



Germoe School

Newsletter

12th January 2024

Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers,

Apart from this really cold snap, we've had a lovely, busy start to the year. Our children are getting their teeth into some exciting topics; Key stage one are learning all about landmarks, Y3/4 have the overarching theme of Ancient Egypt and Y5/6 are researching Oceans and Seas. You can find the topic web for each class on our school website under the tab classes. Just click on your child's class and you will see it for Spring 2024, it will give you a deeper insight into what they are learning throughout the curriculum.

Sorry to have to have a little moan so early on but lateness is becoming a problem again. It obviously doesn't apply to a lot of you so thank you for ensuring your children are in school on time. When a child is late, they feel embarrassed when entering the class, they have missed some of their learning and input from the teacher so they feel lost, they also disrupt the learning of all of the other children in that class. It also has a huge negative impact on us as a school community when we report the lateness to the local authority. Please can you help us and help your child by being on time. I will be contacting individuals if this hasn't improved in the next couple of weeks.

Keep your eyes out for any snow warnings in the next week or two, the temperature is warming up this weekend but then dropping quite drastically after that! We will do our best to ensure no school closures but there may be a late start should it be very icy due to our local roads not being gritted and staff travelling to work from a distance.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn

FOOTBALL CLUB IS CANCELLED NEXT WEEK

**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 – **CANCELLED NEXT WEEK**
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

KS2 SWIMMING

Y3–6 will be swimming at Penzance Leisure Centre on Thursday afternoons starting next week 18th January, payment is via School Money. Children need to bring swimming kit to school with them and we will get changed at the swimming pool. We will be getting a coach to swimming and it will be normal pick up time from school.

Choir Club

Choir club is back and we're heading to songfest! It will take place on a Wednesday lunch time and this term will only be open to Rinsey and Godrevy class students, due to songfest age restrictions.

Songfest is a chance for primary and secondary school students to come together as one big choir and perform a collection of songs.

This year the theme is sea shanty. We are allowed to take 15 so if your child would like to take part, please let Mrs Care know. I look forward to our first rehearsal!

Miss Laity.



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.

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

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 15th January

Football League Y3/4 at Helston

Thursday 18th January

Y3-Y6 swimming

Vision Screening - YR

23rd January – 2.445pm

Coffee and cake meeting

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**

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



Parenting Workshops January – March 2024



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

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

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

A one-day workshop delivered over 5 hours.

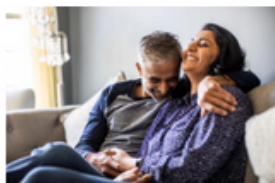
This is an evidence-based workshop for parents and carers to attend with their young person:

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

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

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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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

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

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

Countywide		
Ages 0-12months	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	30.01.24 – 13.02.24 Virtual MS Teams
Mild		
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

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

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	12.03.24 – 26.03.24 Launceston Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 0-19	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	12.03.24 – 26.03.24 St Austell Family Hub

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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.



Email: 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 Telephone: 0300 1234 100

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)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk Our school – Meet the staff School website www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk
I need to know term dates	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