

BOSKENWYN



# Boskenwyn School Newsletter

13th January 2023

## MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

I've just spent a wonderful week teaching Praa Sands Class whilst Mr Hemsley has been on his STEM training course. It has been a delight to be in the classroom with the children; there is always so much to learn from them, and it makes a refreshing change to spend valuable time in their company. They have been interested and engaged in the learning we have achieved, and I hope they have enjoyed this week as much as I have.

On Thursday afternoon, we held a Parent Governor meeting. Thank you to those who attended; we had some interesting discussions and some good ideas were presented. It would be fabulous if more of our parents and carers could find time to attend. Our next meeting is 3rd March, at 9am, so please feel free to come. Everyone is welcome, and a wide spectrum of opinions and ideas is always beneficial.

Please can I remind everyone to complete the After School Clubs questionnaire as we will be starting after school clubs from next week:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LLpkbaXY3Uq7QIL4gG0zWZgu0mWIkpFDi5ImKmhrOoVUMUNCQkpNQutERk1RWldKMjY3MEk1UzNKMC4u)

[id=LLpkbaXY3Uq7QIL4gG0zWZgu0mWIkpFDi5ImKmhrOoVUMUNCQkpNQutERk1RWldKMjY3MEk1UzNKMC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LLpkbaXY3Uq7QIL4gG0zWZgu0mWIkpFDi5ImKmhrOoVUMUNCQkpNQutERk1RWldKMjY3MEk1UzNKMC4u)

Finally, despite the weather and the number of reported viruses doing the rounds, we have had a remarkable start to the Spring term with most children present and fully engaged in this new term's topics. Long may it continue!

All best wishes, Paula Blackburn



## of the **WEEK**

**Rosemullion Class** – Zaki, for his great effort in class and his fab expanded noun phrases.

**Praa Sands Class** – We have 2 stars this week! Kinga, for trying really hard with her Maths and English, and Robin J for being super hardworking!

**Church Cove Class** – Sunke, for having a brilliant attitude to learning and showing amazing focus in lessons.

**Poldhu Class** – Max, for settling in well and having a great attitude to his learning.

### REMINDERS

Please close all gates as you enter and leave the school grounds to help keep our children safe.

If you arrive after 8.45 (KS2) or 9.00 (KS1) please take your child to the office to sign them in.

If your child is going to be off, please phone the school office, 01326 572618, before 8:45am.

Take care with children when crossing the road as some traffic is travelling very fast.

Please do not park across the staff car park and obstruct the entrance.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### Next Parent Governor Meeting:

3rd March– 9am

#### INSET Days

5–10 June

Term dates have already been sent to you but if you need another copy then let us know.

#### Extra Coronation Bank Holiday

Monday 8th May

#### Sports Day

Thursday 15th June at 2pm

#### KS2 Summer Production

Tuesday 4th July

There will be an afternoon and an evening production, both at Gweek Village Hall.

#### Year 6 Leavers Service

Monday 24th July at Gweek Village Hall starting at 2:30pm

## CLASS UPDATE

### Rosemullion class

This week in Rosemullion class we have been exploring our new inquiry 'Systems of Discovery'. We have broken down what systems of discovery means and have learned about two explorers: Robert Falcon Scott and Amelia Earhart.

In Science we have been learning about animal classification and habitats. The children then drew their own habitat and animals that belong to them.

In Pe this week we started learning about rugby. We practiced catching and passing and will look at tackling in the next session (using tags); the children really enjoyed the session especially when playing piggy in the middle.



### PARENT GOVERNOR MEETINGS

The next Parent Governor meeting will take place in the Green Room (between Mr Conway and Mr Watson's classrooms) on 3rd March at 9am

Subsequent Meetings:  
24th April 2023 2pm  
22nd June 2033 9am

### EGG INCUBATOR?

Are there any families who own an egg incubator that Praa Sands class could use for chicken eggs please?

### GLASS CONTAINERS NEEDED!

Boskenwyn has been awarded some grant funding for a STEM based week in March. Plans are already afoot, and we're sending out a scrounge this side of Christmas, for any large jars or other large lidded glass containers that you may use over the Christmas period. The bigger the better - so those big ones with pickled eggs or onions in would be good, or any other sizeable glass container. If it doesn't have a lid, don't worry - we'll improvise. Think plant biome and if you feel it's big enough, we'll be delighted to have it.

Thanks, Angie Larcombe

## **FOBS NEWS**

### **Silent Auction**

Thank you to everyone who has paid for and collected their prizes. If you haven't yet paid for your prizes, they are in the school office waiting for your payment and collection. Please see Linda as she has the prizes safely put aside for you.

### **GIFT AMNESTY**

Just a reminder that if you were gifted any presents that weren't to your taste, or if you have any items that you won't need or use, please consider bringing them into the office so fobs can use them as prizes at future events. Thanks

### **Bank Account**

We have been having a few issues with our bank account, but once that has been sorted out we will be purchasing the playground equipment that the children have requested, more games for playtime!

### **Please join us!**

January is a quiet month for FOBs as we all settle into the new year.

Please do get involved with our events and organising team during this year if your able. It's good fun, a great way of meeting others and such a lovely reward seeing so many smiles on the faces of our kids from the events that we put.

### **Jumble Sale**

We have had a request to put on a jumble sale towards the end of term, which would be a great fundraiser.

We will need lots of people to get involved in helping to make this happen. If you would like to help out please let me know. If there aren't enough volunteers then it won't go ahead.

Jules & Fobs x

## **SNACKS AND DRINKS**

No sweets for snacks at break times please – something more nutritious for the children is required.

We do sell tuck in the tuck shop, most items are priced at 25p and the children enjoy selecting their snack at morning break.

If you don't wish to leave your children with cash to buy tuck, please bring cash into the office and we will add it to your child's tuck account.

No energy drinks to be brought into school please.

## **SCHOOL CLOSURES IN EMERGENCY – AGREED NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE**

Please see the guidance below from Cornwall Council. Sometimes schools have to make the decision to close either partially or fully due to inclement weather such as snow or other unforeseen circumstances. The procedures are revised annually. The agreed notification Procedure for our school is:

- 1) We will inform Cornwall Council so they can update their website
- 2) We will inform local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM, Pirate FM) so they can make announcements and update their websites
- 3) We will post on our Facebook pages, "The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe School," "Boskenwyn FOBS" and "Germoe FROGS"

If you wake up to a blanket of snow in the near future then please make sure you check one or more of the above places to keep up to date with school closures, it may be that we open later or close earlier so you will need to check before coming to school. If the school needs to close whilst the children are there then we will contact all parents via phone.





# School emergency closures

## A guide for parents / carers

We recognise that the decision to close a school in the event of an emergency (eg snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents / carers. This guide outlines the agreed procedure which all schools are asked to follow and offers advice to parents / carers on the key things to consider, both before and after the decision to close has been made.

### Guidance given to schools

Guidance and procedures are sent to all schools on an annual basis, usually at the start of the autumn term. To prevent the possibility of fraudulent school closures, schools are required to follow a verification process before providing school closure information. Schools are then asked to:

Undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to determine whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. Before school hours start, schools are also asked to assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school.

Seek approval from the Governing Board (usually the decision of the Chair of Governors will suffice) to authorise the decision to close.

Notify Cornwall Council and the local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Providing the school follow the agreed procedure, each of the radio stations have all agreed to broadcast details of all school closures.

We will publish a list of current school closures on the Cornwall Council website at **[www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures)** and on our social media channels.

### Social Media

- **Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Instagram**  
[www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Twitter**  
[www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall)

### Know your school's procedure

Although schools are asked to follow this procedure, schools will have their own plan of action to be followed in the event of a closure. This should include details of how parents will be notified (eg via radio, text message, social media, etc). It is essential that schools communicate their plan to all parents as early as possible, and equally that all parents familiarise themselves with the agreed plan.

### Who to contact

If the decision is made to close, you will be notified by the school's agreed notification procedure. Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line(s) may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time.

### Useful websites

- **Cornwall Snow Advice**  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow)
- **Met Office**  
[www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)
- **Environment Agency**  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
- **Devon and Cornwall Police**  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

### Contact us

Email:  
**[togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk)** Call:  
**0300 1234 101**



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## School information finder - Boskenwyn

What information do you need?	Where to find the information
I need to contact school urgently	Phone on 01326 572618
I need to contact school non-urgently	Email <a href="mailto:secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk">secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk</a> or email class teacher( name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – Meet the staff
I need to know term dates	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Term dates
I need to see if my child has homework or upload their homework	See saw Reading records
I want to report my child absent from school	Phone call before 0900 on 01326 572618
I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Calendar
I want to read a school policy	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school - Policies
I want to see the school development plan	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – school development plan
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Menu Summer term (being refreshed at the end of October)
I want to find out about clubs	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	School Website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Phone or email 01326 572618 Paula Blackburn <a href="mailto:head@fbgschools.co.uk">head@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Angie Larcombe <a href="mailto:alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk">alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Denise Rusga <a href="mailto:drusga@fbgschools.co.uk">drusga@fbgschools.co.uk</a>



# Early Help Newsletter – Spring 2023

## Free information, support and guidance for Parents and Carers



### Parenting Support Courses Future Highlight

We offer interactive parenting courses both online and face to face. Service requests can be made through the Early Help Hub.

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelphub](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelphub)

The courses available are:

- o **Being Passionate About Parenting - Early Years 1 - 3 years (3 x 1½ hours)**
- o **Being Passionate About Parenting - 4 - 11 years (3 x 2 hours)**
- o **Being Passionate About Parenting with basic introduction and an awareness to ADHD - 5 – 11 years (3 x 2 hours)**
- o **Being Passionate About Parenting with a basic introduction and awareness about the “Spectrum” 5 – 11 years (3 x 2 hours)**
- o **Being Passionate About Parenting – The Teenage Brain 12 -17 years (3 x 1½ hours)**
- o **Take 3 – Supporting Teenagers 12 – 17 years (5 x 2 hours virtual or 10 x 2 hours face to face)**

Following completion of Take 3 you can book for an optional session). All 2 ½ hours via the EHH.

- o **Introduction to Teenagers with Sensory Challenges**
- o **Introduction to Teenagers with Traits of ADHD**
- o **Introduction to Teenagers with Autistic Traits**

### Just for Dads

You can also find information tailored just for you on the Family Information Service –

[www.supportincornwall.org.uk/fordads](http://www.supportincornwall.org.uk/fordads)



### Need help?

Contact the Early Help Hub on 01872 322277 for support, advice and guidance.

**If you have immediate concerns or are worried about a child or young person's safety, please telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 0300 123 1116**

For further updates and information on what's happening in your area visit us on Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/TEFCornwall](https://www.facebook.com/TEFCornwall)

### Autism Cafe Cornwall

For Parents/Carers run by Parents/Carers

This group hold regular meet ups offering an opportunity to speak, be heard, meet and

support whilst enjoying tea/coffee and biscuits.

Find them on Facebook or email

[Autismcafecornwall@gmail.com](mailto:Autismcafecornwall@gmail.com) for information about meet ups.

### Positive Parenting Bitesize

If you would like to be able to talk in confidence and meet other parents experiencing similar challenges, come along. All sessions run from 12:30pm to 2:30pm

**Tuesday 24 January 2023 - Healthy Lifestyle and Preparing for Pregnancy and Parenthood Tue**

**Tuesday 28 February - Wild young parents and dads Tuesday 21 March – Guest speaker Tigger Pritchard about Autism and Neurodiversity**

**Tuesday 18 April – Passionate About Being Calm**

To get your Microsoft Teams link for the session contact:

[julie.attwell@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:julie.attwell@cornwall.gov.uk)

Want to support and understand your child's emotions as well as your own. Why not attend SPACE Supp

orting Parents and Children Emotionally request your space through the Early Help Hub.



Let's Talk Teenagers' webinars set up to help parents and carers understand and support their teenagers to navigate the challenges of today's world.

The sessions are being run on:

**Tuesday 21 February**

**Tuesday 28 February**

**Tuesday 7th March**

The Eventbrite link will be sent out through schools and organisations. The 90-minute sessions will be delivered on Teams, and a free booklet will accompany the online event, which will be sent out to delegates afterwards.



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## Positive Parenting Bitesize (formerly Behaviours that Challenge) Virtual/On-line Support Group

**Tuesday 24 January 2023 at 12:30-2:30pm – Healthy Lifestyle and Preparing for Pregnancy & Parenthood**

### Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 344 337 286 305

Passcode: kFeeRe

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**Or call in (audio only)**

+44 20 7660 8305,,631655044# United Kingdom, London

Phone Conference ID: 631 655 044#

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**Tuesday 28 February at 12:30-2:30 pm - Wild - young parents and dads**

### Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 340 189 779 690

Passcode: b8YKBk

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**Tuesday 21 March at 12:30-2:30pm – Guest speaker Tigger Pritchard about Autism and Neurodiversity**

### Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 314 916 459 495

Passcode: kuTyBb

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**Tuesday 18 April at 12:30-2:30pm – Passionate about Being Calm**

### Microsoft Teams meeting

Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 320 950 692 727

Passcode: KANrH2

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