



Germoe School Newsletter

26th April 2024

Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers,

I'd like to say a huge thank you to those who attended the parent coffee morning this week. It's a great opportunity to have your say and help create the vision for our school so please pop the next one in your diary, everyone is welcome. The next one is Thursday 20th June at 9am. Feel free to bring cake, it helps us to think better!

One of the things discussed at the parent meeting was the attendance letter which went out earlier this week. All families whose children's attendance is less than 90% (for Spring term) received a letter.

The DFE are striving to raise attendance as we have seen a fall (nationally) since Covid; they are campaigning, advertising the importance of attendance and allocated Attendance Officers to schools. The Attendance officer will visit once a term to discuss data and look at persistent absence. We are doing our duty of compliance and of care to your child by sharing this data with you when it falls below 90% (classed as persistent absence). We are aware in the majority of cases, the reasons why this attendance is below 90%, it could be through long term illness, authorised absence such as parent working away or other exceptional circumstance which have been authorised by us. The persistent absence which is flagged up and discussed with the attendance officer is the absence which is sporadic (a day here and a day there over a number of weeks (and not appointments disclosed to us for authorisation), lateness (which is classed as absence) and any other patterns which are unauthorised. I just wanted to make that perfectly clear to you, you will not be penalised for authorised absence and genuine illness. Apart from a couple of cases, our attendance officer was happy with everything we do to improve attendance and punctuality so thank you for all your efforts.

Another thing we discussed was head lice and how difficult it is to get rid of them! I have first hand experience so I feel your pain! My daughter has very thick, long hair and was forever coming home with head lice and it was such a difficult job trying to get rid of them. The thing which I found worked best was tea tree conditioner, twice a week I would leave the conditioner on while nit combing her hair. It has to be that regular to catch any of the eggs which may have hatched. Another idea was to have bug busting days so how about we try bug busting Sundays and Wednesdays? If everyone did it then hopefully we can do this together! We have attached NHS guidance for your perusal which is on page 2. It also really helps if you tie any long hair back in a pony tail or plaits

I hope you have a lovely weekend, let's hope the sun continues to shine!

Miss Blackburn

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.

CLUBS

Clubs restart this week. To sign up please email Mrs Care
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 – Mr Conway

Yoga – Miss Burns

Thursday

Eco club – Mrs Knight

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!

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

RINSEY CLASS UPDATE



Rinsey Class weekly update:

This week, most of our class went on our school camp. We went to Okehampton Youth Hostel and had a fantastic time. We completed lots of activities such as: archery, low ropes, weasling, climbing wall, abseiling, camp fire and a quiz. We had a wonderful couple of days joining Mr Hemsley's class from Boskenwyn and meeting new friends.

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 PROFILIING 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 .



Information Classification: CONFIDENTIAL

Early Help Drop-in Coffee & Chat Morning

Please come along to our Kerrier Coffee Morning
Monday 22nd April 09.30am till 11.30am
Helston Family Hub

With special guests 'Smarter Smiles Dental Nurses' for advice around children's dental health.

Helston Food Bank for advice on how to access support from their service.

SENDIASS – Advice and guidance around supporting your child with Special Educational Needs or Disability.
Family Workers and Youth Workers on hand to offer advice.

ALL WELCOME
Coffee, tea and cake provided

**For any further information
please contact:**
Email: Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk
or ring Helston Family Hub on 01326560417

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one and all - now together

 **Together for Families**

 www.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:

The Federation of Germoe and Boskenwyn Schools are on twitter and Instagram!

Instagram: boskenwyngermoe

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>

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