



Germoe School Newsletter

Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a restful half term. Shame about the weather back in the UK, fortunately, Mr Conway and I were working at a school in Malta that week and attending the final meeting for our project, "Let's all go to the Theatre of European dreams" with our partners from Croatia, Turkey, Romania, Greece and Bulgaria. We were working on anti-bullying programmes and we presented on our inquiry based learning methods to the other 6 countries present. We also had the opportunity to meet the President of Malta, George Vella and the first lady and we presented them with some clotted cream fudge!

I am really sorry but I need to change the time of the coffee and cake meeting next week. Boskenwyn will now be 9am and Germoe at 3pm on Thursday 29th February. It would be lovely to see more parents there, it is really informal, we don't have an agenda and we just discuss anything and everything about the school, how we can improve, what you like etc etc. Please do pop along if you can, bringing a cake/biscuits is optional! Everyone is welcome. It's a great opportunity for you to meet other parents.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn



REMINDER

Please can all Breakfast/After school care needs to be booked by the end of school, the day before it is needed, to ensure we have the correct pupil/staff ratios.

REMINDER TO WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school uniform is:

sweatshirt/navy jumper or cardigan,

polo shirt white/light blue

navy/black trousers/joggers/leggings/skirt

Sweatshirts, t-shirts and bookbags can be purchased through School Money and collected from the office

CLUBS

Monday 3.30–4.30pm

Football club – Mr Conway
Seasonal Arts and Crafts club – Mrs Reeves
and Bronwen Dooley

Wednesday lunchtime

Choir – Miss Laity

Tuesday 3.30–4.30pm

Yoga club – Miss Burns
Origami club – Miss Symons

Thursday 3.30–4.30pm

Eco Club – Mrs Knight

WORLD BOOK DAY

Due to Godrevy Class's swimming and Rinsey Class's educational visit, we won't be celebrating World Book Day until Monday 11th of March.

We will have a day filled with brilliant books and activities. We will also be inviting parents and carers in to school for our next Reading Cafe at 2:30pm. We really enjoyed this last time so please pop the date in your diary and come and join us for a book and a biscuit if you are free. Children are welcome to dress up as a character from a much-loved book, but please don't feel as though you need to go out and buy anything. The staff have been planning their costumes for a while!

We are hoping to improve our library and Mrs Reeves is going on some training to help us do so. It would be helpful if you could fill in the short questionnaire, that we sent home at the end of last term, about your reading habits and return it to us next week.

Smartphone information for parents

Please find below some links regarding smartphone usage for children. It was very kindly sent to us by one of our parents and it is interesting information for any parents/carers who are concerned about smartphones and social media for children. I hope you find it useful....

<https://amp.theguardian.com/technology/2024/feb/17/thousands-join-uk-parents-calling-for-smartphone-free-childhood>

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

School Closures in Emergency – Agreed Notification Procedure

Please see the attached guidance 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: We will inform Cornwall Council so they can update their website We will inform local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM, Pirate FM) so they can make announcements and update their websites 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

DIARY DATES 2023/2024

IMMINENT DATES

29th February – 3pm

Coffee and cake meeting

Wednesday 6th March

Godrevy class – Minack trip

Friday 8th March

Class 3 – Truro Museum trip

Monday 11th March

World Book Day

Reading Cafe – 2.30pm

Friday 15th March

Class 4 Humphry Davy

Tuesday 26th March

Class 4 Humphry Davy

Wednesday 27th March

Songfest Choir performance

Thursday 28th March

Break up for Easter

SUMMER TERM 2024

23rd April 9.00 am

Coffee and cake meeting

Monday 17th June

to Wednesday 19th June

Helston School Y6 Transition events

20th June 9am

Coffee and cake meeting

24th June

1:45pm Sports Day

22nd July

2.30pm Leaver's service

24th July

Break for Summer

TERM DATES 2023/2024

Autumn term (72 days)

- 4th September – 19th December 2023
- (Half term 23rd – 27th October 2023)

Spring Term (56 days)

- 4th January – 28th March 2024
- (Half term 12th–16th February 2024)

Summer term (67 days)

- 15th April – 24th July 2024
- (Half term 27th May – 31st May 2024)
- **INSET 3rd–7th June 2024**

Information for all settings: Guidance on measles outbreaks

There have been recent localised outbreaks of measles centred around the West Midlands. There is a risk of further outbreaks in other areas unless urgent action is taken to increase Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccination take up in areas with low MMR vaccine rates.

Measles spreads very easily among those who are unvaccinated, especially in nurseries and schools. The best protection against measles for children and adults is to get both doses of the MMR vaccine. It is never too late to have these vaccinations.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Academic and Pastoral Support

If you need help or have concerns regarding your child, please see your class teacher in the first instance. Discussion with your class teacher first will help them to meet the needs of your child. Further support can be sought by class staff, should this be needed.

RESOURCES REQUEST!

Godrevy Class are collecting PET 2 bottles (e.g., large and small water and soft drink bottles that can be remade into 3d printing filament) for a project that they will be starting this term. We would also be grateful for larger clear plastic bottles up to 5L, as the class will be testing lung capacity.

Thank You!

Neurodiverse?

A new system will be operational from April, for the assessment pathway for Autism and ADHD. It's not yet up and running, but Parent Carer Cornwall have a linked site, which has some great information for parents about neurodiversity. If you'd like to take a look:

<https://parentcarercornwall.org.uk/> and find the 'Neurodiversity Hub' tab at the top of the page

SAFETY NOTICE

We have seen cars parking on the pavement, below the playground, at drop off and collection times. Please can we ask that you refrain from doing this as it means parents and children have to go into the road to get around the parked cars.

Thank you

TREGONNING HILL CONSULTATION DAY

You may be aware that Tregonning Hill was purchased by Cornwall Heritage Trust in October 2023. We want to safeguard its future and ensure that the site remains free to visit for everyone 365 days of the year.

We have been overwhelmed by the number of thank yous, kind words, and offers of support we've had about the site. Thank you to everyone who has so generously offered to work with us to care for this special place. We're keen to work with the community as much as possible and would love to invite you to share your thoughts at this consultation day.

Please join us at Balwest Sunday School (TR13 9TE) on Saturday 16th March, anytime from 10am to 2pm. It's a chance to meet the team at Cornwall Heritage Trust and share your thoughts about the site. There will be tea, coffee, and cake available. Local mining history specialist, Stephen Polglase, will be giving free guided walks at 10:30am and 1pm (please note: there is a capacity of 15 people per walk).

We're keen to reach as much of the local community as possible, so if you know someone with a keen interest in Tregonning Hill, please do extend the invitation to this event. We have also attached a poster that you may wish to display on nearby noticeboards or share with community groups. Thank you for your support, we look forward to welcoming you to Balwest Sunday School building on Saturday 16th March.

Kind regards,
The Team at CHT



GODREVY CLASS UPDATE

This week in Godrevy Class we have been learning about a myriad of interesting things. On Tuesday, we went to the Maritime Museum in Falmouth to examine their pirate exhibition and take part in pirate themed workshops. Boskenwyn- who are our federated school- came with us; we split up into two groups (year 5s and year 6s.) We learnt that pirates have a reputation as anti-establishment heroes and about the swords they carried, which were called cutlasses. Around lunchtime, we drove boats around the pool to see how the wind worked with the sails and also chose which treasure items we would pick if we were pirates to help us survive.

This week we also started designing light fittings for our project with the "Soho Lighting Company" please see the other note of the newsletter about bringing in plastic to help. It would mean a lot to us!



Information Classification: CONTROLLED

Parents and Carers WE NEED YOU!

Headstart Kernow together with Lightbox Film Co. are working on an exciting project to raise awareness of Children's Rights.

Our hope is to work with as many local parents and carers as we can to capture a range of voices and stories that will come together to create a series of short films. The purpose of these films will be to inform, educate, raise awareness, understanding, and celebrate what parents and carers are already doing to uphold their children's rights.

We would love for parents/carers in Cornwall to join us for our first engagement workshop.

We are currently working on finalising the venue and date that will be towards the end of February.

We'll provide lunch and refreshments plus a goody bag for taking time to participate in this exciting project!

Is this something that you would be interested in?
If so, please RSVP by Friday 2nd February 2024.

We'll then be in touch with more information.

Contact us
Email: childrensrights@cornwall.gov.uk



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We have a few resources that are now available for you to borrow, relating to supporting wellbeing, emotions, anxiety, Autism, bereavement, trauma and activities to support wellbeing. The box will be available in the Office. Please use the 'sign out' sheet and return the item within two weeks. If you have books or resources that you no longer need or use, we would be very grateful for them, to support families further. Many thanks



For children in Y5/6 and older – Headstart Kernow, have developed a mental health site for young people, made by young people with lots of helpful advice. If your child is in Y5 or 6, this may be something you would like to look at with them:

The Federation of Germoe and Boskenwyn Schools are on twitter and Instagram!

Instagram: boskenwyngermoe

Feel free to follow us and spread the word to encourage others to hear about the wonderful things happening in our schools.

- For **working families**, including the self-employed, **in the UK**
- Earning **under £100k** and **an average of £167** per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) each over three months
- Who **aren't** receiving Tax Credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers
- With children aged 0-11 (or 0-16 if disabled)
- For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, **up to £2,000 per child per year**

For more information <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Early Help Drop-in Coffee & Chat Morning

Kerrier Coffee Morning at Helston Family Hub

28th February 2024 between 09.30am-11.30am

Guest Speakers -Tri Service Safety Officer and Police Community Support Officer and Neighbourhood Beat Manager.

Are you confident that you know all you need to know about Home Fire Safety?

Do you have the knowledge or skills to administer CPR?

Do you want to know what is happening in your community about anti-social behaviour?

Please come over to meet those that can help you find out.
All welcome, refreshments provided.

**For further information
please contact:**

Email: Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk



Parenting Workshops

January – March 2024



Understanding your Child

- Early Years (ages 1-3)
- Primary Years (ages 4-8)
- Transition Years (ages 9-11)

Workshop Description

Delivered over 10 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- How your child develops
- Understanding how your child is feeling
- Tuning into what your child needs
- Responding to how your child is feeling
- Different styles of parenting
- Having fun together
- The rhythm of interaction
- Why is sleep important?
- Self-regulation and anger
- Communication and tuning in
- Looking back and looking forwards

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Workshop Dates

East		
Ages 1-3	Mondays	15.01.24 – 25.03.24
	9:30-11:30	Bodmin Family Hub
Ages 4-8	Thursdays	11.01.24 – 21.03.24
	9:30-11:30	Callington Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 1-3	Fridays	12.01.24 – 22.03.24
	9:30-11:30	The Park Family Hub
Ages 4-8	Thursdays	11.01.24 – 28.03.24
	9:30-11:30	Trelander Family Hub
West		
Ages 1-3	Mondays	15.01.24 – 25.03.24
	9:30-11:30	Troon Family Hub
Ages 4-8	Thursdays	11.01.24 – 21.03.24
	9:30-11:30	Hayle Family Hub
Countywide		
Ages 1-3	Thursdays	11.01.24 – 21.03.24
	12:30-14:30	Virtual MS Teams
Ages 1-3	Wednesdays	21.02.24 – 24.04.24
	18:00-20:00	Virtual MS Teams
Ages 4-8	Wednesday	24.01.24 – 27.03.24
	12:30-14:30	Virtual MS Teams
Ages 9-11	Wednesdays	24.01.24 – 27.03.24
	9:30-11:30	Virtual MS Teams
Ages 9-11	Thursdays	22.02.24 – 25.04.24
	18:00-20:00	Virtual MS Teams
Ages 9-11	Mondays	26.02.24 – 29.04.24
	18:00-20:00	Virtual MS Teams



Take 3

Workshop Description

Delivered over 10 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- What's adolescence?
- Encouraging young people
- The power of listening
- Misbehaviour and listening
- The four styles of parenting
- Taking stock, "I" statements and boundaries
- Negotiating boundaries and consequences
- When adults disagree – more negotiation practice
- Saying goodbye and moving on

Living with Parents

Workshop Description

A one-day workshop delivered over 5-hours.

This is an evidence-based workshop for parents and carers to attend with their young person:

- Interactive/structured activities
- Guided discussion
- Group work
- Strategies and top tips
- Discussing effective communication
- Relationship building
- Boundary setting

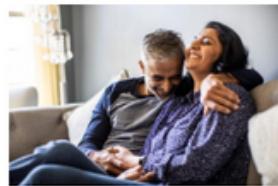
Workshop Dates

East		
Ages 12-18	Mondays 12:30-14:30	08.01.24 – 18.03.24 Bodmin Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Thursdays 12:30-14:30	11.01.24 – 21.03.24 Callington Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 12-18	Fridays 12:30-14:30	12.01.24 – 22.03.24 The Park Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Thursdays 12:30-14:30	11.01.24 – 21.03.24 Trelander Family Hub
West		
Ages 12-18	Mondays 12:30-14:30	08.01.24 – 18.03.24 Troon Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Thursdays 12:30-14:30	11.01.24 – 21.03.24 Hayle Family Hub
Countywide		
Ages 12-18	Fridays 9:30-12:30	12.01.24 – 22.03.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 12-18	Thursdays 18:00-20:00	20.02.24 – 23.04.24 Virtual MS Teams

Workshop Dates

East		
Ages 12-18	Friday 9:30-14:30	09.02.24 Wadebridge Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Friday 9:30-14:30	15.03.24 Torpoint Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 12-18	Friday 9:30-14:30	22.03.24 Trelander Family Hub
West		
Ages 12-18	Friday TBD	TBD

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Supporting Healthy Relationships

Me You and Baby Too (MYBT)

Workshop Description

Delivered over 3 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

A course for all new or expectant parents/carers:

- What your baby picks up on
- How to support each other
- How arguments start, and how to manage them constructively

Arguing Better (AB)

Workshop Description

Delivered over 3 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

A course for all parents/carers with a child of any age:

- How to support each other
- How arguments start, and how to manage them constructively
- Impact on children

Getting it Right for Children (GIRFC)

Workshop Description

Delivered over 3 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

A course for separating or separated parents/carers:

- How to stay calm and listen
- Seeing things differently
- Finding solutions and making compromises

MYBT Workshop Dates

Countywide		
Ages 0-12months	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	30.01.24 – 13.02.24 Virtual MS Teams
Mid		
Ages 0-12months	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	20.02.24 – 05.03.24 St Austell Family Hub
West		
Ages 0-12months	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	12.03.24 – 26.03.24 Penzance Family Hub

AB Workshop Dates

Countywide		
Ages 0-19	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	30.01.24 – 13.02.24 Virtual MS Teams
East		
Ages 0-19	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	20.02.24 – 05.03.24 Launceston Family Hub
West		
Ages 0-19	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	20.02.24 – 05.03.24 Penzance Family Hub

GIRFC Workshop Dates

Countywide		
Ages 0-19	Tuesdays	30.01.24 – 13.02.24
	12:30-14:30	Virtual MS Teams
East		
Ages 0-19	Tuesdays	12.03.24 – 26.03.24
	12:30-14:30	Launceston Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 0-19	Tuesdays	12.03.24 – 26.03.24
	12:30-14:30	St Austell Family Hub

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How to access

Parents/carers or professionals can access the parenting offer by visiting www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting.

Parents/carers or professionals will be able to self-book onto workshop using the parenting booking portal, which can be found at the above website. If a family requires targeted or specialist support, an Early Help Request for help should be made via the [Early Help Hub](#).

If parents/carers or professionals would like support booking themselves or a parent/carer onto a workshop, they should contact the Early Help Parenting Team using the contact details below. An advice line will be available Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm to support queries.

Parenting children aged 0 to 11

SEARCH & SERVICE

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I need to contact school urgently	Phone on 01736 763310
I need to contact school non-urgently	Email secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk or email class teacher(name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk Our school – Meet the staff
I need to know term dates	School website www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk 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 01736 763310
I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc	School website www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk Calendar
I want to read a school policy	School website www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk Our school - Policies
I want to see the school development plan	School website www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk Our school – school development plan
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	School website www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info – Menu
I want to find out about clubs	School website www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info - Newsletter
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	School Website www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info - Newsletter
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Phone or email 01736 763310 Paula Blackburn head@fbgschools.co.uk Angie Larcombe alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk Denise Rusga drusga@fbgschools.co.uk