



# Germoe School

## Newsletter

13th September 2024

### Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers,

It has been a pleasure teaching Y3 and 4 this week. They have been a delight to teach and they have also helped me with my job too. They have helped me to write the Lockdown policy from a child's perspective and also helped to revise the Internet Safety policy. They enjoyed being decision makers.

I have had a few parents complaining about the car parking situation once again. I understand that it is difficult but please be respectful to/of one another and remember to be polite and courteous. We will talk about this more in the parent coffee morning next week and try to find potential solutions. If you can't make the meeting next Tuesday morning (9am in the hall) and you have some ideas then please do email them to me.

Another thing we will be looking at in the parent meeting is school dinner money and trips debt and discussing a no debt policy. If debt is incurred then the school budget has to pay for it. This means that money which should be spent on all pupils' education in school is used to pay for debts incurred by individual parents/carers which is unfair.

I hope to see you at the meeting on Tuesday on 9am in the school hall.

Have a lovely weekend Miss Blackburn

### **WEDNESDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2:45PM**

Kindergarten parents (and anyone else who would like to join!), please join us for a coffee and a conversation about developing early language and reading.

### **PRICE INCREASES FROM SEPTEMBER**

Unfortunately, due to the cost of living rise and the restraint this has on our budget, we will have to make the following price increases from September:

- School meals will be £3 per day.
- Breakfast club will be £4 per child/£3 per child, if eligible for FSM (including food).
- After school care will be £4 per child/£3 per child, if eligible for FSM, for the first hour (including snack). A late charge of £4 per 15 mins (for each child) will be incurred due to staff staying later than contracted.
- Kindergarten snack will be £2 per week payable via School money

We apologise for this but there is no other way to make our income and expenditure align.

## CLUBS

### Our after school clubs got off to a great start this week!

#### Monday:

Mr Conway- Football

Miss Symons- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Explorers

#### Tuesday:

Mrs Knight- Eco Club

Miss Burns- Book Making

#### Thursday:

Mrs Reeves- PE Games

All Clubs are open to Year 1 and above and if your child/ren would like to join you will need to contact Mrs Care in the office to sign them up.

### We are an official Eco-School!

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded Eco-Schools Green Flag status for our exceptional work in promoting sustainability and raising environmental awareness.

The Eco-Schools programme, established in 1994, is now implemented in over 70 countries worldwide. In 2023-24, more than 1.4 million pupils attended an Eco-School in England. Last September, a pupil-led Eco-Committee was established. This committee took responsibility for spearheading the school's environmental initiatives. They first conducted a thorough review of their school environment and curriculum, before developing a year-long plan of action.

Their Action Plan focussed on 3 key issues: Biodiversity, Energy and Waste and activities included planting flowers to attract pollinators, making bug houses, developing the vegetable plot, switching off lights and holding a Clothes Swap Shop. These activities were thoughtfully selected to increase environmental awareness, bolster their school's sustainability, and make meaningful contributions to global conservation efforts.

The Eco-Committee are passionate about protecting and enhancing our environment. They are a dedicated group who have worked for an hour each week throughout the whole school year. We are very proud of their achievements.

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flinte are passionate about protecting and enhancing our environment. They a dedicated group who have worked for an hour each week throughout the whole school year, said: 'The Eco-Schools' Green Flag is an international benchmark that demonstrates a commitment to fighting climate change and high standard of sustainable practice. Students and staff who earn this award deserve recognition for their dedication toward protecting our planet. Every day, they demonstrate that each of us can contribute to making our planet a better, more sustainable, place.'

To learn more about Eco-Schools head to [www.eco-schools.org.uk](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk)



# Redruth International Mining Festival Primary School Pasty Design Competition

The Redruth International Mining & Pasty Festival runs 20-21 September, with Saturday as the celebration of the great Cornish Pasty and they would like our school to get involved! The Cornish Pasty Association will be running a pasty making marquee on Saturday 21 September at the festival. The marquee will be open from 9.30-4 and children aged 5-16 can come along and make their own pasty with our expert bakers. In the run up to the event, they are running a 'Design Your Own Pasty' competition for local primary school children to create their own unique pasty design. The winning school will win a free pasty making session with the Cornish Pasty Association for up to 60 students and the student of the winning pasty design will receive their own CPA apron and hamper from Prima Bakeries. To enter all you need to do is create your own Cornish pasty ingredients, along with a drawing of your pasty and give your drawing to your class teacher. The pasty can include any ingredients, sweet or savoury and can be creative or traditional! We will then email the pasty designs in to the Festival by Friday 20 September, the winner will be announced at the festival via their social media channels and via email. We look forward to receiving your pasty designs, best of luck!

If anyone is interested please let your class teacher know.

## Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare is:

- 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>

## **WHEELIE BINS REQUEST!**

Tony, our Premises Manager, would like to know if anyone has any 240 litre wheelie bins that they no longer need, we could do with three or four. Any donations will be gratefully received

## **HEAD LICE**

Cornwall council health department - information on the treatment of Head Lice

Wet combing method:

- Wash the hair with ordinary shampoo and apply plenty of conditioner.
- Use an ordinary, wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair.
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to the louse detection comb.
- Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots, with the edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp.
- Draw the comb down from the roots to the ends of the hair with every stroke, and check the comb for lice each time – remove lice by wiping the comb with tissue paper or rinsing it.
- Work through the hair, section by section, so that the whole head of hair is combed through.
- Do this at least twice to help ensure you haven't missed any areas, until no more lice are found.

IMPORTANT – Repeat this procedure on days five, nine and 13. Detection combing should be done on day 17, to check for any live head lice.

## **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

## **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.

# Early Help Drop-in Coffee & Chat Morning

## You are invited to our Kerrier Coffee Morning

On Friday 13th September from 9.30am until 11.30am at Redruth Family Hub, Drump Road, Redruth, TR15 1NA  
Family Workers and Youth Workers available for advice and guidance along with Guest Speakers.

**The Literacy Trust** - for families to be supported with reading locally.  
**Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change** - support and advice on achieving your education, employment or personal development goals.

**Parent Carers Cornwall** - advice about the neurodevelopmental profiling tool

**Healthy Cornwall** - for all your general health advice  
**Smarter Smiles** - advice about your families' dental health

**Community Energy Plus** - helping households to enjoy more energy efficient homes.

**Southwest Water** - for tips on how to save water.

For any further information  
please contact:

Email: [Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk)  
or ring Redruth Family Hub on 01209 310000



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## Early Help Parenting Newsletter – Autumn 2024

Free information, support and guidance for parents and carers.

### Need help?

Contact the Early Help Hub on 01872 322277 for support, advice and guidance.

If you have immediate concerns, are worried about a child or young person's safety, please telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 0300 123 1116.

### Parenting Support Workshops

We offer interactive parenting programmes both online and face to face. For more information about our parenting support on offer and to book onto a workshop please visit: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

The programmes currently available are:

- Solihull: Understanding your Child** – Supporting parents/carers of children aged 1 to 11 (10 x 2-hour sessions)
- Parents Plus Adolescent Programme** – Supporting parents/carers of teenagers aged 12-17 (9 x 2-hour sessions)
- Living with Parents** – a one day workshop for parents and their young person aged 12 to 17 years.
- Supporting Healthy Relationships** – (3 x 2-hour sessions)
  - Me, You and Baby Too (for parents pre-birth – 12 months)
  - Arguing Better (for parents of children aged 1 – 15)
  - Getting it Right for Children (for separated/separating parents with children aged 0 – 15)

**Understanding your Child with Additional Needs** – a self-guided course accessed through Solihull: <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/36>. To access the course, please register for an account using the code TAMAR

- If accessing from a computer, please [click here](#)
- If accessing from a mobile/tablet, please [click here](#)

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“We've noticed a change already and it's only been 3 weeks.”

-Parent on Parents Plus  
Adolescents Programme  
(May 2024)

### Have your say!

We invite you (parents, carers, and professionals) to complete our new survey to help shape our parenting offer. This should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. Please visit, [letsstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/parentingsurvey](http://letsstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/parentingsurvey), to have your say. You can also sign up to our mailing list to stay informed through our newsletter and flyers, by clicking on 'Stay Informed – Subscribe' button on this page.

### Bitesize Parenting

Bitesize parenting workshops are weekly 2-hour sessions delivered by our parenting team to support on a wide range of topics including:

- Remaining Calm
- Routines and Boundaries
- Praise and Rewards
- Technology and Safety
- Special Time
- Supporting Healthy Relationships
- Teenage Brain
- And many more!

Please book on by visiting [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

### Empowered Parenting Podcast

In August, we will be launching a brand new podcast, called Empowered Parenting. Each week, Rachel, a Senior Parenting Worker from the Parenting Team will be joined by guests from the team and other services to chat all things parenting, including tips and strategies!

Follow us on our Facebook or Instagram pages (@TFFCornwall) or on our website [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting) to see new episodes as they are released.

## Positive Parenting Top Tip!

### Praise and Encouragement

Why do we praise? Praising your child for positive behaviours raises their self-esteem and confidence and makes them feel good. It encourages behaviour you want to see more of.

How do we praise? There are so many ways to praise, for example visual praise such as high 5s, thumbs up, or hugs; overhead praise and labelled praise.

Labelled praise is specific praise where you tell the child exactly what it is that they have done well such as 'thank you for putting your plate by the sink' or 'well done for trying to put your shoes on'.

It's important to praise the effort, not just the outcomes or end result.

You cannot spoil a child with too much praise so catch them doing something good and praise them.

## Service Spotlight

### Home-Start Kernow

Home-Start Kernow offers support, friendship and practical help to parents with children under 5 throughout Cornwall. Parents may struggle at one time or another, you are not alone, that's when Home-Start Kernow can help.

Home-Start offer a variety of groups for families and most groups operate every week during term time. Most families will get 6 months of group support, some may be offered places for longer if additional support is needed or needs change.

Come chat and play with us.

<https://homestartkernow.org.uk/group-support/>



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## New Booking Platform

Parents/carers or professionals can access the parenting offer by visiting [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting).

Parents/carers or professionals will be able to self-book onto workshops 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: <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelphub>.

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.



## Further Parenting Support

For further parenting support, including self-help and support from our partner organisations please visit [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

### Contact us

Email: [parenting@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Call: 01872 324323

If you would like this information in another format please contact:

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY  
Email: [equality@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:equality@cornwall.gov.uk) Telephone: 0300 1234 100



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# DIARY DATES 2024/2025

## AUTUMN TERM 2024

### Monday 16th September

Football League @ Helston CC

### Tuesday 17th September 9.00am

Parent Coffee morning

### Wednesday 18th September 2:45pm

Kindergarten parents - coffee and chat

### Thursday 19th September 9.00am

FROGS meeting - new parents/carers welcome along - no obligation!

### Wednesday 25th September

Helston CC Open Evening 5-7pm

### Monday 30th September

Class 1 & 2 Guys Butterfly Farm visit

### Tuesday 1st October

Humphry Davy Y6 Open Day - details to follow next week

## TERM DATES 2024/2025

### Autumn term (74 days)

- 3rd September 2024 - 20th December 2024
- (Half term 28th October - 1st November )

### Spring Term 2025 (60 days)

- 6th January 2025- 4th April 2025
- (Half term 17th - 21st February)

### Summer Term 2025 (61 days)

- 22nd April 2025- 23rd July 2025
- (Half term 26th May - 30th May)
- **INSET DAYS 2nd -6th June 2025**



## NYSGERRIG KINDERGARTEN CLASS UPDATE

We have been very busy since we returned from the Summer holidays! We have been exploring our indoor and outdoor areas, and also our beautiful forest. We have also been getting to know one another, building friendships and playing games. We have talked about our feelings and how our feelings can change throughout the day. We have read the story of 'The Colour Monster' and also 'The Colour Monster goes to school' and the feelings he has about his school day. We have also been searching for minibeasts in the forest, using very careful hands when picking them up and placing them back in their natural habitats.



## 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

## 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 information finder - Germoe

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