



Germoe School Newsletter

Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to those who came to the coffee and cake morning on Thursday. It's always good to catch up and discuss what is working well and what we can do to improve. Some of our parents are working really hard at helping with bids for funding for some exciting projects so a massive thank you to those.

I will be away for the next few weeks on a sabbatical, kindly granted by governors as time in lieu for projects I have completed outside of term time. I will be travelling to New Zealand with my running club then visiting family in Brisbane after climbing the Sydney Harbour Bridge in Sydney. I will be dealing with any urgent incoming emails and doing a general checks 3 times a week so please continue to email me if you feel it necessary. As always, your first point of call is your child's classteacher then Mrs Nicholas/Miss Symons as Deputy Headteachers. Mrs Larcombe, Mrs Rusga and Mrs Knight are all deputy designated safeguarding leads so any concerns regarding safeguarding can be directed to them.

See you on my return

Paula Blackburn

REMINDER

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

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

CLUBS

Monday 3.30–4.30pm

Football club – Mr Conway
Seasonal Arts and Crafts club – Mrs Reeves
and Bronwen Tyrrell

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

WORLD BOOK DAY

Due to Godrevy Class's swimming and Rinsey Class's educational visit, we won't be celebrating World Book Day until Monday 11th of March.

We will have a day filled with brilliant books and activities. We will also be inviting parents and carers in to school for our next Reading Cafe at 2:30pm. We really enjoyed this last time so please pop the date in your diary and come and join us for a book and a biscuit if you are free. Children are welcome to dress up as a character from a much-loved book, but please don't feel as though you need to go out and buy anything. The staff have been planning their costumes for a while!

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 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

DIARY DATES 2023/2024

IMMINENT DATES

Wednesday 6th March

Godrevy class – Minack trip

Friday 8th March

Class 3 – Truro Museum trip

Monday 11th March

World Book Day

Reading Cafe – 2.30pm

Friday 15th March

Class 4 Humphry Davy

Tuesday 26th March

Class 4 Humphry Davy

Wednesday 27th March

Songfest Choir performance

Thursday 28th March

Break up for Easter

SUMMER TERM 2024

23rd April 9.00 am

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/>

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.

RESOURCES REQUEST!

Godrevy Class are collecting PET 2 bottles (e.g., large and small water and soft drink bottles that can be remade into 3d printing filament) for a project that they will be starting this term. We would also be grateful for larger clear plastic bottles up to 5L, as the class will be testing lung capacity.

Thank You!

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

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

TREGONNING HILL CONSULTATION DAY

You may be aware that Tregonning Hill was purchased by Cornwall Heritage Trust in October 2023. We want to safeguard its future and ensure that the site remains free to visit for everyone 365 days of the year.

We have been overwhelmed by the number of thank yous, kind words, and offers of support we've had about the site. Thank you to everyone who has so generously offered to work with us to care for this special place. We're keen to work with the community as much as possible and would love to invite you to share your thoughts at this consultation day.

Please join us at Balwest Sunday School (TR13 9TE) on Saturday 16th March, anytime from 10am to 2pm. It's a chance to meet the team at Cornwall Heritage Trust and share your thoughts about the site. There will be tea, coffee, and cake available. Local mining history specialist, Stephen Polglase, will be giving free guided walks at 10:30am and 1pm (please note: there is a capacity of 15 people per walk).

We're keen to reach as much of the local community as possible, so if you know someone with a keen interest in Tregonning Hill, please do extend the invitation to this event. We have also attached a poster that you may wish to display on nearby noticeboards or share with community groups. Thank you for your support, we look forward to welcoming you to Balwest Sunday School building on Saturday 16th March.

Kind regards,
The Team at CHT



KINDERGARTEN CLASS UPDATE

On Monday afternoon, Nysgerrig Kindergarten took a trip to the beach. Even though the wind was blowing hard at school, we were sheltered on the beach and we enjoyed sunshine and warm sand. Loris Malaguzzi, a leading force in the creation of the Reggio Emilia Approach to early childhood education, said "there are three teachers of children: adults, other children and their physical environment." Playing on the beach allowed for exploration of science and art concepts – rolling downhill, digging to find water, balancing stones, drawing in the sand, digging fast like a dog, and using observation skills to explore the area. Next week we will be looking at the work of some local beach artists to inspire our exploration at the beach.



Information Classification: CONTROLLED

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.

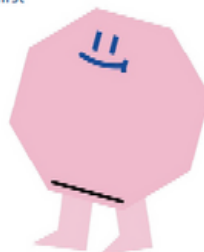
We'll provide lunch and refreshments plus a goody bag for taking time to participate in this exciting project!

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



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



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:

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

- 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 Morning

Kerrier Coffee Morning at Helston Family Hub

28th February 2024 between 09.30am-11.30am

Guest Speakers -Tri Service Safety Officer and Police Community Support Officer and Neighbourhood Beat Manager.

Are you confident that you know all you need to know about Home Fire Safety?

Do you have the knowledge or skills to administer CPR?

Do you want to know what is happening in your community about anti-social behaviour?

Please come over to meet those that can help you find out.
All welcome, refreshments provided.

**For further information
please contact:**

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