



# Germoe School Newsletter

10th May 2024

## Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you've had a lovely week, including the bank holiday and Flora Day. You may have seen Mr Conway and Miss Laity dancing in the 7am and 5pm dances so I'd like to congratulate them. I'd also like to say congratulations to Miss Symons and Mrs Basher who participated in the Gig Rowing competition in the Isles of Scilly over the bank holiday. What a sporty team we have!

On a more sombre note, I know how difficult some families are finding things financially as prices continue to rise along with the cost of living. Cornwall Council are offering £80 per child for those on free school meals as before and this payment will now go to those who claim council tax support and those in emergency accommodation. It will be paid to you directly and now includes children of pre-school age and children over 11 years and in education. Please do check if you are eligible for support for free school meals, council tax and tax credits, it will also bring extra money into school for your child (pre-school and school) which we use to keep staffing levels high and to subsidise schools trips. You can apply for free school meals even if your child is in reception, year 1 and year 2 and they receive universal free school meals, they would still receive the universal meals but would also get the extra funding to subsidise trips etc. Kindergarten parents can also apply. The eligibility criteria and the free school meals application can be found on the link below, as well as a link to claiming council tax support (then giving you eligibility to the £80 per child payment). Council tax support is given to low income families who have to pay council tax in the accommodation they are living in. Click the link below:

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals>

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn

### Important notice

For the respiratory health of our children who are learning outside, please turn off your engine in the car park.

### Morning Drop-off

**Please note that staff are not on duty until 8:45 and therefore please continue to supervise children if you arrive early on the playground until this time.**

## REMINDER

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

## GARDEN/POLY TUNNEL

Growing season is upon us and we really want to get some fruit and vegetables growing in our garden and polytunnel. The children want to grow tomatoes, cucumber, beans, peas, potatoes, radish, strawberries, raspberries, and carrots. To get us started we are looking for donations of seeds, plants, compost and pots. We could also do with a hand to prepare the beds (weeding and preparing the soil). If you can help in any way, please let Mrs Knight know. Thank you!

## CLUBS

To sign up please email Mrs Care [secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk](mailto:secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk)

All clubs are Y1 -Y6 unless stated otherwise:

### Monday

Rounders - Miss Symons

Book club **Y2-Y6** - Miss Reeves

### Tuesday

Football - **Y2-Y6** Mr Conway

Yoga - Miss Burns

### Thursday

Eco club - Mrs Knight

## 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.

# DIARY DATES 2023/2024

## SUMMER TERM 2024

### Wk commencing 13th May

Y6 SATS week

### 20th – 24th May

Godrevy France trip

### Friday 24th May

Last Surfing lesson.

### Wednesday 12th June

Y6 Mullion Transition

### Friday 14th June

Class photo's

### Monday 17th June to Wednesday 19th June

Helston School Y6 Transition events

### Thursday 20th June 9am

Coffee and cake meeting

### Monday 24th June

1:45pm Sports Day

### Tuesday 25th June

Godrevy class out – Go-kart racing

### Saturday 29th June

Mazey Day

### Tuesday 2nd – 3rd July

Y6 Mullion Transition

### Wednesday 10th July

Summer Production

### Tuesday 16th July

whole school transition

### Monday 22nd July

2.30pm Leaver's service

### Wednesday 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**

## **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.

## **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

## **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

## **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

## KINDERGARTEN CLASS UPDATE

This week in Kindergarten, we have been planting a beautiful pear tree given to us by Faye's lovely family. We found a suitable spot in our garden, it was quite hard work digging deep into the soil, so we worked as a team. Once we had dug deep enough, we added compost and then we filled and carried lots of watering cans to give it a big drink! We look forward to the day when our lovely tree produces some pears in the future!



Also this week, the nursery children have been busy exploring the grounds hunting for different shapes. They found lots of circles, triangles and rectangles!



### 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/>

### ND PROFILING TOOL

Please see link below for online sessions for parents about the ND profiling tool  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/information-session-for-parentscarers-on-the-neurodiversity-profiling-tool-tickets-884811554177>

### CRICKET COACHING

Rosudgeon c c are running a ECB cricket coaching course run by a ECB qualified coach. It is for 8 - 11 years old using fun to learn coaching techniques so everybody will have a good time on the evening .

Parents can pre-book online on the ECB website but also can come along on the evening and try it out to see if their children like it or not ?

The sessions start on Tuesday the 14th May and on until around mid July . The cost would be £4 per night .

A promotional poster for Dynamis Cricket. It features two children in yellow cricket uniforms high-fiving. The text on the poster includes: 'DYNAMIS CRICKET', 'This is our game.', 'Join us at: ROSUDGEON CRICKET CLUB', 'Session dates: TUESDAYS 14 TH MAY TILL END OF JULY', 'Session timings: 8 PM TO 9PM', and 'Contact: ANDREW 07971570871'. The website 'dynamiscricket.co.uk' is also mentioned.



Together for Families Parenting

# Parenting Workshops April - August 2024



## Solihull – 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

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

### Workshop Dates

Countywide – VIRTUAL		
Ages 1-3	Mondays 18:00-20:00	22.04.24-24.06.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 1-3	Wednesdays 09:30-11:30	05.06.24-07.08.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 4-8	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	23.04.24 – 25.06.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 4-8	Mondays 18:00-20:00	03.06.24-05.08.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 9-11	Thursdays 12:30-14:30	02.05.24-11.07.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 9-11	Wednesdays 18:00-20:00	08.05.24-17.07.24 Virtual MS Teams
East		
Ages 4-8	Mondays 09:30-11:30	13.05.24-22.07.24 Wadebridge Family Hub
Ages 9-11	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	30.04.24-09.07.24 Launceston Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 1-3	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	04.06.24-06.08.24 St Austell Family Hub
Ages 4-8	Thursdays 12:30-14:30	02.05.24-11.07.24 Newquay Family Hub
Ages 9-11	Fridays 09:30-11:30	10.05.24-12.07.24 The Park Family Hub
West		
Ages 1-3	Thursdays 09:30-11:30	02.05.24-11.07.24 Gooseberry Bush Nursery
Ages 4-8	Wednesdays 09:30-11:30	08.05.24-17.07.24 Helston Family Hub
Ages 9-11	Mondays 12:30-14:30	13.05.24-22.07.24 Penzance Family Hub



## Parents Plus Adolescent Programme

### Workshop Description

Delivered over 9 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.  
This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- Understanding teenagers
- Pressing the pause button
- Getting to know your teenager
- Establishing rules with teenagers
- Connecting with your teenager
- Communicating rules positively
- The power of encouragement
- Using consequences
- Active listening
- Creating a discipline plan
- Empowering teenagers
- Dealing with conflict and aggression
- Problem solving with teenagers
- Establishing routines
- Family problem solving
- Parent self-care

### Workshop Dates

Countywide - VIRTUAL		
Ages 12-18	Wednesdays 18:00-20:00	01.05.24-26.06.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 12-18	Mondays 09:30-11:30	03.06.24-29.07.24 Virtual MS Teams
East		
Ages 12-18	Thursdays 09:30-11:30	02.05.24-04.07.24 Saltash Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Mondays 12:30-14:30	13.05.24-15.07.24 Wadebridge Family Hub
Mid		
Ages 12-18	Fridays 12:30-14:30	19.04-24-21.06.24 The Park Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Mondays 12:30-14:30	13.05.24-15.07.24 Newquay Family Hub
West		
Ages 12-18	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	28.05.24-23.07.24 Penzance Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Wednesdays 12:30-14:30	05.06.24-31.07.24 Helston Family Hub



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## 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

## 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

### MYBT Workshop Dates

Countywide – VIRTUAL		
Ages pre-birth – 12months	Wednesdays 09:30-11:30	17.04.24-01.05.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages pre-birth – 12months	Thursdays 18:00-20:00	04.07.24-18.07.24 Virtual MS Teams

### AB Workshop Dates

Countywide – VIRTUAL		
Ages 1-19	Thursdays 18:00-20:00	02.05.24-16.05.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 1-19	Tuesdays 12:30-14:30	02.07.24-16.07.24 Virtual MS Teams

### GIRFC Workshop Dates

Countywide – VIRTUAL		
Ages 0-19	Fridays 09:30-11:30	19.04.24-03.05.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 0-19	Thursdays 18:00-20:00	06.06.24-20.06.24 Virtual MS Teams

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

## How to access

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 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](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

## Bitesize Parenting

### Workshop Description

Bitesize parenting workshops are weekly 2-hour sessions (18:00-20:00) delivered by our parenting team to support on a wide range of topics. Please book on by visiting [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

#### Topics include:

**Bitesize Child (for parents/carers of children aged 4-11)**

**Bullying** – How to talk to children about bullying and support them if they are experiencing it.

**Remaining calm** – How to look after yourself as a parent.

**Praise and rewards** – This workshop focuses on using praise and rewards to support behaviour you'd like to see more of.

**Special time with your child** – How quality time with children can help with behaviour.

**Routines and boundaries** – Looking at why routines and boundaries are important and how these can be put in place effectively to support children, parents and family life.

**Technology and safety** – This workshop focuses on boundaries around technology use at home and how to support young people to stay safe online.

**Bitesize Teen (for parents/carers of young people aged 12-19)**

**Teenage brain** – Come along and learn about the changes adolescents experience in their brain development, how it impacts them and how parents can support their young person.

**Technology and safety** – This workshop focuses on boundaries around technology use at home and how to support young people to stay safe online.

**Sibling rivalry and conflict** – Tips to manage conflict between siblings in the home.

**Remaining calm** – How to look after yourself as a parent.

**Mental wellbeing** – Tips about how to communicate with young people about their feelings.



#### Workshop Dates:

Date	Bitesize Child (for parents/carers of children aged 4-11)
07.05.24	Bullying
21.05.24	Remaining calm
11.06.24	Praise and rewards
25.06.24	Special time with your child
09.07.24	Routines and boundaries
23.07.24	Technology and safety

To book onto a Bitesize Child, please scan here:



Date	Bitesize Teen (for parents/carers of young people aged 12-19)
14.05.24	Teenage brain
04.06.24	Technology and safety
18.06.24	Sibling rivalry and conflict
02.07.24	Remaining calm
16.07.24	Mental wellbeing

To book onto a Bitesize Teen, please scan here:



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#### School information finder - Germoe

What information do you need?

I need to contact school urgently

I need to contact school non-urgently

I need to find a list of teachers

I need to know term dates

I need to see if my child has homework or upload their homework

I want to report my child absent from school

I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc

I want to read a school policy

I want to see the school development plan

I want to see what is on the lunch menu

I want to find out about clubs

I want to look at a past or present newsletter

I need to report a safeguarding matter to school

Where to find the information

Phone on 01736 763310

Email [secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk](mailto:secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk) or email class teacher (name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)

School website

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

Our school – Meet the staff

School website

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

Parent info – Term dates

See saw

Reading records

Phone call before 0900 on 01736 763310

School website

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

Calendar

School website

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

Our school - Policies

School website

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

Our school – school development plan

School website

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

Parent info – Menu

School website

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

Parent info - Newsletter

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## Information session for Parents/Carers on the Neurodiversity Profiling Tool

Children and young people who are showing signs of neurodevelopmental needs can now access a new tool which can help identify what support

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