



Germoe School

Newsletter

26th January 2024

Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers

It was good to see some of you at the coffee and cake meeting earlier this week. It's important to have the chance to chat things over together and to see what we can do collectively to give our children the best life in school.

I've been teaching in the classrooms again this week and it fills me with such pride to see the children steadily gaining confidence in their abilities -from starting out in a new year in September and now, nearly half way through the school year, to see their confidence soar as they progress and learn new skills.

This weekend's weather forecast is looking bright so I hope you all have time to enjoy a lovely weekend.

Paula Blackburn

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

**PLEASE CAN WE ASK THAT YOU LEAVE THE DISABLED PARKING BAY
AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE THAT MAY NEED IT**

CLUBS

Monday 3.30-4.30pm

Football club – Mr Conway
Dance club – Miss Reeves

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

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.

DIARY DATES 2023/2024

IMMINENT DATES

Monday 29th January

2.30pm Christingle service at Germoe Church

Friday 2nd February

Class 2 (Y1 and Y2) Minack trip

Monday 5th February

Football League Y3/4 at Helston

NO FOOTBALL CLUB AT SCHOOL

Friday 9th February

Break up for half term

Monday 19th February

Back to school

29th February – 9am

Coffee and cake meeting

SUMMER TERM 2024

23rd April 2.45pm

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/>

Y1 and Y2 Minack trip

We are really looking forward to the year 1 and 2 visit to the Minack on Friday 2nd Feb. Please could you bring your child to school for 8:45 as the workshop starts at 10am and so we need to make a prompt departure.

Many thanks!

Miss Reeves

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

GODREY CLASS TRIPS

This week Godrey Class parents received an email with their trips for next half term. The deadline for returning these forms is today



Please ensure that you log in to view the full article and any attachments.

g New health advice messaging service launches for families in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly

Monday, 22nd 0024 West Coast Community Health and Wellbeing

ChatHealth
Parent Line 0-5  **07312 263 423**

ChatHealth
Parent Line 5-19  **07312 263 499**

ChatHealth Young
People 11-19  **07312 263 096**

 **ChatHealth**
Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly
www.cornwall.gov.uk/chathealth

 Get confidential health and wellbeing advice and support

Dear colleagues,

From today Monday 22 January 2024 we are launching our enhanced offer for young people and parents / carers to contact Health Visitors and School Nurses in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

There are three advice lines as follows:

- young people aged 11-19: **07312 263 096**
- parents / carers of children aged 0-5: **07312 263 423**
- parents / carers of children and young people aged 5-19: **07312 263 499**

Users can send a message, anonymously if they wish, to Health Visiting and School Nursing to get confidential help and advice about a range of health concerns, including:

- Sleep
- Child development
- Support with behaviour
- Toiletting
- Feeding and nutrition
- Keeping safe and healthy
- Childhood illnesses and support with medical conditions at school
- Emotional, mental health and wellbeing
- Relationship
- Smoking and vaping
- Drugs and alcohol

The messaging service is available Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays), from 9am to 5pm. When a message is sent to the numbers, an automated reply confirms the message has been received. A trained healthcare professional will reply to the message within 48 hours (within office time).

Alternatively users can continue to contact the service via:

- Telephone: 01872 324201
- Email: healthadvice@cornwall.gov.uk

Our web page is being regularly updated at www.cornwall.gov.uk/healthadvice.

You can read our press release on our news page at: www.cornwall.gov.uk/council-news/together-for-families/new-health-advice-messaging-service-launches-for-families-in-cornwall-and-the-isles-of-scilly

Read more | remaining 44% of article | 3 documents

You are receiving this message as you have a headteacher and / or business manager / school secretary account with the Services for Schools platform administered by Cornwall Council | Together for Families.



KINDERGARTEN CLASS UPDATE

This week in Kindergarten, we have been looking at buildings and structures. We looked at some famous landmarks and then went about making our own. We used building blocks, Kapla and other materials, we talked about the word 'structure' and looked at viaducts. We made some very elaborate models! In maths we have been weighing, measuring, comparing amounts and working on number bonds to 5.



Together for Families



Information Classification: CONTROLLED

Lightbox

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.

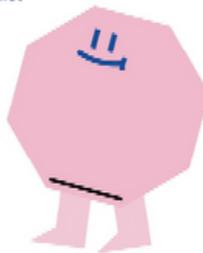
We'll provide lunch and refreshments plus a goody bag for taking time to participate in this exciting project!

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



www.cornwall.gov.uk

Germoe Well-Being Borrowing Library

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



Headstart Kernow

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:

<https://www.startnowcornwall.org.uk>

Twitter and Instagram

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

Twitter: @BoskenwynGermoe

Instagram: boskenwyngermoe

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

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>

Early Help Drop-in Coffee & Chat Mornings



Kerrier Coffee Morning

12th January at Redruth Family Hub 09.30-11.30am

Guest speaker- Parent Carers Cornwall Team. With youth worker and family workers available for advice.

Penwith Coffee Morning

19th January at Hayle Family Hub 09.30am-11.30am

Guest Speaker- Parent Carers Cornwall Team. With youth worker and family worker available for advice.

Parent Carers Cornwall want to ensure that all SEND parents have their voices heard and enable parent carers to gain greater knowledge and understanding of the services available to them and their child from health, education, local authority and the voluntary sector.

Both events are free of charge with refreshments provided.

**For any further information
please contact:**

Email: Penwith.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk
or Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk



Together for Families Parenting

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

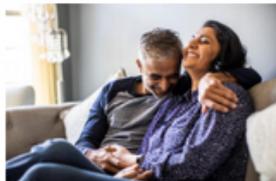
Workshop Dates

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

Workshop Dates

East		
Ages 12-18	Friday	09.02.24 9:30-14:30 Wadebridge Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Friday	15.03.24 9:30-14:30 Torpoint Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 12-18	Friday	22.03.24 9:30-14:30 Trelander Family Hub
West		
Ages 12-18	Friday	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	30.01.24 – 13.02.24 12:30-14:30 Virtual MS Teams
Mid		
Ages 0-12months	Tuesdays	20.02.24 – 05.03.24 12:30-14:30 St Austell Family Hub
West		
Ages 0-12months	Tuesdays	12.03.24 – 26.03.24 12:30-14:30 Penzance Family Hub

AB 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	20.02.24 – 05.03.24 12:30-14:30 Launceston Family Hub
West		
Ages 0-19	Tuesdays	20.02.24 – 05.03.24 12:30-14:30 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

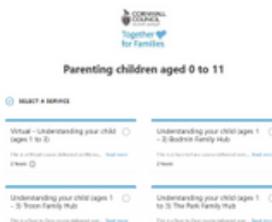
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How to access

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.



Contact us

Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk
Call: 01872 324323

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

Cornwall Council, County Hall, Trevery Road, Truro TR1 3AY
Email: equality@cornwall.gov.uk Telephone: 0300 1234 100



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