



Germoe School Newsletter

24th November 2023

Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a busy week at school again with our first reading cafe on Monday, and kindergarten visiting Pendennis Castle on Tuesday.

This half term is always a busy one, leading up to Christmas. our Christmas production is invariably a highlight. Ticket information has been sent home this week, and tickets need to be claimed by Tuesday. I look forward to seeing the results of their rehearsals soon!

Speaking of Christmas, our school fayre is just one week away, further details can be found further down this newsletter.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Miss Blackburn

**PLEASE CAN WE ASK THAT YOU LEAVE THE DISABLED PARKIING BAY
AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE THAT MAY NEED IT**

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

Yr 2-6 dress rehearsal- change of date

Due to technical issues at the hall our dress rehearsal has moved from Tuesday 28th November to Wednesday 29th November. If you have not already, please let your child's class teacher know if you are able too drop them straight to the hall on Wednesday.

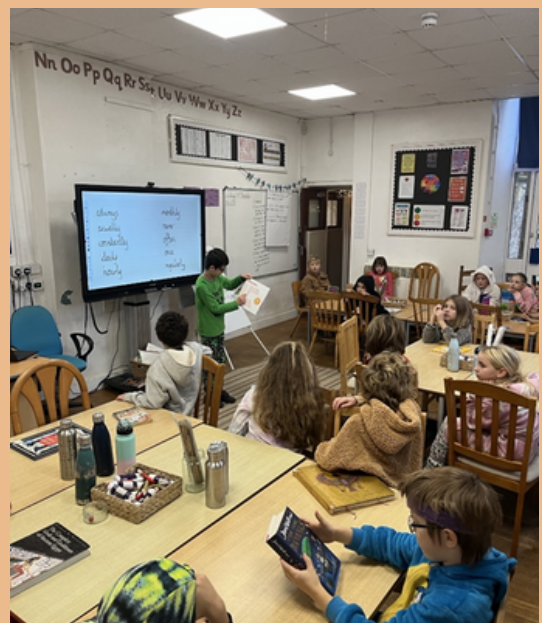


Yr2-6 Christmas Performance

We are looking for some foil curtains (see the picture) to decorate our set. If anyone has any of these in a box of arty supplies that they wouldn't mind us borrowing please let Miss Symons know

RINSEY CLASS UPDATE

This week we have been doing shapes and angles in maths and on Friday we learnt about lines of symmetry. For some of the week we had a play practise and we also did tests. In science we did an experiment on which liquids cause the most damage to your teeth which links to our English because we wrote a recount of our experiment, which we will carry on with next week. In Inquiry we have been learning about our learner profiles. By Violet



READING CAFE

Thank you so much to everybody that came to our first Reading Café. The children loved it and so we are hoping to make it a regular fixture in our school. Any feedback from those that participated would be really gratefully received so that we can improve the model for next time. Please email me with any thoughts breeves@fbgschools.co.uk

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.

KS2 SWIMMING

Y3-6 will be swimming at Penzance Leisure Centre in the Spring term , More details are to follow

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 29th November

Y2-Y6 Dress rehearsal – Rosudgeon Hall

Thursday 30th November 9am

- Coffee and cake meeting
- Sleeping Beauty design a poster deadline (details on pg 12)

Friday 1st December

- Christmas Craft Fayre

Wednesday 6th December

- Christmas Play Y2-Y6
- 2pm and 6pm

13th December 2023

- Christmas lunch

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**

BAGS TO SCHOOL

We have a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for the school and help you clear out unwanted items pre-Christmas through Bags2school!

This week your child will come home with an empty bag which we'd love you to fill and return to school on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. There is a list at the end of this message of items that can, and cannot be, donated. The school will receive 50p for every kilo of items donated. If you need extra bags then please use bin liners. Please don't over fill or tie up your bags as on Wednesday 29th from 2.30 we're going to have a jumble sale in the hall of all the items, with most items being sold for 50p (maybe £1 for particularly better ones) . This will raise more money than weighing them. Please come and have a look and pick up some pre-Christmas bargains!

The remaining items will be bagged up by FROGS and collected by Bags2school on Thursday. So get rummaging! Encourage grandparents, neighbours etc to join in! Every item helps!

Thank you,

FROGS

Items that are accepted are:

Clothes
Paired shoes
Handbags
Hats
Bags
Scarves and Ties
Bras
Jewelry
Socks
Belts
Soft toys
Household linen
Curtains
Towels
Household Bedding

Items NOT accepted are:

Duvets and blankets
Pillows and cushions
Carpets, rugs and mats
Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
School uniform with or without logos
Corporate clothing and work wear
Textile cutoff, yarn or threaded material
Furniture and large items
Batteries

For more info on bags2school, please see their website for details: Bag2School Fundraiser | UK's No.1 Fundraiser for Schools

Germoe Christmas craft fayre

Friday 1st December at 3:30 PM

Christmas crafts, fun, games
& luxury hot chocolate!



Bring your loose change and
join the fun!

Christmas Coffee Morning



*Coffee and Mince Pies in
Germoe Church Hall*

**Saturday 18th November
10 am - mid-day**

Christmas Decorations

Cakes



Knitted toys and garments

*Proceeds for
Church funds*



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.

Money Management Course

Every Thursday in November 10am-12pm Helston Methodist Church are working in association with Christians Against Poverty to run a free of charge money management course. The venue is Helston Methodist Church, Coinagehall Street, Helston, TR13 8EL.

The course is for anyone who wants the chance to learn and develop essential money management skills such as:

- how to build and balance a household budget
- how to differentiate between essential and optional expenses
- how to use credit wisely
- how to navigate debt
- understand the importance of personal savings
- how to use helpful money saving resources

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) has existed for 25 years and is widely recognised as a charity that offers practical, reliable and professional help to tens of thousands of people across the UK and is authorised and regulated by the FCA. All of CAP's services are free of charge

To book onto the course please go to

<https://refresh.capmoney.org/join-course/651c19a81eb2c7ec06097086>

Together for Families

Early Help Parenting Newsletter – Autumn 2023

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 033 123 1116.

Parenting Support Workshops

We offer interactive parenting programmes both online and face to face. More information about our parenting support on offer can be found at: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

The programmes currently available are:

- **Being Passionate About Parenting Early Years** – 1-3 years (3 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Being Passionate About Parenting** – 4-11 years (3 x 2-hour sessions)
- **Take 3** – Supporting Teenagers 12-17 years (5 x 2-hour virtual sessions or 10 x 2-hour face to face sessions)
- **Living with Parents** – a one day workshop for parents and their young person aged 12 to 17 years.
- **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

Solihull Online



FREE access to self-guided parenting courses for parents and carers in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. www.inourplace.co.uk Free Access Code: TAMAR

SPACE

Want to support and understand your child's emotions as well as our own? Why not attend FREE Supporting Parents and Children Emotionally (SPACE) sessions. For more information and/or to register your interest please email: space@cornwall.gov.uk

Supporting Healthy Relationships

Reducing conflict between parents is one of the most effective ways to improve the lives of their children – including mental health and emotional stability, behaviour, helping them to do better in school, and improving the quality of their life long-term.

To find out more on Supporting Healthy Relationships including helpful resources and future courses, please visit: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

Family Information Service

For useful parenting information, updates on parenting programmes and Parenting Podcasts please access the Family Information Service website www.supportincornwall.org.uk

Social Prescribing Cornwall

Linking people with non-clinical sources of support within the community.

www.socialprescribingcornwall.org.uk

Hunrosa



Sleep is essential for our children to grow, learn, promote immunity and good mental health. Children with neurodiversity are likely to find sleep more difficult. Hunrosa have experience and expertise in supporting families, so come to our friendly sleep session to learn about ways you can help your child to sleep better. Please contact your Healthcare Provider should you wish to have them refer you for sleep services. <https://hunrosa.co.uk/>

Kooth & Qwell



Kooth offer free, safe and anonymous mental health support for young people aged 11-19 years. <https://www.kooth.com/>

Qwell offers mental health support for ALL parents and carers of all ages as well as 19-25 years. <https://www.qwell.io/>

Headstart Kernow



Parents and carers wellbeing workshops providing support to help you navigate the journey of raising a child in a fast-changing world and to guide you to available services and support and to promote helpful conversation.

www.headstartkernow.org.uk

Just for Dads



For information tailored just for you check out:

www.supportincornwall.org.uk/fordads

[DadPad | The Essential Guide for New Dads | Support Guide for New Dads \(thedadpad.co.uk\)](#)

Homestart Kernow



Parents can struggle at one time or another, you are not alone. Home-Start's volunteers work alongside families to give compassionate and confidential support. They help people to regain the confidence to be the parents they want to be.

www.homestartkernow.org.uk

Reconnect/The Susie Programme



Giving children the time, space, and skills to have a loving relationship with themselves and others following Domestic Abuse. As well as providing adults with a support programme to enable you to positively move forward with your life.

www.saferfutures.org.uk/online-referral/

Citizens Advice

Giving people the knowledge and confidence, they need to find their way forward - whoever they are, and whatever their problem - Adviceline: 0800 144 8848 or text the word ADVICE to 78866 and they will call you back within 48 hours (excluding weekends). www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Neurodiversity Videos

Some short videos around neurodiversity.

Adolescents with ADHD:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGSHcHcVnIo

Walk in My Shoes:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSKvazfTLv8

For more information on Neurodiversity go to:

www.pdasociety.org.uk

www.adhdfoundation.org.uk

www.autism.org.uk

www.bridgingtheneurodivide.com

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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www.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

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

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

I want to look at a past or present newsletter

School Website

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

COMPETITION TIME!

Sleeping Beauty

**WIN 2 TICKETS TO HELSTON THEATRE
COMPANY'S PANTOMIME, SLEEPING BEAUTY!**

DESIGN A POSTER FOR 'SLEEPING BEAUTY'

THE 4 WINNERS WILL RECEIVE:

**~ 1 X ADULT TICKET AND 1 X CHILD TICKET
TO OUR PERFORMANCE ON WEDNESDAY
24TH JANUARY, 7:30PM**

**~ THEIR ARTWORK DISPLAYED IN OUR
PROGRAMME**

TO ENTER:

**~ DESIGN YOUR POSTER AND HAND IT IN TO
YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE BY THURSDAY 30TH
NOVEMBER**

**~ ON THE BACK, INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE,
SCHOOL AND YOUR PARENT/CARER'S EMAIL
ADDRESS SO WE CAN CONTACT YOU**

GOOD LUCK!