

BOSKENWYN



# Boskenwyn School

## Newsletter

9th December 2022

### MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Good afternoon. What a busy week this has been! I know you've had lots of emails but please do look at them as they contain important information, particularly the one regarding Scarlet Fever. You will also have received our OFSTED report. I'd like to say a huge thank you on behalf of all the staff for your lovely comments and your ongoing support.

Sorry to have to moan but punctuality is once again very poor. We have a few families who think it is acceptable to repeatedly bring their children to school after their start time. The staff and I can see first-hand the negative impact this has on your child's mental health and their academic achievements. They are so embarrassed when they arrive late as the whole class is disrupted. They have missed the beginning of the lesson so they're unsure what to do, they have to go to the office to order lunch, it truly is awful to witness this. It is actually becoming a safeguarding issue now due to the negative effect on our pupils. I will be analysing the data from the reports the classteachers and secretaries have recorded and will be contacting individuals who are persistent offenders next week. If it continues into the new year then I will have no choice but to escalate the concerns as a safeguarding issue to the relevant authorities.

Thank you to all of you for your contributions and your time in making FOBS so wonderful. As a result of all your hard work, the children of both Boskenwyn and Germoe were able to enjoy a fabulous performance from the Squashbox theatre this week. They truly enjoyed it, as did the adults!

Remember to keep an eye on that cold weather, keep wrapped up and look out for any communications about school closures due to inclement weather!

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe and warm!

Paula Blackburn



## of the **WEEK**

**Rosemullion Class** – Mrs Rusga would like to nominate the whole class for making her feel so welcome this week!

**Praa Sands Class** – Tyler, for his fantastic independent Maths work.

**Church Cove Class** – Woody, for his fantastic effort with the school play.

**Poldhu Class** – Lizzie, for her positive attitude and for always helping others.

### 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:

12th January – 2pm

#### Christmas Productions

Our KS2 Production will take place at Gweek Village Hall:

Tuesday 13th December 2.00–3.30pm

Thursday 15th December 5.30 – 7.00pm

Please collect your child from the hall on Tuesday 13th December.

Our KS1 Production will take place in the Poldhu classroom:

Wednesday 14th December at 3:40pm

#### INSET Days

5–10 June 23

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 23 at 2pm

### CHRISTMAS!

School Christmas dinner will take place on Wednesday 14th December. Please let Linda in the office know in advance if you require a vegan roast option.

We break up at the end of term at 1pm on Friday 16th December.



## CLASS UPDATE

### Poldhu class

Poldhu have definitely been getting into the Christmas spirit!

We have made large snowflake decorations and have enjoyed making earrings and chocolate men for the Christmas fair. The children have also been working hard preparing for the Christmas production. Our bake off was a hit this week with the children baking chocolate brownies in teams.



## PARENT GOVERNOR MEETINGS

The next Parent Governor meeting will take place in the Green Room (between Mr Conway and Mr Watson's classrooms) on 12th January at 2pm

Subsequent Meetings:

3rd March 2023 - 9am

24th April 2023 2pm

22nd June 2033 9am

## CAR SHARE

Please contact Linda in the office if you can arrange a regular car share with another child in Constantine. Thank you,

## PASTY DAY!

We will ONLY be serving steak or cheese & onion pasties or sausage rolls on Friday 16th December, last day of term. If you would like to bring in any gluten free pasties for us to heat up for your children please feel free to bring them in on the day.

## **COST OF LIVING PAYMENT FOR FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR BENEFITS – RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Cornwall Council will be issuing payment codes this Friday for all children eligible for benefits related FSM. These will be sent to school and forwarded to parents, you will receive one for each child. This will mean that some parents/carers should receive more than one email with a code, it is important to retain each individual code.

You can take the code/s to a Post Office and exchange them for a cash payment of £80 per child (no ID is required). The codes will expire on 01 March 2023. They cannot be replaced or re-issued if lost or expired so families should treat the codes like they would cash.

If you feel you may be eligible for benefits-related free school meals then please do apply, even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 as you may be entitled to subsidies and cash payments like these in the future.

## **FOBS**

\*👤 Upcoming Fobs dates 👤

From now on please donate your grown out of or unwanted Xmas jumpers and wearable accessories to our box in the school office.

Wanted please....soft toys for our toy stall ....in clean and good conditions ready to be loved by a new friend. Drop off in bags to the school office please.

Fobs need volunteers to help serving the refreshments at the key stage 1&2 Xmas performances. Please let Jules or Linda know if you're able to help.

Silent Auction...one of our favourite events in the Fobs calendar is happening again soon and we need your donations please! Sign up sheet is in the school office.  
Or let Jodie or Jules know. 😊

## **SNACKS**

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.



## **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>