



Germoe School

Newsletter

14th March 2025



Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers,

I just wanted to share with you some of the positive comments we have received over the past few weeks from prospective parents and visitors to our schools. They have been particularly impressed with the attitudes to learning of our children, saying that all of our children are busy, on task and happy. They said they felt very welcome by both children and staff; children are happy to speak about their learning with them and staff have great relationships with the children. They have enjoyed seeing the children engrossed in inquiry based learning and continuous provision; making choices on learning outside or indoors and choosing which resources to use to show their learning. These comments are a credit to our children and to our hard-working staff. A happy child is the height of importance to us.

Wishing you a lovely weekend. Paula Blackburn

FROGS – VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR BANK ACCOUNT

Dear parents,

FROGS need to set up a new bank account and are looking for a volunteer who is already a Lloyds bank customer to volunteer to be named on the account. (we already have two people, but we need three).

Aside from the initial set-up, which we hope won't take too long due to everyone already being known to the bank, the role is very easy and will hardly take any time at all. The two jobs would be providing a balance when asked for by FROGS and 3 or 4 times a year using online banking to agree to money transfers. E.G. FROGS agreed to pay for the coach for the panto and that money needed to be transferred.

Ideally we'd like someone who has a child in key stage 1 as they are likely to be around for several years (but please talk to us if your interested and have children in years 3&4)

We need to get this sorted asap so please help us if you can.

Thank you!

FROGS

ON TUESDAY 25TH MARCH WE INVITE YOU TO WEAR IT WILD!

As part of our Eco-Schools initiative, we are raising money for the World Wildlife Fund by coming to school dressed in 'wild attire'. You might choose an animal print, wear a t-shirt with an animal on it, or dress up as an animal. There will be QR codes around school for you to donate to our Just Giving page. Watch out for our Wild posters with more ideas!

CLUBS

Monday:

Football Club – Conway
Origami – Miss Symons

Tuesday:

Eco Club – Knight
Recorder Club – KS2 ONLY – Miss Burns

Wednesday:

Songfest Choir Club – Mrs Segal

Thursday:

Mrs Reeves and Miss Motley – Dance Club

ATHLETE VISIT

on Thursday 20th March we will be having a visit from surfer Oli Adams . Please bring your sponsorship forms in one week after the event.

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 MONEY

One common SchoolMoney Support enquiry is about parental login issues. The free SchoolMoney app solves this by removing the need for passwords! It's easy to set up, works on both Android and Apple, and enhances the user experience!

Our App benefits:

- Easy mobile number login – no need for passwords or emails.
- Always signed in – no repeated logins for payments.
- Supports Google Pay and Apple Pay (where available).
- Access to Payments, Bookings, Messages, Noticeboards & Calendars.
- Linked sibling payments, even across different SchoolMoney schools.

Invite your parents to [download the app](#) today!

Please also have a look at our [App Guide](#) or [demonstration video](#)!

Please can we ask everybody to make regular payments towards School Money? We try to allow all the trips to be paid over weeks or months but there are still some accounts which are behind in payments. We really don't have the cash as a small school to lend you the money – and it affects what we do as a school when we haven't the money in our account to use.

We appreciate everybody who keeps their accounts up to date and hopefully you find the reminders helpful. If you have any queries or issues with School

Money please contact Mrs Care – secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk

Thank you.

SPRING TERM 2024

Monday 17th March

Bikeability for Y6 - remember to bring in your bikes

Thursday 20th March

Athlete visit - Oli Adams

Monday 24th March

Football League Y3/4 - there will be no football club

Tuesday 25th March

Wear it Wild day

Wednesday 26th March

Songfest Performance

Thursday 27th March 9.00 am

Parents coffee & cake meeting

Monday 31st March

Bikeability Y6

Wednesday 23rd April

Malawi trip

Thursday 8th May 2.30pm

Parents coffee and cake meeting

Monday 19th May

Y5/6 Camp - Isles of Scilly

Monday 23rd June

Y3/4 camp Porthpean

Saturday 28th June

Goodwood - Y6

Mazey Day

Wednesday 2nd July 9.00am

Parents coffee and cake meeting

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**

WANTED!

Hiding in your shed or attic, do you have any of the following items that could have a new home at Germoe School?

- a hammock stand
- a badge maker
- shelving for a greenhouse/poly tunnel
- slings and karabiners
- secateurs
- gardening gloves
- hessian
- magna-tiles

Please also keep an eye out for any of these items on FB Marketplace or in charity shops. Many thanks!



gunners kids
Support for families affected by the terminal illness of a parent/carer

If you are a family with children where the parent/carer has a terminal illness come and join us at one of our activities or events.

We provide:

- Memory making workshops
- Support boxes
- Drop In sessions
- Activity days
- Information
- Peer Support

With the exception of our activity days all our services are free.

Terminal illnesses include: MND, heart disease, organ failure, lung disease, certain neurological conditions, some cancers, and any other life limiting condition that cannot be cured.

Visit: www.gunnerskids.org
email: tamsin@gunnerskids.org

Find us on:



TIME2MOVE
Holiday Programme

EASTER 2025

- Activities including multi sports, forest schools, circus skills, water sports and lots more – for children aged 5 to 16
- Every session includes a healthy meal for all children
- Funded places for ALL children eligible for benefits related free school meals

Activities are taking place across Cornwall during the Easter holidays from April 7th - 18th

Scan here to book!



www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme/Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk
01872 324287

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PERRANUTHNOE CLASS UPDATE

This week, Perranuthnoe had a great visit to the Maritime Museum. Greyson said, 'I loved playing with my friends in the lifeboats, it was so much fun'.



PARKING

Please can we ask that you do not park on the pavement at the bottom of the playground and this means the pavement cannot be used and residents/parents/children have to walk in the road which can be dangerous.



School Closures in Emergency – Agreed Notification Procedure

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



The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend an

EASTER Wellbeing group

During the Easter holidays MHST, in collaboration with the National Trust would like you to join us on a FREE wellbeing session at various locations in Cornwall.

This is for parents and their primary aged children (5-11) in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing. Please book EACH child on to a session below:

Morning and afternoon sessions available:
 Wednesday 9 April 2025 - Penrose Estate
 10.00-12.00 or 2.00-4.00
 or
 Wednesday 16 April 2025 - Kennack Sands either
 10.00-12.00 or 2.00-4.00

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:
<https://forms.office.com/e/Ep7lLgEc>

Come prepared for all weathers and feel free to bring a picnic (please do not bring any foods that may contain nuts)

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events: Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Please note: Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you are allocated a place and cannot attend, please let us know so we can allocate your space to someone else

Parent/Carer Workshops – to run from January 2025.

These are one-off, one hour long, online workshops with our Mental Health Practitioners. These are open to everybody; people do not need to have a mental health need to join.

You can sign up with the links below.

A Teams link will be emailed to parent/carers from MHST for each workshop prior to the workshop taking place.

Behaviour Workshop –

<https://forms.office.com/e/IPwGDXSQ40>

Sleep Workshop –

<https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPfc>

Worry Workshop –

<https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MmEwtEF>

Resilience Workshop –

<https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK>

TAX FREE CREDITS

Please do check if you may be eligible for Tax Free Credits using the link below. These can be used towards Breakfast Club and Afterschool Care

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>

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

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

KERNOW YOUNG CARERS SERVICE

Kernow Young Carers Service meets the needs of young carers and young adult carers. We support Carers from 4-25 yrs.

HOW TO CONTACT US

01736 756655

hello@carersadviceine.org.uk

www.cornwallcarers.org.uk
www.kernowyoungcarers.co.uk

CORNWALL CARERS SERVICE
SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO CARE

01736 756655
A Whole Age Service

We offer:

- Practical support, information, advice, and guidance.
- Activities and workshops.
- Social interaction, peer support and help to provide a break from the caring role.
- Training and support for schools.
- 1:1 support.
- Help to access grants to meet a range of needs that help to reduce the impact of your caring role.

SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS • 1:1 SUPPORT • ACTIVITIES IN CORNWALL

CORNWALL CARERS SERVICE

Are you a carer?

A Carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a condition that affects their mental or physical wellbeing or an addiction cannot manage without their support.

Caring includes helping with chores and tasks like cooking, cleaning, communication, moving around, shopping, washing, taking medication, managing money or managing appointments.

Cornwall Carers Service delivers a range of high quality support services for unpaid Carers of all ages throughout Cornwall.

Our Partnership is made up of DisAbility Cornwall IOS, Barnardos's Age UK CIOS, Promas CIC and CRCC as the Lead Partner.

A Creative and inspirational partnership of like-minded organisations supporting unpaid Informal Carers caring for a loved one.

Our services include, emotional support, information, advice and guidance, statutory assessment, access to grants, community support, carer specific training and dedicated support for all carers (including young carers and young adults).

Little Artists

WITH ANNIE 5-11 yrs

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

At The Exchange Gallery in Penzance

Weds 3.45-4.45

paint, print, sculpt, build, weave, glue, create, sparkle!

£8 per week

Email newlynlittleartists@yahoo.com

Parenting a child aged 4-11

Solihull - Understanding your child

A 10-week workshop delivered weekly. Each session is 2-hours in length. This hybrid programme gives you the option to attend in-person or virtually on Microsoft Teams

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 sleep is important
- Self-regulation and anger
- Communication and tuning in
- Looking back and looking forwards

When?
Tuesdays from 12:30-14:30, Starting 25th February 2025

Where?
Redruth Family Hub, TR15 1NA or on Microsoft Teams

To book scan the QR code or click: [Parenting children aged 0 to 11](#) and select your preference for in-person or virtual attendance

Contact us
Email: parenting@cornwall.gov.uk
Website: www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting

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Together for Families

www.cornwall.gov.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.



Safer parking around schools

The school, the police and local highway authority often receive concerns from members of our communities, schools and colleges regarding inconsiderate and often dangerous parental parking outside schools at the beginning and end of each school day.

Parking restrictions are put in place to manage the highway network and to ensure the safety of all road users, vehicles and pedestrians alike. Cars parking inconsiderately, especially on zigzag lines, cause visibility issues for pedestrians of all ages and ability who are crossing the road network to get to and from school.

While we want to encourage sustainable travel to school, especially walking, we recognise that some parents will have to use the car for at least part of their journey to school.

However, it's important for us to:

Reduce congestion around schools to improve air quality.

Make the route to school safer for children.

Show respect to local residents.

Unfortunately, most schools experience a small minority of parents who choose to ignore the parking restrictions.

Driving to school? Please remember:

'School Keep Clear' are clearways, meaning **no stopping and definitely no parking, not even to drop off or pick up any passengers.** These markings are designed to allow a clear view up and down the road for children to cross safely before and after school. If you stop, even to drop off, on these lines, you are making it dangerous for children to cross by obscuring their view. Park in a way that does not obscure the view of any school crossing patrol – avoid parking on the stretch of the road opposite the zigzags, especially if this means you have to park on the pavement to do so.

keep the view around junctions clear so that children can cross safely.

Parking on a bend can cause difficulties, making visibility difficult.

Be considerate to local residents by avoiding parking across or turning around in driveways or parking on the grass verges. Most people like the grass verges and don't like to see them churned up.



Try to park further away from school. This has several advantages – you will find it easier to find a space and to turn your car around for your return journey. It will also be an opportunity for your children to practise walking safely with you by teaching them pedestrian road safety skills. Walking the last part of the journey to school is also good for your child's mental and physical health.

Keep your car off the pavement at all times. No one (especially children, people with a pushchair, in a wheelchair or with reduced mobility) should have to step on the road because of cars parked on the pavement.

The locations below can be enforced by police officers and the civil enforcement officers. Therefore please:

do not park on double yellow lines and yellow School Keep Clears markings.

do not park in a way that blocks access to dropped kerbs or any other pedestrian crossings.

do not park in a way that blocks residents' driveways.

do not park within 10 metres of a junction.

PC Paul Stevenson 17776

Falmouth Neighbourhood Beat Manager