



# Weekly Benson Bulletin

## 16 March 2018 No. 22

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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>

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 16.3.2018						
Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
0	0	0	0	0	7	0

### Attendance News:

Our whole-school attendance rate for this week was 96%

Congratulations to Class 2C this week who topped the attendance table with 98.2% attendance. Well done!

### Message from Mrs Giblett

#### Science & Arts Week

In their EoY survey completed last July, the children told us that the thing they most enjoyed about school last year was the great range of class topics. Staff were delighted with this feedback and this year we are focusing on enhancing our curriculum provision even more.

We had lovely, positive feedback from children and parents about our Wow Maths enrichment day back in January where children immersed themselves in practical shape activities. Some great work was produced including origami pictures and collage symmetry kites, all of which can be seen displayed in the Y2/3/4 corridor.

This half-term, we have gone one better with a week of enrichment to coincide National Science and Arts Week. I am sure that your child will have shared their curricular experiences with you but could we encourage you to go to our Twitter feed to get a flavour of the fun and excitement that we have enjoyed in school this week.

A huge thank you to all the staff for being so enthusiastic in planning & delivering this special week, especially at the end of a busy term when we can all be feeling a little tired.

Please feel free to share feedback with us as it energises us to want to do even more for your children.

#### School Clubs

Last term, we know that communication between school and home regarding club availability and booking places for children onto clubs was problematic. We are grateful to parents for the individual feedback that they shared with us and we have also had input from the Communication & Engagement governor focus group on how we could address the difficulties that we identified.

We will be sending home a letter to parents next week about a new on-line booking system for clubs that we will be initiating for the Summer term. Like our Parents Consultation booking system, we are confident that it will allow us to coordinate clubs more efficiently.

We are working hard to get the system fully operational. As with anything new (& electronic!), there may well be some teething problems.

We ask for your support & patience in advance as we initiate this new system. Mr Mark Thomas, our PE, Sports & Clubs Lead is available to speak to parents or parents can email him on our club email address.

[Clubs@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:Clubs@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk)

We would be grateful for parental feedback after Easter so that we can celebrate what has gone well and respond promptly to any glitches.

### **Our Give & Take Challenge**

We are half way through our 40-day Lenten journey and staff and children have been busy in lots of different ways thinking about how we can “give” our time and our talents in simple ways to help transform our home or our school or our community.

5K have inspired us this week by responding to the 40 Challenges for Lent. They have collected 40 (and maybe even a little more) tins of soup for Truro Food Bank . I am certain that this Lenten gift will be greatly appreciated by the foodbank especially with another bout of cold weather coming in this weekend.

### **Year 6 Parents Meeting**

A meeting will be held to discuss Year 6 SATs and also the London and the School Camp trips on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30pm in the Year 6 classrooms.

### **Spring Parents Forum**

This will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 9am in the Children’s Centre.

**Focus:** Is bullying dealt with effectively within the school?

This is in response to feedback from parents both in the end-of-year surveys completed last July and comments made on Parent View. We look forward to these parents, and other parents, availing of this opportunity to share their views with the school.

### **How to book a place?**

All parents are invited, but numbers for each forum are understandably limited. We do not want to set too much of a limit on numbers as we know that parents who want to attend are interested in that particular issue, but we also want to ensure that the number present allows for a meaningful discussion. For the afternoon forum meetings we can accommodate 6 - 8 parents. For the evening meeting, we can facilitate about 15 – 20 parents.

If parents are interested in attending any forum, then we ask them to contact the office. On a first come, first served basis, we will ensure that, if sufficient parents express an interest in attending there is representation from all classes. Having done that, if there are additional spaces available then we open it up to the other names on the list in rank order.

### **Kitchen News**

Hope you are enjoying our lovely new menu.

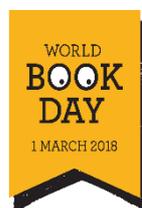
Look out on the school’s Twitter account for a lot more photos of what is happening in the school, starting next week. School’s Twitter Account is @ArchBensonSch or see it on the homepage of the school website.

### **Class Assemblies**

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

<b>Dates for class assemblies</b>	
<b>Time for class assemblies - 2.30pm</b>	
<b>Class RR and RP graduation service</b>	<b>Friday, July 13th</b>
<b>Class 1L</b>	<b>Friday May 11th</b>
<b>Class 2KP</b>	<b>Friday, March 23rd</b>
<b>Class 2C</b>	<b>Friday, May 25th</b>
<b>Class 3K</b>	<b>Friday, April 27th</b>
<b>Class 3W</b>	<b>Friday, July 6th</b>
<b>Class 5MS</b>	<b>Friday, June 29th</b>
<b>Class 5K</b>	<b>Friday, May 4th</b>
<b>Class 6T</b>	<b>Friday, June 22nd</b>

### **World Book Day**



Due to the snow day last week we have rescheduled World Book day. The new date is March 22<sup>nd</sup>

We would like to encourage your child to dress up as their favourite book character on the day.

### **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](mailto:Clubs@archbishop-benson.cornwall.sch.uk)

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

### Music Recital 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2.15pm

Parents are welcome to join us for our termly music recital on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 2.15pm in the school hall. Please note that not all instrumentalists take part each time and that your child's music teacher should inform them if they are performing. The choir will be singing a selection of songs from Songfest.

Many thanks Ms MacDonald

### 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](mailto: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.



## BEAVERS

Having fantastic fun

We are inviting any boy or girl who is currently between the ages of 6 and 8 to join the local Beaver Scout Colony at Truro Methodist Church.

We meet on a Wednesday night from 5.00pm to 6.15pm. We are a friendly group and have an experienced leadership team who provide lots of opportunities for fun and adventure.

For more information contact Belinda Gough (Beaver Leader) at [beagough1@gmail.com](mailto:beagough1@gmail.com) or Gary Olds (Group Leader) [gold2305@outlook.com](mailto:gold2305@outlook.com)



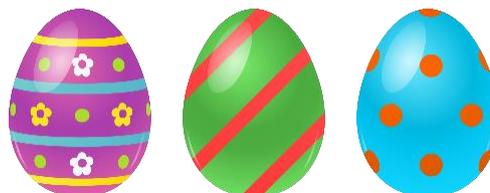
### Bosvigo Holiday Club

Bosvigo Holiday club are now taking bookings for the 13<sup>th</sup> April. We will also be open for the Bosvigo School INSET day on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

We have again frozen our prices at £23.50 per day (7.45am-6pm) and are also offering Half Day sessions for £15.

The activity timetable is nearing completion and includes a wide range of activities including, baking, construction, a trip to Idless woods, den building, bowling, arts and crafts and our ever popular Easter Egg Hunt. We are also hoping to get out in the garden when Spring has finally sprung!

Please book online using the School Gateway or if you are new to Bosvigo Wraparound and would like to register, please email [wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:wraparound@bosvigo.cornwall.sch.uk) and we will get you started. Please feel free to make arrangements to come and look around, we would love to meet you.





# EASTER HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

**@CORNWALL CRICKET CENTRE TR1 3XX**

### Hard Ball Camps

£25 per day OR 4 days for £80  
10am - 4pm Ages 9 - 13  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>

### Soft Ball Camps

£15 per day OR 4 days for £40  
10am - 4pm Ages 5 - 8  
April 4<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>




(Must have played hard ball cricket)

Please book your place in advance

For more details and to book your place on one of our camps go to:  
[www.cornwallcricket.co.uk/youth/holiday-camps](http://www.cornwallcricket.co.uk/youth/holiday-camps)  
Or contact: [m.kent@cornwallcricket.co.uk](mailto:m.kent@cornwallcricket.co.uk)

## Drama Workshop @The Burrell Theatre

**Date:** 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
**Time:** 08:30 – 17:00  
**Age:** 6 – 14 Years  
**Cost:** £25 (includes hot lunch)

This workshop will give your child the opportunity to make friends, have fun and develop some great skills led by our experienced team within the Burrell Theatre at Truro School.

Your child does not need any previous dancing, singing or acting experience, just a willingness to have a go and have fun.

For more information and an application form please visit our website: [www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com](http://www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com)



## EASTER HOLIDAYS TRURO ARTS COMPANY

### FELT EASTER EGGS

FRI 30TH MARCH 9.30-11 AM AGE 7+ £9

Try your hand at making beautiful felt Easter eggs using only wool, soapy water and old tights! If you feel really confident, you can also make a little chick to go inside.



### CLAY CHICKS ON STICKS

SAT 31ST MARCH 3.30-5PM AGE 5+ £9

Create cute clay chicks with long wire legs and big plumes of feathers! Make them stand, sit or dance - decorate your Easter windowsill this holiday!



### COLLAGE LANDSCAPE MASTERCLASS

THURS 12TH APRIL 9.45-12.45PM AGE 8-12 £20

A morning with tutor Kevin who will explore how to create depth in landscapes using tone. You'll then use charcoal, chalk and watercolours to create your own ripped paper landscape collages. Messy, informative and fun!

GUEST TUTOR



### STORY, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION

FRI 13TH APRIL 9.30AM - 3PM AGE 8+ £30

Spend a day taking part in some fun story-generating activities, planning a set of illustrations to work with your tale and then creating your own book to take home.



### DROP IN JUNK MODELLING

SAT 14TH APRIL 9.30-12PM AGE 5+ FREE

Come along to our junk modelling drop in session for Truro Children's Day! Get messy and creative with the whole family, and see what you can create. Drop in any time between 9.30am and 12pm, grab a coffee, a cake and enjoy the fun!



26 River St, TR1 2SJ - 01872 240 567 [arts@truroartscompany.co.uk](mailto:arts@truroartscompany.co.uk) [www.truroartscompany.co.uk](http://www.truroartscompany.co.uk)

## Three Day Workshop

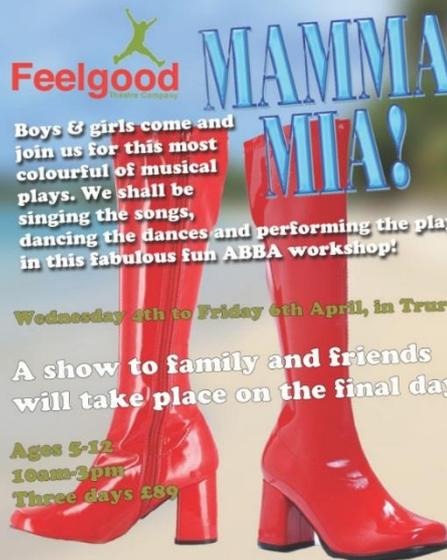
**Feelgood** MAMMA MIA!

Boys & girls come and join us for this most colourful of musical plays. We shall be singing the songs, dancing the dances and performing the play in this fabulous fun ABBA workshop!

Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th April, in Truro

A show to family and friends will take place on the final day

Ages 5-12  
10am-3pm  
Three days £89



To book call / text Claire on 0777 333 7357  
...or visit [www.feelgoodtheatrecompany.com](http://www.feelgoodtheatrecompany.com)

## Dates for Your Diary 2018

### March

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> Class 2KP assembly to parents

### April

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Class 3K assembly to parents

### May

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Class 5K assembly to parents

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Class 1L assembly to parents

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Class 2C assembly to parents

### June

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Non-Uniform day

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Class 6T assembly to parents

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Summer Fair

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Class 5MS assembly to parents

### July

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Class 3W assembly to parents

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Class RP and RR Graduation to parents

## Term Dates for 2018

### March

Thu 29<sup>th</sup> Break up for Easter

### April

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

### May

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Spring Bank Holiday – school closed

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Break up for Half Term

### June

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Children return to school

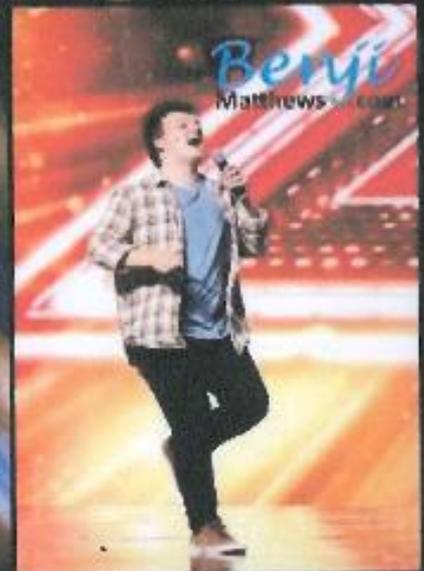
### July

Tue 24<sup>th</sup> Break up for end of term

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TRURO, TR1 2JP**