

# 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>

## Attendance

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96.93%.

Congratulations this week to **1Kynance** who were top of the attendance table with 99.3%. *Well done!*

## Who Do We Think We Are (WDWTWA)

Just to let you know that we have had a great (but exhausting) day in school celebrating St Piran's Day. The day got off to a wonderful start when the children came into the hall and sat in their house teams for a special whole-school assembly. To start the day to get us in the Celtic mood Tracy Whorrall, who had done a workshop with an array of children from across the school earlier in the week, presented a musical piece called The Sounds of the Earth performed by the "orchestra" of children. It told the story, through sound, of the formation of Cornwall millions of years ago and the forces that created our rugged unique landscape. It certainly made us feel both loud and proud to be living in this special county. Then the wonderful Red River Singers roused us with their selection of toe-tapping Cornish songs.

We hope that this community celebration will have inspired the children to want to celebrate St Piran's Day in some way at home this Sunday or perhaps take a trip some time soon to see the St Piran's oratory in the dunes at Perranporth – it is a small but very special Cornish treasure.

I would like to say a BIG thank you to all staff who have worked tirelessly today to make sure that each house team enjoyed a range of activities from food tasting and pebble painting to Cornish dancing/singing and "Pin The Place" on the map of Cornwall.

Thanks also to Miss McDonald who arranged for Tracey and the wonderful Red River singers to come into the school today. They have promised that they will return.

And a very special thank you to Mrs Teasdale who has worked so enthusiastically with staff to coordinate this special enrichment day for your children. I think all the staff will sleep soundly tonight!  
*Go! Peran Lowen to you all!*

## Communicating with parents.

It was lovely to see so many parents in school this week for our Spring Parental Consultation evenings. I could hear lots of happy voices passing by my office as parents & children left the school. A sincere apology to any parent whose appointment was cancelled due to staff absence. We will be in contact shortly with you to re-arrange these appointments.

We would like to remind parents that the Class VLEs (Virtual Learning Environments) also contain information on your child's class and the learning that they are experiencing. All you have to do is go to the school website, click on the e-schools login button in the top right corner of every page and then log in with the same details that you use to book up your parent's evening appointment. Perhaps you can train your child to do it for you and to talk you through their VLE.

Last year 51% of parents who returned the end-of-year survey said that they used the Class VLE to support their child's learning and to remain abreast of what was going on in the class. We hope that your chat with your child's class teacher this week has encouraged you to want to go to the Class VLE and find out a little more about the topic they are learning and how you could link that to a family trip out or a fun activity at home.

Similarly you might like to check out our updated school website. If you want to find out more about how we are responding to parental feedback, then go to the Aims & Values section and see the information we are sharing on our website about how we work to be a friendship-focused school, how we spread the anti-bullying message and how you could use these resources with your child too if you ever had a friendship or bullying concern.

We always welcome feedback from our parents, so please feel free to offer suggestions on how we can improve the website and Class VLEs.

*Mrs H Giblett*

## School Sports Kit

Please can all football shirts, athletics vests, etc be washed and returned to school as soon as possible as we have fixtures next week. Thank you.

## Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday March 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> in the school hall from 3.15 p.m. to 4.00 pm. (see information regarding clubs on those days below.)

You should have already received a World Book Day £1 voucher, which can be spent at participating bookshops or the book fair, and a leaflet illustrating just a few of the exciting books available for the children this year. The back of the leaflet has further vouchers that can be redeemed against specific titles at the Book Fair too. There will be titles to suit all budgets and all ages so please do come along and have a look.

The support you give us at the Book Fair is always amazing as, for every book you buy, Scholastic donate a very generous amount of money to us to spend on buying new books for our school library. This usually equates to several hundred pounds so if you need to buy any birthday presents soon please remember that every book you buy helps the school too!

We look forward to seeing you there.

## CLUBS

***The following clubs are  
cancelled next week:***

***Hockey  
Boys Drumming Club***

### ***Advance information***

**Due to the hall being unavailable during the Book Fair Week (Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March) the following clubs will be cancelled:**

**Gymnastics, Dance, Drumming**

**KS2 Dance will also be cancelled on 22<sup>nd</sup> March due to staff training.**

**(As payments have already been made for dance, Mrs Medcalfe will reduce the payment next term to compensate)**

## **Eucharist Service, 9am Wed 8<sup>th</sup> March**

All parents and friends are invited. Year 3 will be helping Father Chris to lead the service.

## **Mother's Day Coffee Morning**

FABB's mother's day coffee morning will be held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March in the school hall. This unique event involves mums coming into school to share tea/coffee and a cake with their child/ren (If you are unable to attend we welcome grandparents/dads or other family member to spend this special time with the children.)

This is organised in house groups, this year's rotation is:

9.00-9.35am	Islip
9.35-10.10	Tennison
10.10-10.45	Beckett
10.45-11.20	Grindal

During the morning you will be able to purchase tea/coffee and cakes to enjoy and your child will be able to buy their mum a bunch of daffodils. There will also be a raffle.

For the morning to be a success we would like to ask for donations of homemade cakes, buns and biscuits to be brought in on the Friday morning. Anyone able to help during the morning please sign up in the school office. Thank you.

## **Early Years Foundation Stage would be very grateful for donations of the following for their outdoor area**

Milk Crates  
Pipes/Guttering/pipe connectors  
Carpet off cuts  
Large planks of wood  
Large tractor tyres x 2  
Building bricks  
Logs  
Large and small cable reels  
Steering wheels/bike wheels  
Painting rollers and trays  
Sails

Some of the above items such as logs we need in abundance. If you have any of the above then please come and speak to Mrs Riches or Miss Palmer in EYFS. Many thanks in advance.

## **London trip 2018**

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

## **Brass Lessons**

Unfortunately, Mrs Carter has been poorly for 2 weeks. She will make up these lessons over the next few weeks.

## **Porthpean Residential Camp, 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **NUT ALLERGIES**

A polite reminder that as we have children in school with severe nut allergies, we request that no types of nut or peanut butter are brought into school for snack or lunch. Thank you.

## **FABB**

We made a great start to the tidying up and cleaning of the school greenhouse this week, and our invitation to anyone who can spare an hour between 9 and 10 o'clock on a Wednesday morning is still on offer. FABB would also appreciate when families are having a spring clean in their own greenhouse or garden donations of any spare seeds or plants surplus to requirements that can be grown and nurtured by the school children in the school greenhouse. Please contact a member of the FABB team or let the school office know. Thankyou.

## Raising Money for Charity

Well done to Lucy in 4MT who had her long plaits cut off to raise money for The Little Princess Trust and CLIC. So far she has raised a fantastic £464. If anyone would still like to donate, please follow the link below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Lucy-AustinCLIC>



## THE GREAT TRURO HIGH BAKE OFF

Children in Years 5 and 6 are invited to take part in a bake off competition organised by Truro High School. Round 1 is to make six shaped and flavoured bread rolls and bring them into school for judging on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. The winner will go on to Round 2 at a later date.

## Class Assemblies (Fridays 9am, School Hall)

5T	10 <sup>th</sup> March
1K	17 <sup>th</sup> March
RP	12 <sup>th</sup> May
1W	9 <sup>th</sup> June
2L	16 <sup>th</sup> June
5C	30 <sup>th</sup> June
RR	7 <sup>th</sup> July

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

Year 4 – memories of Porthpean, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 9am

## YEAR 5 NETBALL

Last Friday we took two teams to participate in the Truro Area Netball Qualifier tournament at Penair School.

### A Team

First we played Devoran, we were winning at half time by 3 goals which were all scored by Silvenna. In the second half we increased our lead with 2 goals from Ella and Ellie scored our final goal just before the end of the match to make it a 6-0 win. Next we played Bosvigo, who defended well. In the end we won 2-0. We thought our third game against Kea School would be tough and we were really pleased when we won the game 2-0. Next we played Tregolls for the first time, winning 2-0. Our last game was against our own friends, the B team, we enjoyed playing them and eventually won 5-0 with Jayden scoring most of the goals. We were so happy to have won all our matches, and at the presentation we were announced as the Penair Cluster winners! This means that we go through to the Peninsular finals at Penryn.

The A team were Ellie, Ellie-Maeve, Ella, Elizabeth, Silvenna (captain), Jake, Jayden and Poppy.



### B Team

This was the first time that we could have a B team. We were quite nervous before our first game against Kea School which we lost 3-1, Olivia G scored our first ever goal! The next teams we played were Devoran and Bosvigo, losing both games despite some great defence work by our team. After a break we then played Tregolls School, this was a great match, we were very close to scoring but in the end we were happy with a draw of 0-0. Our final game was against our own A team, which we lost 5-0. We all enjoyed our first tournament and worked well together as a team. We are looking forward to getting in some more practice before another tournament at the end of March. Overall we came 5<sup>th</sup> in the Penair cluster.

The B team were Eliza, Ashleigh, Gaby, Evie, Amara, Oliva G, Hannah and Olivia H (captain)



## **INVITATION TO COOSE TRANNACK – SATURDAY** **18th MARCH 2017**

Children are invited to race in the 17<sup>th</sup> annual running of 'Coose Trannack Cross Country Races' on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The event is held on the Coose Trannack Woodland adjacent to Trannack School (near Helston). It is a millennium wood with fantastic views over The Lizard peninsula. The course is sloping and represents a tough challenge for even the most talented runners.

The event is open to all children from Year Reception to Year 12 and will involve separate races for each Primary School age group.

Further details of this event are available on the Trannack School's website:-

[http://trannack.eschools.co.uk/website/coose\\_trannack/29267](http://trannack.eschools.co.uk/website/coose_trannack/29267)

For the first time this year there will also be an adult "fun" run for anyone who likes a challenge and a bit of fun!!!

*Mrs J Williams (Running teacher)*

### **Easter Concert**

Mrs McDonald is organising a music concert on 30<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon. Further details to follow.

### **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 10 March**
- **Friday 24 March**
- **Friday 21 April**

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.

### **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.

### **Extra Maths Tuition**

Mrs Roskell-Thomas currently has vacancies for anyone who would like their child to have extra maths tuition. Please phone: 01637 499664 or 07804 813026 for further details.

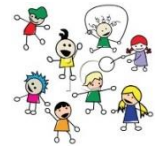
### **Launchpad – Truro Baptist Church**

All welcome to the above on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm. Music, games, bible stories, craft and picnic tea. Tel: Truro 241984 or e mail: [mail@trurobaptist.co.uk](mailto:mail@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 Week: *Come and join in the fun!*



### **Charity Quiz Night**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 7pm in our school hall in aid of the children's charity CHICKS. £26 per team (max 4 people) to include a pasty. To reserve your team contact David Rogers [davidrogers58@googlemail.com](mailto:davidrogers58@googlemail.com) or 01872 260315.

### **Retro Charity Evening**

The mum and dad of Eva and Louis Reynolds are running the London marathon for VICTA (a charity which supports children with a visual impairment). They are hosting a 'Retro Charity Evening' at St Erme community centre on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm until late. There will be retro quiz, a disco (with music from 70s, 80s and 90s) and raffle. Tickets are £15 and include a drink from the bar and a pasty. If anyone would like to come along they can message Mrs Reynolds on Facebook or contact her on her mobile:07967587374.

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

#### **March**

<b>Tue 7<sup>th</sup></b>	5T & 6J Parents' Evenings
<b>Wed 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Spring Eucharist Service, 9am
<b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Class 5T Assembly, 9am (Parents/Carers of children in 5T welcome)
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup>- 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Book Fair – school hall
<b>Wed 15<sup>th</sup></b>	FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
<b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Class 1K Assembly, 9am (Parents/Carers of children in 1K welcome)
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Mother's Day Coffee Morning – FABB
<b>Thu 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Easter music concert
<b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup></b>	KS2 Cross Country – Polwhele

#### **May**

<b>Thu 4<sup>th</sup></b>	FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
<b>Fri 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Class RP assembly, 9am
<b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Yr4 assembly, 9am
<b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Porthpean Camp – Year 4

#### **June**

<b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Class 1W assembly, 9am
<b>Fri 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Class 2L assembly, 9am
<b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup></b>	Summer Fair
<b>Fri 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Class 5C assembly, 9am

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>** Year 6 trip to London

**July**

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>** FABB meeting - 7.00pm in the staff room
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup>** Class RR assembly, 9am
- Tue 25<sup>th</sup>** Leaver's Reception & Summer Disco

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

- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb** Children return to school after half term
- Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Mar** Break up for Easter
- Tue 18<sup>th</sup> Apr** Children return to school for Summer Term
- Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May** Bank Holiday – school closed
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May** Break up for half term
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June** Children return to school
- Wed 26<sup>th</sup> July** Break up for Summer Holidays

TRURO LAWN TENNIS CLUB

# FAMILY TENNIS SESSIONS

4 week course  
**STARTING**

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**@Truro LTC 9:00- 10:30am**

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GET ALL THE FAMILY ON COURT AND HAVING FUN TOGETHER

**Free for members**

**Non members cost - Juniors £1. (3yrs+) Adults £2**

Message Ryan Fern on 07814533087 for more information

Come along and have some fun !!!

**EQUIPMENT PROVIDED IF NEEDED**

Truro Lawn Tennis Club TR3 6BN HEAD COACH RYAN FERN ryan@ryanfern.orangehome.co.uk

**Sundays...**  
**12th March, 14th May**  
**and 11th June .. at 4.00 pm**

# Launchpad

**Music** **Games** **Reflective Activity**  
**Bible Stories** **ALL WELCOME**  
**Count Down 5-4-3-2-1 blast off!** **Picnic Tea Provided** **Craft Activities for all**

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