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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

PUPIL WELFARE GROUP	
We pride ourselves on being approachable and are happy to discuss any concern with parents, no matter how big or small.	
Mrs Giblett (Headteacher)	Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mr Galler Assistant Headteacher)	Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mrs J Williams and Mrs B Morris	Special Educational Needs Coordinators
Mrs J Truen	Family Support Coordinator
PHASE GROUP LEADERS	
Mr Crocker	Y1-2 Phase Group leader
Mrs Kyte	Y3-4 Phase Group leader
Mr Kitto	Y5-6 Phase Group leader

Available pupil places at Archbishop Benson School Updated 10.11.2017						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1	2	0	0	0	6	0

Attendance News:

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96.6%

Congratulations to Class 4T this week who topped the attendance table with 98.5% attendance. Well done!

Message from Mrs. Giblett

Getting off to a great start in 2018!

We are delighted to be able to share our Ofsted inspection letter with you. I know, like me, you will feel very proud of the pupils, staff and governors.

On the day of the inspection, I had the privilege of walking round the school with Alex Bray, the Lead Inspector, and seeing the school through his eyes.

- Our teachers were so welcoming and open when we visited the classes. Mr Bray mentioned this in his feedback at the end of the day and said that this was often not the case in other schools.
- Our TAs were superb supporting children in and out of the class (not to mention all of them who stayed late the night before and helped us in so many ways).
- Our children, as is ever the case, were charming and so ready to talk about their learning!
- Our volunteers helpers did us proud.
- Our Nurture staff did a magnificent job all day
- The classes and corridors were looking very smart – thanks, in no small part, to our wonderful cleaners and site team.
- Our kitchen staff took it all in their stride and managed to turn out a superb Christmas lunch straight after.
- And of course our wonderful office staff spent the day helping us to find information and evidence at the drop of a hat!
- So many of our governors were able to be with us during the course of the day. Their presence (and their gifts of chocolate and other treats) was appreciated by all. Our other governors were there with us in spirit and sent their best wishes.

I think Andrew Gendall, our Chair of Governor, summarised perfectly how we are feeling as a school community, when he wrote to staff saying:

“On behalf of the governors I would like to say a huge, heartfelt thank you to all of you for your work in preparation for, and during, the recent Ofsted inspection. It was clearly an excellent ‘team effort’ by all of you, and you should be justifiably proud of maintaining the school’s ‘good’ rating. Several of us governors were privileged to be in school for the duration of the Ofsted inspection, and witnessed how well staff, pupils and volunteer helpers represented the school on the day. Thank you, once again, for working so well together to make the inspection such a success.”

Kitchen News

IMPORTANT – KS1 and RECEPTION

Even though your child receives a Universal Infant Free School Meal, you **MUST** still choose your child's meal online on ParentPay. If you don't do this, the menu choice defaults to the main meal of the day, which your child may not like. We've had several children in tears because they're not receiving a meal that they like, but it's then too late for our chef, George, to cook something different. None of us like to see the children upset, so your co-operation in this matter would be appreciated.

PLEASE NOTE

If your child wishes to change from cooked lunch to packed lunch or vice versa, the kitchen has to be notified in writing of the change. You cannot change from one option to the other during the week.

School Clubs

The Clubs list has been given out to all children apart from Reception class today, along with a page of permission slips. If your child would like to take part, please complete the permission slip and return to the child's class teacher.

Polwhele House Inter-school Cross Country - KS2

On Saturday 24th February Polwhele School will be holding their annual cross country races. Children are invited to run for Archbishop Benson School in either the U9 (1km) or U11 (1.5km) race. There will be medals and certificates awarded for the top three boys and girls with the top six finishers from each team contributing to an overall team prize. The school will also be providing refreshments throughout the morning.

This event will start with registration at **9:30am**, walking the course at 9:45am and finish with a presentation of awards at **11:30am**. Mrs Williams will be there as team manager and will supply school running vests. Please also note that the course is multi-terrain much of which is through the school woodland. It is therefore advisable to wear running spikes or football boots and have a spare pair of **shoes and socks** to walk the course beforehand.

Please can you return the slip below with the entry fee of £1 to the office by 24th January.

Mrs J Williams (Running Teacher)

Polwhele Cross Country Match

KS 2

My child _____

aged _____ in class _____
would like to enter the cross country at Polwhele on Saturday 24th February. I have included a £1 entry fee and **will stay for the duration of the event.**

Signed: _____

Santander Quiz Night in aid of FABB

We are looking forward to our next event which is the Quiz night. If you would like to come along here are the details:

Friday 2 February 2018

6.45pm for 7pm start

Teams of 4 (max) £26

Includes meat pasty (vegetarian can be pre-ordered)

Bar available selling Skinner's Ale, wine and soft drinks.

To register your team please contact: David Rogers:
davidrogers58@googlemail.com 01872 260315
or Pete Tatlow: ptatlow@btinternet.com 01872 241007

Blues Club.

We are open every day for Breakfast and After School. We run from the St Paul's Children Centre which is on the school site.

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. If you would like to find out more about what we do please pop in and meet Esther and the team any day.

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

You can also phone us on 01637 877073 to find out more information, or email us at info@firststepscornwall.co.uk

Scratch Coding

Free Family Learning course at Truro Library/Link into Learning.

Your child is learning Scratch computer coding - why should they have all the fun?! Make a game like Pac-Man; experiment with robots...

9 week course on **Wednesdays 10-12** starting 17th January.

To find out more and book a place, why not drop in and meet the tutor on 10th January 10am - 11am. Or contact Ian Barnes on 07811 179401/ ian.barnes@cornwall-acl.ac.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.

Casual Lunchtime Supervisor

From time to time we find ourselves short of helpers at lunchtimes due to staff absence. If you would like to be considered for a casual position as a lunchtime supervisor and added to a list of people we can call on at short notice, please let us know in the office.

Dates for Your Diary 2018

February

Fri 2nd Santander Quiz Night 7.00pm (in aid of FABB)
Wed 7th FABB disco

Term Dates for 2018

February

Fri 9/2 Break up for half term
Mon 19/2 Children return to school

Mon 26 Parents Evening
Tues 27 Parents Evening (late night)
Wed 28 Parents Evening

March

Thu 29/3 Break up for Easter

April

Mon 16/4 Children return to school

May

Mon 7/5 Spring Bank Holiday – school closed
Fri 25/5 Break up for half term

June

Mon 4/6 Children return to school

July

Tue 24/7 Break up for end of term

CORNISH SWIM ACADEMY

CRASH SWIMMING COURSE - ASA STAGES 1-7 - FEBRUARY 2018

Perfect opportunity for your child to learn to swim or develop their swimming techniques in a short space of time. Groups will be small in a relaxed and fun environment. The course involves 30 minute sessions each day for 4 days over the February half term.

Open to all swimming abilities from the age of 3 upwards.



Dates

Monday 12th February to Thursday 15th February 2018 at the Sir Ben Ainslie Sports Centre in Truro.

Lesson Times

9:00am - 9:30am - Stage 1

9:00am - 9:30am - Stage 2

9:00am - 9:30am - Stage 4

9:30am - 10:00am - Stage 1

9:30am - 10:00am - Stage 3

9:30am - 10:00am - Stage 5/6

10:00am - 11:00am Advanced Stroke Improvement : Stage 7 +

Fees

The 4 - day course is £28.00 per child (10% discount available for siblings)

To Book or for more information please contact us on

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Email: cornishswim@gmail.com

