



Weekly Benson Bulletin

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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 26.4.2018						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
1	1	0	0	0	6	0

Attendance News:

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96.8%

Congratulations to Class 6T this week who topped the attendance table with 99.4% attendance. Well done!

Message from Mrs Giblett

Sharing a Thank-You message

As you know Archbishop Benson is a dynamic place of work and learning and in the course of the year we experience staff and pupils both joining and leaving us.

We always say that once someone has been part of the Archbishop Benson family, they remain connected to the school forever.

We are delighted to see that Ms Kemp feels the same way. She was very keen to send a message to staff, pupils & parents and we are very happy to share it with you.

"I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you for all your kind words and support when I left last week. I have had the most amazing 3 years at Archbishop Benson and I have learnt so much along the way, especially as my role as a HLTA.

As many of you know, I came to Archbishop Benson after being a nursery manager. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Archbishop. In March, I was offered an amazing opportunity by Truro School to go and work in their nursery and this was an offer I could not refuse, especially returning to my roots working in a nursery. Nursery has always been in my heart and this was where I wanted my career to lead to.

Archbishop Benson is a very special place with inspirational teachers and children. It will always hold a very special place in my heart and I look forward to visiting you all very soon.

Tracey Kemp

Special dates to share with you

We have been busy since returning after Easter looking ahead for the Summer term and planning some very exciting things for the children to enjoy – more information will follow shortly but we did want to give you one date to put in your diary.

We are delighted to announce that we will be putting on a **whole school production** this July. Staff are very excited! It will be performed on Wednesday July 18th and Thursday July 19th (6.30 pm on both evenings).

We wanted to give you as much advance notice, so that you can reserve these dates in your diary.

Sports Day

Sports Day will be on June 20th KS1 morning, KS2 afternoon with our reserve Sports Day on June 21st.

Attendance update

Congratulations to 2KP. They have won our termly Attendance Cup for the best attending class in the Spring term with an attendance rate of 98.3%. As well as winning the Attendance Cup, they also earn the right to agree a special reward with their class teacher. I wonder what they will ask for?!

34% of our pupils had 100% attendance last term. Look out for the special certificates that will be coming home next week. Well done to all of them.

As you can see below, some classes have amazing attendance rates, while other classes can be considerably lower.

Our whole school attendance rate for the year (to date) is 96.3% which places us above average. However for the first time in 2 years, our termly attendance rate for this Spring dropped below 96.0% to 95.8% which places us in the average attendance category.

We will be sending out attendance review letters shortly to inform parents of their child's current attendance rate.

We would be really grateful if parents & pupils could support us in the Summer term to get our attendance rate back above 96.0.

2017 – 2018 CLASS ATTENDANCE OVERVIEW (To Date)				
High (96.5+)		Above Average (96.1– 96.4%)		Average (95.6 - 96.0)
Class	Class % to date	% of pupils with 100% attendan ce	% of pupils with attendance below 95% i.e. national average	% of pupils with attendance below 90% i.e. persistent absence
RR	96.7%	13%	16%	6%
1W	95.1%	0%	40%	16%
2C	97.3%	30%	23%	0%
3W	97.1%	13%	13%	7%
4T	97.9%	19%	9%	0%
5K	96.1%	11%	21%	3%
6FT	94.1%	3%	39%	24%
Below Average (93.0 – 95.5)		Low (92.9 or below)		90% or below (Persistent Absence)
Class	Class % to date	% of pupils with 100% attendan ce	% of pupils with attendance below 95% i.e. national average	% of pupils with attendance below 90% i.e. persistent absence
RP	95.1%	0%	31%	10%
1L	96.3%	14%	18%	7%
2KP	97.0%	17%	17%	3%
3K	96.0%	6%	28%	3%
4SG	95.4%	9%	22%	16%
5MS	98.1%	24%	14%	0%
6T	96.4%	10%	32%	0%

Getting ready for Share A Pencil Day

With more than 124 million children in the world missing out on an education, and many more having to share even the most basic tools for learning, like a pencil, the children at Archbishop Benson are preparing to do something about this by getting involved in **Share A Pencil Day** on Wednesday, May 23rd.

Our aim is to encourage them to raise £1 to buy a special pencil with the inspiring inscription – *With an education, I can go anywhere.*

The HOPE pencils have now arrived in school and are waiting to be bought!!!

We would love if the children could earn this money in the next couple of weeks by doing some acts of kindness for family or neighbours.

We hope the children share their acts of kindness with us and inspire others.

The children can bring in their £1 to school, purchase a pencil and then class teachers will keep them safe until Share A Pencil Day when the staff have planned some fun, but thought provoking, activities for the children to enjoy.

ONE machine, ONE million pencils, ONE mission: to educate EVERY child.

(To avoid the office being inundated with individual £1 coins, we would be really grateful if children could give the money directly to their class teacher. Thank you.)

Royal Wedding at ABB!

On the morning of Friday 18th May, ABB will be celebrating the Royal Wedding. KS1 will begin with a mock wedding ceremony conducted by our very own 'Archbishop' Fr Chris Epps, followed by a wedding parade which the whole school will join in with.

There may even be a balcony appearance by the newly weds! George is planning a royal themed lunch on that day which will be served to all KS1 children who normally have a hot lunch and any KS2 children who would like to order and pay for the meal. Look out for more details in next week's newsletter. All children are invited to wear their best wedding attire or red, white and blue for the day.

Safety in our Grounds after School

We politely ask parents to ensure that their children are supervised after school in the school grounds. Climbing on banks, walls and trees is not permitted for obvious safety reasons. We have heard of a couple of incidents this week where children have been hurt through falling from walls and trees (thankfully not too badly).

Kitchen News



Wild Wednesday at Archbishop Benson



On **Wednesday 23rd May** the children will be invited to come to school dressed as their favourite wild animal. The cost of this will be £1 all donations will be given to WWF which is one of our three charities we are supporting this year.



Class Assemblies

Please see below updated changes to some of the Class Assemblies.

Dates for class assemblies	
Time for class assemblies - 2.30pm	
Class RR and RP graduation service	Friday, July 13th
Class 1L	Friday May 11th
Class 2C	Friday, May 25th
Class 3W	Friday, July 6th
Class 5MS	Friday, June 29th
Class 5K	Friday, May 4th
Class 6T	Friday, June 22nd

Homework Club Years 3 to 6

For the Summer term, Homework Club will be run on a drop in basis during Tuesday lunchtimes in the ICT suite. Key Stage 2 children are welcome to come along at 12:10pm if they need help with their homework that week. They can come just once or every week. It will begin on Tuesday 24th April.

Mark Thomas

Extra-Curricular Clubs

If you have any enquiries with the online booking system please contact Mr. Banks via email at:

support@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk

New Extra-Curricular Clubs Email Address

We have a new email address for any emergency or urgent queries regarding school clubs. Please feel free to email Mr. Mark Thomas on this email address:

Clubs@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk

We will try and respond to enquiries as soon as we can.

Wanted

Kitchen Worktops, any length, required for school outdoor activities. If you have any you no longer need, please contact Mike Williams, Site Maintenance, via the school office.

Boys' Football

Last night, our boys' football team travelled to Penzance to play in a cup match. We won 5-0 and scored some excellent goals. We started the match slowly but ended very strongly, scoring 4 goals in the second half. Alfie L scored a superb hat trick and Jake scored a brace. Well done to the boys.



Parent Request

I am a parent of a child in the school recently diagnosed with the childhood absence type of epilepsy. I understand that there are other children in the school also dealing with epilepsy. I wondered if any parent of these children would like to contact me so that the children can possibly get to know one another and have someone in a similar situation and of a similar age to talk and the parents may also find this useful and supportive. I know my daughter feels isolated as she doesn't know of any other child with the condition and there are no local support groups for children which I am aware of.

If you feel you might be interested please call or text on 07881583266 (Sarah)

Blues Club

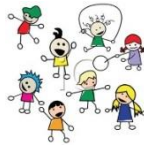
We are open every day for Breakfast and After School. We run from the St Paul's Children Centre which is on the school site. Our team of qualified staff will ensure that your child is cared for in a safe and stimulating environment. Healthy breakfast and snacks are provided every session. If you would 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

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 2018

May

Fri 4th Class 5K assembly to parents
Fri 11th Class 1L assembly to parents
Fri 25th Class 2C assembly to parents

June

Fri 8th Non-Uniform day
Fri 22nd Class 6T assembly to parents
Sat 16th Summer Fair
Wed 20th Sports Day
Thurs 21st Reserve Sports Day
Fri 29th Class 5MS assembly to parents

July

Fri 6th Class 3W assembly to parents
Fri 13th Class RP and RR Graduation to parents
Wed 18th Whole school production, 6.30pm
Thurs 19th Whole school production, 6.30pm

Term Dates for 2018

May

Mon 7th Spring Bank Holiday – school closed
Fri 25th Break up for Half Term

June

Mon 4th Children return to school

July

Tue 24th Break up for end of term

A vibrant poster for 'The Great Flat Lode Vintage Car Show'. The background features a stylized sunburst in shades of yellow, orange, and red. In the foreground, a classic red convertible sports car is shown from a front-three-quarter view. The text on the poster includes: 'KING EDWARD MINE AND KERNOW OLD VEHICLE CLUB PRESENTS The GREAT FLAT LODGE VINTAGE CAR SHOW CRAFTS, ENTERTAINMENT AND PICNIC 20TH MAY 10 TIL 4'. Below the car, it lists 'ENTERTAINMENT' such as 'VINTAGE CARS, BIKES, TRACTORS AND STATIONARY ENGINES ON DISPLAY', 'CRAFT STALLS', and 'BOUNCY CASTLE/KIDDIES CORNER'. It also details 'ENTRY' prices: 'ADULTS £3', 'KIDS £1', and 'UNDER 5'S FREE'. Further down, it mentions '...MORE' amenities: 'FREE PARKING', 'OPEN LAND FOR PICNICS', and 'CROUST HUT CAFE'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'OWNERS - JOIN OUR EXHIBIT CONTACT US' with contact information for 'BIKE' (Dave Macdonald), 'CARS' (Barry Tiddy), 'ENGINES' (Keith Billington), and 'TRACTORS' (Shaun Bennets). Logos for 'KING EDWARD MINE', 'KERNOW OLD VEHICLE CLUB', and 'ST PAUL'S CHURCH' are also present.

