



Germoe School Newsletter

20th September 2024

Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers

Thank you to those who attended the parent meeting this week. It was lovely to see so many enthusiastic parents. We talked about the car parking and how we could try to relieve the traffic and congestion in the car park and in the lane. One of the solutions was to ask parents of years 3-6 to drop off between 0830 and 0845 and leave straight away to make space for the younger classes and kindergarten. We hope this will improve the situation and if not then we will meet again to discuss other options. Rachel has very kindly been trying to find out if we could use a local field and we will keep you posted on that one.

We also talked about volunteers to drive the minibus. We are very lucky to have the minibus which enables us to take children out to competitions, music events, local trips, keeping the cost down for parents. However, we only have 2 drivers who are not always available. We are looking for volunteers to drive every now and again if needed. If you know someone who has a D1 on their license (if they passed their test before 1996 it is automatically on there) and who is willing to do the Cornwall Council 2 hour training then please do get in touch with Anita so it can be arranged.

We are sending all our best wishes out to Mr Conway who will be marrying his fiancé, Alex this weekend and wish them the best of luck for their future together.

Have a lovely weekend.

Paula Blackburn

Y5/6 DT MODEL MAKING

Straw (for thatching models) - small diameter willow sprigs for wattle & daub and any clean, corrugated cardboard

CLUBS

Monday:

Mr Conway- Football

CANCELLED - Miss Symons- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Explorers

Tuesday:

Mrs Knight- Eco Club

Miss Burns- Book Making

Thursday:

Mrs Reeves- PE Games

All Clubs are open to Year 1 and above and if your child/ren would like to join you will need to contact Mrs Care in the office to sign them up.

We are an official Eco-School!

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded Eco-Schools Green Flag status for our exceptional work in promoting sustainability and raising environmental awareness.

The Eco-Schools programme, established in 1994, is now implemented in over 70 countries worldwide. In 2023-24, more than 1.4 million pupils attended an Eco-School in England. Last September, a pupil-led Eco-Committee was established. This committee took responsibility for spearheading the school's environmental initiatives. They first conducted a thorough review of their school environment and curriculum, before developing a year-long plan of action.

Their Action Plan focussed on 3 key issues: Biodiversity, Energy and Waste and activities included planting flowers to attract pollinators, making bug houses, developing the vegetable plot, switching off lights and holding a Clothes Swap Shop. These activities were thoughtfully selected to increase environmental awareness, bolster their school's sustainability, and make meaningful contributions to global conservation efforts.

The Eco-Committee are passionate about protecting and enhancing our environment. They are a dedicated group who have worked for an hour each week throughout the whole school year. We are very proud of their achievements.

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flinte are passionate about protecting and enhancing our environment. They a dedicated group who have worked for an hour each week throughout the whole school year, said: 'The Eco-Schools' Green Flag is an international benchmark that demonstrates a commitment to fighting climate change and high standard of sustainable practice. Students and staff who earn this award deserve recognition for their dedication toward protecting our planet. Every day, they demonstrate that each of us can contribute to making our planet a better, more sustainable, place.'

To learn more about Eco-Schools head to www.eco-schools.org.uk



PRICE INCREASES FROM SEPTEMBER

Unfortunately, due to the cost of living rise and the restraint this has on our budget, we will have to make the following price increases from September:

- School meals will be £3 per day.
- Breakfast club will be £4 per child/£3 per child, if eligible for FSM (including food).
- After school care will be £4 per child/£3 per child, if eligible for FSM, for the first hour (including snack). A late charge of £4 per 15 mins (for each child) will be incurred due to staff staying later than contracted.
- Kindergarten snack will be £2 per week payable via School money

We apologise for this but there is no other way to make our income and expenditure align.

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>

GUITAR LESSONS

There are currently spaces in guitar lessons for pupils in Y2 to Y6. If your child is interested you can sign them up on the Cornwall Music Service Trust website cmst.co.uk/signup or for more information pop in and see Mrs Care

WHEELIE BINS REQUEST!

Tony, our Premises Manager, would like to know if anyone has any 240 litre wheelie bins that they no longer need, we could do with three or four. Any donations will be gratefully received

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.

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.

Early Help Drop-in Coffee & Chat Morning

You are invited to our Kerrier Coffee Morning

On Friday 13th September from 9.30am until 11.30am at Redruth Family Hub, Drump Road, Redruth, TR15 1NA
Family Workers and Youth Workers available for advice and guidance along with Guest Speakers.

The Literacy Trust - for families to be supported with reading locally.

Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change - support and advice on achieving your education, employment or personal development goals.

Parent Carers Cornwall - advice about the neurodevelopmental profiling tool

Healthy Cornwall - for all your general health advice

Smarter Smiles - advice about your families' dental health

Community Energy Plus - helping households to enjoy more energy efficient homes.

Southwest Water - for tips on how to save water.

For any further information
please contact:

Email: Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk
or ring Redruth Family Hub on 01209 310000



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Early Help Parenting Newsletter – Autumn 2024

Free information, support and guidance for parents and carers.

Need help?

Contact the Early Help Hub on 01872 322277 for support, advice and guidance.

If you have immediate concerns, are worried about a child or young person's safety, please telephone the Multi Agency Referral Unit (MARU) on 0300 123 1116.

Parenting Support Workshops

We offer interactive parenting programmes both online and face to face. For more information about our parenting support on offer and to book onto a workshop please visit: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

The programmes currently available are:

- Solihull: Understanding your Child** – Supporting parents/carers of children aged 1 to 11 (10 x 2-hour sessions)
- Parents Plus Adolescent Programme** – Supporting parents/carers of teenagers aged 12-17 (9 x 2-hour sessions)
- Living with Parents** – a one day workshop for parents and their young person aged 12 to 17 years.
- Supporting Healthy Relationships** – (3 x 2-hour sessions)
 - Me, You and Baby Too (for parents pre-birth – 12 months)
 - Arguing Better (for parents of children aged 1 – 15)
 - Getting it Right for Children (for separated/separating parents with children aged 0 – 15)

Understanding your Child with Additional Needs – a self-guided course accessed through Solihull: <https://inourplace.heiapply.com/online-learning/course/36>. To access the course, please register for an account using the code TAMAR

- If accessing from a computer, please [click here](#)
- If accessing from a mobile/tablet, please [click here](#)

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“We’ve noticed a change already and it’s only been 3 weeks.”

-Parent on Parents Plus
Adolescents Programme
(May 2024)

Have your say!

We invite you (parents, carers, and professionals) to complete our new survey to help shape our parenting offer. This should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete. Please visit, letsstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/parentingsurvey, to have your say. You can also sign up to our mailing list to stay informed through our newsletter and flyers, by clicking on 'Stay Informed – Subscribe' button on this page.

Bitesize Parenting

Bitesize parenting workshops are weekly 2-hour sessions delivered by our parenting team to support on a wide range of topics including:

- Remaining Calm
- Routines and Boundaries
- Praise and Rewards
- Technology and Safety
- Special Time
- Supporting Healthy Relationships
- Teenage Brain
- And many more!

Please book on by visiting www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

Empowered Parenting Podcast

In August, we will be launching a brand new podcast, called Empowered Parenting. Each week, Rachel, a Senior Parenting Worker from the Parenting Team will be joined by guests from the team and other services to chat all things parenting, including tips and strategies!

Follow us on our Facebook or Instagram pages (@TFFCornwall) or on our website www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting to see new episodes as they are released.

Positive Parenting Top Tip!

Praise and Encouragement

Why do we praise? Praising your child for positive behaviours raises their self-esteem and confidence and makes them feel good. It encourages behaviour you want to see more of.

How do we praise? There are so many ways to praise, for example visual praise such as high 5s, thumbs up, or hugs; overhead praise and labelled praise.

Labelled praise is specific praise where you tell the child exactly what it is that they have done well such as 'thank you for putting your plate by the sink' or 'well done for trying to put your shoes on'.

It's important to praise the effort, not just the outcomes or end result.

You cannot spoil a child with too much praise so catch them doing something good and praise them.

Service Spotlight

Home-Start Kernow

Home-Start Kernow offers support, friendship and practical help to parents with children under 5 throughout Cornwall. Parents may struggle at one time or another, you are not alone, that's when Home-Start Kernow can help.

Home-Start offer a variety of groups for families and most groups operate every week during term time. Most families will get 6 months of group support, some may be offered places for longer if additional support is needed or needs change.

Come chat and play with us.

<https://homestartkernow.org.uk/group-support/>



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New Booking Platform

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 workshops 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: <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/earlyhelphub>.

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.



Further Parenting Support

For further parenting support, including self-help and support from our partner organisations please visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

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, Treyew Road, Truro TR1 3AY
Email: equality@cornwall.gov.uk Telephone: 0300 1234 100



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DIARY DATES 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Tuesday 24th September

Tempest photos - Individual and siblings

Wednesday 25th September

Helston CC Open Evening 5-7pm

Monday 30th September

Class 1 & 2 Guys Butterfly Farm visit

Tuesday 1st October

Humphry Davy Y6 Open Day - details to follow next week

Thursday 3rd October

Y6 Mounts Bay Taster

Friday 4th October

Godrevy Class music trip - details to follow

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**

CLASS UPDATE



Another super busy week in Perranuthnoe Class! We have continued our inquiry into mini-beasts and creativity by looking at the work of Eric Carle and building bug-hotels. In Maths, we have been comparing numbers and in English, we have been learning all about grammar. We have also been thinking a lot about our rights and responsibilities as members of Perranuthnoe Class. A highlight has to be the flood (I left the hose on) and subsequent pool in which to test what materials float and which shapes make the best boats. Sorry for the muddy children!

'This week in Perranuthnoe Class we have been doing lots of sport. I liked playing 'Fishy, Fishy!' That was a good game. We have been learning about doing printing and about nouns and verbs. I have had to use my brain a lot. by Clemmie

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

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/>

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.

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

New Dates - Autumn Term

Liven up the grey days with our art workshops for children and young people.

Autumn term dates for Kids Club and Porthmeor Art Collective:

29 Sep, 27 Oct, 24 Nov.

Young Life starts again on 3 Oct at 5pm.

11 - 16 Years | Porthmeor Art Collective

Workshops for young artists aged 11-16. Based at Porthmeor Studios, they are taught contemporary art practice by working artists and start finding their artistic voice.

7 - 10 Years | Sunday Kids Art Club

This is a Kids Art Club like no other, where children get to work on easels and use the same high art quality materials as our adults courses. They are taught by experienced artist tutors and start to take their first steps as young artists.

Young Life

Working from a clothed model, come and try your hand at life drawing. Taught by one of our most experienced tutors Steve Dove. This heavily subsidised session is made possible because of the generous support of our students and funders.

If you are a family on low income and would like support for your child to access these workshops, please email cat@schoolofpainting.co.uk

