



Germoe School

Newsletter

20th December 2024



Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers

It's been a very exciting and magical festive season for us with the productions, the Christmas lunches and parties, lots of fun for everyone. The children did an amazing job with their acting and singing and we are so very proud of them all.

We are very sad to be losing 2 members of staff today. Amie Widdowson from Kindergarten will not be returning after Christmas and we wish her all the best with her future career. We also say a sad goodbye to Mrs Rusga who has worked in many roles throughout our Federation for over 23 years. After leaving her career as bank manager at a building Society to relocate with her family, she began working as teaching assistant and school crossing control at Germoe in 2001. She went on to become a staff governor and to complete her teaching degree and qualify as a teacher. She has since taught at both our schools from reception to year 6, enriching the lives of thousands of children in her care. We are very sorry to see her leave but she has promised to keep in touch with school life, we wish her every success as moves onto her next stage.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year and to wish you a peaceful festive period with our very best wishes for a happy and bright 2025.

See you on the other side!

Paula Blackburn and Team Boskenwyn and Germoe

CLUBS

There will not be any clubs on the first week after Christmas but there will still be Breakfast Club and Afterschool Care

NEW MENU

Don't forget we have a new menu starting on the first week back - please see website for details

DIARY DATES 2024/2025

SPRING TERM 2024

Monday 6th January

Return to school

Wednesday 22nd January 2.30pm

Parents coffee & cake meeting

Thursday 27th March 9.00 am

Parents coffee & cake meeting

Thursday 8th May 2.30pm

Parents coffee and cake meeting

Wednesday 2nd July 9.00am

Parents coffee and cake meeting

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**



Safer parking around schools

The school, the police and local highway authority often receive concerns from members of our communities, schools and colleges regarding inconsiderate and often dangerous parental parking outside schools at the beginning and end of each school day.

Parking restrictions are put in place to manage the highway network and to ensure the safety of all road users, vehicles and pedestrians alike. Cars parking inconsiderately, especially on zigzag lines, cause visibility issues for pedestrians of all ages and ability who are crossing the road network to get to and from school.

While we want to encourage sustainable travel to school, especially walking, we recognise that some parents will have to use the car for at least part of their journey to school.

However, it's important for us to:

Reduce congestion around schools to improve air quality.

Make the route to school safer for children.

Show respect to local residents.

Unfortunately, most schools experience a small minority of parents who choose to ignore the parking restrictions.

Driving to school? Please remember:

'School Keep Clear' are clearways, meaning **no stopping and definitely no parking, not even to drop off or pick up any passengers.** These markings are designed to allow a clear view up and down the road for children to cross safely before and after school. If you stop, even to drop off, on these lines, you are making it dangerous for children to cross by obscuring their view. Park in a way that does not obscure the view of any school crossing patrol – avoid parking on the stretch of the road opposite the zigzags, especially if this means you have to park on the pavement to do so.

keep the view around junctions clear so that children can cross safely.

Parking on a bend can cause difficulties, making visibility difficult.

Be considerate to local residents by avoiding parking across or turning around in driveways or parking on the grass verges. Most people like the grass verges and don't like to see them churned up.



Try to park further away from school. This has several advantages – you will find it easier to find a space and to turn your car around for your return journey. It will also be an opportunity for your children to practise walking safely with you by teaching them pedestrian road safety skills. Walking the last part of the journey to school is also good for your child's mental and physical health.

Keep your car off the pavement at all times. No one (especially children, people with a pushchair, in a wheelchair or with reduced mobility) should have to step on the road because of cars parked on the pavement.

The locations below can be enforced by police officers and the civil enforcement officers. Therefore please:

do not park on double yellow lines and yellow School Keep Clears markings.

do not park in a way that blocks access to dropped kerbs or any other pedestrian crossings.

do not park in a way that blocks residents' driveways.

do not park within 10 metres of a junction.

PC Paul Stevenson 17776

Falmouth Neighbourhood Beat Manager

PERRANUTHNOE CLASS UPDATE

This week, Perranuthnoe Class kicked off festivities with an amazing nativity. The children worked really hard on learning their lines, songs and dance moves, and pulled off a gorgeous performance.

'My favourite part was the sheep dancing because it was so funny and nice.' Tegen

'I liked learning the songs.' Jude

'I liked having our photo taken for the newspaper and the parents being there to watch.' Albie



Inquiry Projects

This week both Rinsey and Godrevy Class brought in and showcased their homework projects. You could clearly see the effort which went into these projects and the children were able to speak so confidently about them. We were very impressed! A huge thank you also goes to those of you who were able to come in and view these projects, this gave our children another opportunity to show their work and learning!

SCHOOL MONEY

Please can we ask everybody to make regular payments towards School Money? We try to allow all the trips to be paid over weeks or months but there are still some accounts which are behind in payments. We really don't have the cash as a small school to lend you the money - and it affects what we do as a school when we haven't the money in our account to use.

We appreciate everybody who keeps their accounts up to date and hopefully you find the reminders helpful. If you have any queries or issues with School Money please contact Mrs Care - secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk
Thank you.

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.

PARKING

Please can we ask that you do not park on the pavement at the bottom of the playground and this means the pavement cannot be used and residents/parents/children have to walk in the road which can be dangerous.

Time2Move Holiday Programme Goes Swimming!

This Christmas the Time2Move Holiday Programme in partnership with pool providers in Cornwall is offering fully funded swimming sessions for children eligible for benefits related free school meals along with their parent/guardian and siblings!

Public swimming sessions, which include Swim For All, Family Fun Swims, General Swims and Public Swims will be available from Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January in the following pools:

- Bodmin Leisure Centre – check availability here.
- Bude Leisure Centre – check availability here.
- Carn Brea Leisure Centre – check availability here.
- Helston Leisure Centre – check availability here.
- Newquay Leisure World – check availability here.
- Penzance Leisure Centre – check availability here.
- Saltash Leisure Centre – check availability here.
- St Ives Leisure Centre – check availability here.
- Truro Leisure Centre – check availability here.

To redeem this funded swimming offer please physically take your unique Time2Move Holiday Programme Free School Meal code to your centre of choice and the reception team will book you in on the spot. You can check availability and timetable for all sessions online on the individual centres webpage or via the links above, but you cannot pre-book online.

If you are unsure of your unique code please visit Time2Move Holiday Programme – Cornwall Council and enter your child's first name, surname and date of birth.

Parents/Guardians taking up this offer will need to follow all operating procedures from the pool
you

School Closures in Emergency – Agreed Notification Procedure

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

Parent/Carer Workshops – to run from January 2025.

These are one-off, one hour long, online workshops with our Mental Health Practitioners. These are open to everybody; people do not need to have a mental health need to join. You can sign up with the links below.

A Teams link will be emailed to parent/carers from MHST for each workshop prior to the workshop taking place.

Behaviour Workshop – <https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40>

Sleep Workshop – <https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc>

Worry Workshop – <https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF>

Resilience Workshop – <https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK>

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
I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc	School website 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

NHS Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Worry Workshop

Monday 13th January - 9:30am & 2pm
 Tuesday 14th January - 11am & 4pm
 Wednesday 15th January - 09:30am & 1:30pm
 Thursday 16th January - 11am & 4pm

This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on "What is worry?" and "Why does my child worry?" Also includes practical strategies for helping children manage their worries.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF)  <https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Resilience Workshop

Monday 20th January - 9.30am & 4pm
 Tuesday 21st January - 11am & 2pm
 Wednesday 22nd January - 11.30am & 4pm
 Thursday 23rd January - 9.30am & 1.30pm

This workshop aims to talk about the meaning of resilience, explore building resilience and look at how and when a young person should ask for help.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK)  <https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Behaviour Workshop

Monday 27th January - 9.30am & 2pm
 Tuesday 28th January - 11.30 am & 4pm
 Wednesday 29th January - 9.30am & 1.30pm
 Thursday 30th January - 11.00am & 4pm

This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40)  <https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Sleep Workshop

Monday 3rd February - 11am & 4pm
 Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am & 2pm
 Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am & 1.30pm
 Thursday 6th February - 11am & 1.30pm

This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on sleep hygiene and sleep routines. Also includes practical strategies for helping children

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc)  <https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

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>



'We play loads of fun games, do activities and challenges and sometimes get badges'
Matilda

Rainbows
Germoe Church Hall
Thursdays 5.15pm - 6.15pm

Girls play, learn and have tons of fun
for ages 4 to 7

At Rainbows, we welcome all girls to play, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space for all abilities.

girlguiding
Registered charity number: Exempted from registration

Join a local Rainbows group girlguiding.org.uk/joinus



Parenting a child aged 4-11

Solihull - Understanding your child
A 10-week workshop delivered weekly. Each session is 2-hours in length. This hybrid programme gives you the option to attend in-person or virtually on Microsoft Teams

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 sleep is important
- Self-regulation and anger
- Communication and tuning in
- Looking back and looking forwards

When?
Tuesdays from 12:30-14:30,
Starting 25th February 2025

Where?
Redruth Family Hub, TR15 1NA
or on Microsoft Teams

To book scan the QR code or click: [Parenting children aged 0 to 11](#) and select your preference for in-person or virtual attendance

Contact us
Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk
Website: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

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Together for Families

www.cornwall.gov.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.