainers and The Rig, a piece of strength-building equipment.

The survey can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/K238ZJY>

We're also looking for volunteers. Support could involve collecting survey responses; contributing to fundraising; joining a Management Committee, or any other ideas you might have for recruiting people to help spread the word. Contact Helen at [tremorvahfitness@gmail.com](mailto:tremorvahfitness@gmail.com) for further information or phone Damien Richards, Truro Council Community Development Officer on 07943 111661.

### **Truro School Open Morning**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 9.30am – 12.30pm.

### **Truro High School Open Morning**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October (am). To book tel: 242904.

### **Blues Club Before/After School & October Half Term**

We are open every day for Breakfast and After School. Our team of qualified staff will ensure that your child is cared for in a safe and stimulating environment. Healthy breakfast and snacks are provided every session.

We are now taking bookings and guarantee to be open for half term holiday. We are offering a special discount rate of £20 for a full day. A full programme of activities will be sent out in September but we welcome you to make bookings now if you will need childcare.

Our staff are fully qualified and DBS checked. Blues Club is rated Outstanding by Ofsted.

For more information or to book please call us on 01637 877073 or email us at

[info@firststepscornwall.co.uk](mailto:info@firststepscornwall.co.uk)

### **Bosvigo Wraparound**

Bookings are now being taken for October Holiday Club; we are open daily from 7.45am and 6pm between 23<sup>rd</sup> October and 27<sup>th</sup> October.

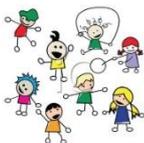
The Wraparound team are busy planning for an exciting range of activities including; cooking, arts and crafts, park trips, workshops, beach trips, bowling, gardening, BBQs and much more. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October will be our Halloween Party

The daily rate has been held at £23.50 with half days at just £15. You can catch a glimpse of some of the things we get up to on the Bosvigo School website, the Bosvigo Wraparound Facebook page or better still, pop in to see us in action after school one day.

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



### **Dates for Your Diary 2017:**

#### **October**

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup>** YR6 Parents to meet rep from Penair

School. 3.30pm in classroom.

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup>** Harvest Eucharist – School Hall, **9am**

#### **November**

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup>**

**– Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** Parents evenings YR – Y5

**Tue 14<sup>th</sup>** Parents evenings Year 6

**-Thu 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** 6FT Class Assembly, 2.30pm

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>** City of Lights parade

#### **December**

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** 4T Class Assembly, 2.30pm

**Fri 1<sup>st</sup>** Christmas Fayre

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup>** Music recital, 2pm school hall

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** KS2 cross country finals and Santa

Hat Charity Fun Run.

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup>** Reserve day for the above

**Thu 7<sup>th</sup>** Music recital, 2pm school hall

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup>** KS1 Christingle Service, 6pm school hall

**Tue 12<sup>th</sup>** Reception classes nativity  
2pm and 6pm

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>** Whole School Christmas Lunch

**Thu 14<sup>th</sup>** KS2 Christmas Performance, 6pm

Truro Methodist Church

## Truro School Swim Camp

SIR BEN AINSLIE  
SPORTS  
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Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th October

This 4 day swim camp run by ASA coach Lee Stanbury from the Cornish Swim academy provides an exciting opportunity for 7-14 year olds of all club swimming levels to improve the fine points of swimming.

**Camp Timetable:**

**Monday:** Front Crawl improvement + turns & starts.

**Tuesday:** Backstroke improvement + turns & starts.

**Wednesday:** Breast stroke Improvement + turns & starts.

**Thursday:** Butterfly stroke improvement + turns & starts.

0830-1230

£25 per day (£80 all 4 days)

Multi Activity Sport Camp available from 1230-1730 for an additional £12.50 (includes lunch)

For more information see our website or  
e-mail: [sport@truroschool.com](mailto:sport@truroschool.com)  
or call 01872 246050.



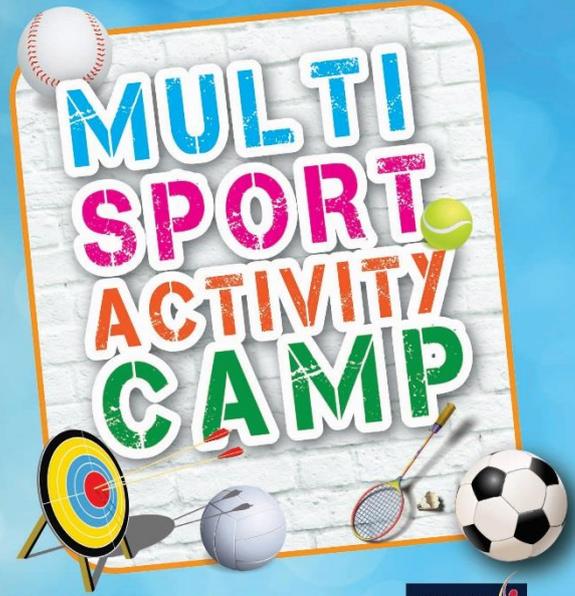
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