



# Germoe School

## Newsletter

29th September 2023

### Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers,

I can't believe we will be stepping into October this weekend, time certainly flies when you're having fun. I'd like to share with you a comment made by one of our Romanian visitors last week. She has worked in lots of schools in Romania and now works for the National Agency and visits schools all over Europe, including Finland, as part of her role in developing the education system in Romania. She said, "Your schools are the best schools I have ever visited. The environment is beautiful with the natural materials, the children are all happy and excited to share their learning, the staff are happy and friendly, this is rare!" I was so proud to hear that and we are so lucky to have such wonderful children, staff and parents to make this a reality so thank you all.

Next week we will be doing husting for the school parliament. Last year, the MP's did a great job in helping to improve the outdoor environment and we are looking forward to working with them again this year, also with the Eco-committee. We will announce our new MP's next week.

It will soon be our Harvest Festival which we have decided to combine with our talent show. Because of this it may be a little longer than usual. Please see amended times below.

We have amended the time for the parent governor to make it a little longer. If you have a child who finishes at 3.15pm, they will be able to stay in class until 3.30pm if we are still chatting. We have created a form, link below, for you to let us know ahead of the meeting about anything you would like to discuss. This will also give those who can't make it, a chance to have their say. <https://forms.office.com/e/seam1uCZcD>

I hope to see you all at the parent governor meeting next week. Please don't be put off by the name of the meeting, it is an informal meeting to discuss anything school related, answer queries, have a chat and a cuppa etc. Maybe at the first meeting we can change the name to something a bit more inviting!

Have a lovely weekend Paula Blackburn

## **FOREST UPDATE**

We have good news!

Repair works have been carried out on our forest floor and the tree surgeon is booked in to come and carry out some work on the trees. Once they are completed and the front fence is repaired then we will once again be able to open our forest school area.

We can't wait!

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL/GERMOE'S GOT TALENT - WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2PM**

Introduction: Autumn days Harvest song (whole school)

Harvest Poems – key stage 2

### **Talent show**

Line up of bands: TBC

**Auction of goods** – hosted by Miss Blackburn

Tea/coffee/cake will be on sale after the talent show and before the auction. We hope to see you there. Donated goods for auction can be brought into school from 2nd October or on the day if they are fresh produce.

Thank you for your support

Mr Height/Miss Blackburn

## **TALENT SHOW/HARVEST AUCTION**

If you would like to make a donation to the harvest auction you can bring non perishable goods into the office from Monday 2nd October, any perishable goods can be brought in the day before or even on the day. FROGS will be very kindly offering refreshment's between the talent show and the auction.

## **LIBRARY**

One of our wonderful parents has spent a lot of time recently sorting out our library for us and it looks amazing. She was wondering if anyone might be able to make some covers for the two beanbags as the existing ones are mucky and there's no zip to take them off and wash them.

### **Wednesday 4th October, 9am**

A conversation about developing early language and reading for parents and carers of children from Kindergarten to year 2. In the school hall. Coffee and croissants!

Monday 2nd October is the start of Libraries Week! A great time to get signed up to your local library if you haven't already.

Free courses for parents and carers:

**Free Online Training: Phonics for Parents: Supporting Your Child at Home - Dandelion Learning**

## DIARY DATES 2023/2024

### **Perranuthnoe Class trip**

Monday 2nd October

### **Y6 Mounts Bay Taster Day**

Tuesday 3rd October 2023

### **Y6 Humphry Davy Taster Day**

Thursday 5th October

### **Godrevy Class trip**

10th October

### **Harvest Festival & Germoe's Got Talent**

18th October 2pm

### **Christmas lunch**

13th December

### **Helston Community College**

#### **Wednesday 27th September 2023**

Open Evening for parents/carers of students in Year 5 and 6

#### **Monday 17th June 2024**

9.00am to 3.00pm – Invite only for selected Year 6 students

#### **Tuesday 18th June 2024**

9.00am to 3.00pm – All Year 6 students

#### **Wednesday 19th June 2024, 9.00am to**

3.00pm – All Year 6 students

**Tuesday 18th June 2024** – New parents' information evening

**Wednesday 19th June 2024** – New parents' information evening.

#### **Parent governor meetings:**

3rd October 2.45pm

30th November 9am

23rd January – 2.445pm

29th February – 9am

23rd April 2.45pm

20th June 9am

### **Sports Day**

24th June 2024 @ 1:45pm

### **Leaver's service**

22nd July 2024 @ 2.30pm

### **Break for Summer**

24th July 2024

## **Term Dates 2023/2024**

### **Autumn term (72 days)**

- 4 September – 19 December 2023
- (Half term 23–27 October 2023)

### **Spring Term (56 days)**

- 3 January – 28 March 2024
- (Half term 12–16 February 2024)

### **Summer term (67 days)**

- 15 April – 24 July 2024
- (Half term 27 May – 31 May 2024)
- INSET 3–7 June 2024

## **Football League – Y5/6**

The dates for our league fixtures are as follows:

- 06.11.23
- 20.11.23

Football club will not happen on these dates for year 3/4 but children in year 5/6 will be playing in the league on these days.

Please speak to Mr Conway if you have any questions or problems.

[fconway@fbgschools.co.uk](mailto:fconway@fbgschools.co.uk)



# MUSICIANS AND BANDS WANTED...



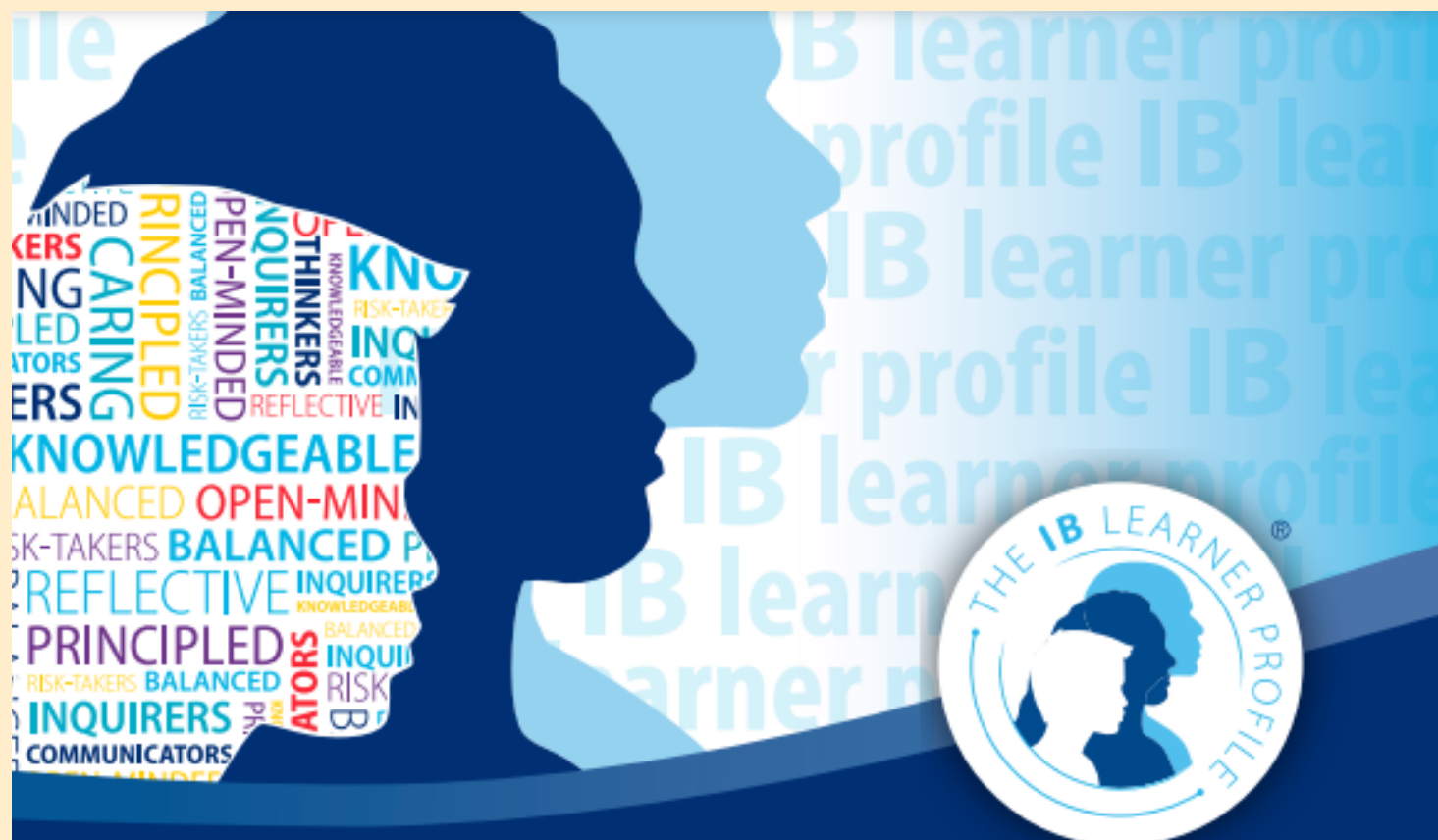
To perform at our Harvest Festival on

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Ask for a registration form at reception  
if you would like to sign up.

Deadline for signing up is Friday 15<sup>th</sup>  
September.





# IB learner profile

The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognizing their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world.

As IB learners we strive to be:

## INQUIRERS

We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.

## KNOWLEDGEABLE

We develop and use conceptual understanding, exploring knowledge across a range of disciplines. We engage with issues and ideas that have local and global significance.

## THINKERS

We use critical and creative thinking skills to analyse and take responsible action on complex problems. We exercise initiative in making reasoned, ethical decisions.

## COMMUNICATORS

We express ourselves confidently and creatively in more than one language and in many ways. We collaborate effectively, listening carefully to the perspectives of other individuals and groups.

## PRINCIPLED

We act with integrity and honesty, with a strong sense of fairness and justice, and with respect for the dignity and rights of people everywhere. We take responsibility for our actions and their consequences.

## OPEN-MINDED

We critically appreciate our own cultures and personal histories, as well as the values and traditions of others. We seek and evaluate a range of points of view, and we are willing to grow from the experience.

## CARING

We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.

## RISK-TAKERS

We approach uncertainty with forethought and determination; we work independently and cooperatively to explore new ideas and innovative strategies. We are resourceful and resilient in the face of challenges and change.

## BALANCED

We understand the importance of balancing different aspects of our lives—intellectual, physical, and emotional—to achieve well-being for ourselves and others. We recognize our interdependence with other people and with the world in which we live.

## REFLECTIVE

We thoughtfully consider the world and our own ideas and experience. We work to understand our strengths and weaknesses in order to support our learning and personal development.

The IB learner profile represents 10 attributes valued by IB World Schools. We believe these attributes, and others like them, can help individuals and groups become responsible members of local, national and global communities.

# The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe Schools Home-School Promise



## Aims:

Our home-school promise aims to outline effective ways in which we can agree to work together to foster and maintain respectful and pro-active relationships with you and your child as they move through our schools.

## As a pupil, I promise to:

- Come to school with a positive attitude to learning
- Have mutual respect for my classmates and the staff
- Respect the resources, the classroom and whole school environment
- Be a positive role model in my community
- Try my best when learning and use the 4B's to help me
- Complete some home learning with my family or on my own
- Use online technology at school and at home safely and responsibly

## As a parent/carer, I/we promise to:

- Ensure my child attends school regularly and on time and in the correct uniform
- Ensure my child is collected on time unless I have informed the school otherwise
- Notify the school of any illness
- Give my child time every day to listen to them read or read to them or ask them questions about their reading
- Support my child's progress when learning at home
- Support school policy on learning and behaviour
- Ensure the school has up to date emergency contacts
- Notify the school if my child has any allergies/dietary requirements
- Notify school of any problems at home which may impact their learning or well-being
- Support the school in the teaching of safe internet use at home
- Attend parent consultations to discuss my child's learning and progress
- Regularly check emails, school website, Seesaw and/or social media for important school information
- Respond promptly to communications from the school where required
- Help my child to have a positive attitude to learning
- Talk positively to my child about their school day

## As a school, we promise to:

- Be open and welcoming, offering parents the opportunity to be involved in the life of the school
- Provide information and opportunities to support and reinforce learning at home
- Communicate regularly via email, text, website, (social media, phone, letter and face to face may also be used)
- Provide a bespoke, inquiry based curriculum which inspires and enriches
- Ensure children are sufficiently encouraged, supported and challenged
- Have high aspirations for what your child can achieve now and in the future
- Give children the tools to become confident, 21<sup>st</sup> century, lifelong learners
- Support children to feel safe and have a trusted adult to open up to
- Continue to learn and develop professionally and adapt our practice where we see the benefit of improvement
- Be available at the beginning or end of the school day to answer immediate queries or concerns
- Notify parents of events in good time via school website/email



## GODREVY CLASS UPDATE

This week in Godrevy Class we have been doing lots of reading, independently and as a class. We've been reading "Letters from the Lighthouse" and Olive and Cliff (the two main characters) have been evacuated to Budmouth Point in Devon. We are really enjoying this story because it is quite adventurous and interesting, plus it is linked to our inquiry learning about WW2.

Some of our favourite places to read in Godrevy Class are: curled up on the beanbags; on the benches out in the sunshine and in our outdoor spaces.

Other books we are reading that you might like to try are: Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell; The Day I Fell into a Fairytale by Ben Miller and Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. We hope you have a lovely weekend!  
Godrevy Class



### Clubs

All clubs are open to children from year 2-6.

#### **Monday:**

Football Club - Mr Conway

Young Inventors Club with Miss Symons

#### **Tuesday:**

Art with Miss Burns

PE games with Mrs Reeves

#### **Wednesday lunchtime**

Y2-Y6 Choir

#### **Thursday**

Eco-Club with Mrs Knight

## POLITE NOTICE

It has been brought to our attention that some people are 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 and this week an ambulance struggled to get past. Thank you

## Starting School in September 2024

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020?

If so then you can now apply for their reception place, the deadline to apply is 15th January 2024



### **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>

### **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

### **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.



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# 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.supportincornwall.org.uk)

## Social Prescribing Cornwall

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

[www.socialprescribingcornwall.org.uk](http://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](http://www.headstartkernow.org.uk)

## Just for Dads



For information tailored just for you check out:

[www.supportincornwall.org.uk/fordads](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

## Neurodiversity Videos

Some short videos around neurodiversity.

Adolescents with ADHD:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGSHcHcVnIo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGSHcHcVnIo)

Walk in My Shoes:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSKvazfTLv8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KSKvazfTLv8)

For more information on Neurodiversity go to:

[www.pdasociety.org.uk](http://www.pdasociety.org.uk)

[www.adhdfoundation.org.uk](http://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk)

[www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk)

[www.bridgingtheneurodivide.com](http://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](mailto:equality@cornwall.gov.uk) Telephone: **0300 1234 100**



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### 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 <a href="mailto:secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk">secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk</a> or email class teacher( name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – Meet the staff
I need to know term dates	School website <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> 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 <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Calendar
I want to read a school policy	School website <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school - Policies
I want to see the school development plan	School website <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – school development plan
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	School website <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Menu
I want to find out about clubs	School website <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	School Website <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Phone or email 01736 763310 Paula Blackburn <a href="mailto:head@fbgschools.co.uk">head@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Angie Larcombe <a href="mailto:alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk">alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Denise Rusga <a href="mailto:drusga@fbgschools.co.uk">drusga@fbgschools.co.uk</a>

## Flourescent tubes.

We have a selection of fluorescent tubes that are surplus to requirements – if you would one/some they are £2-00 each

## Madagascar Jnr!

The Minack Theatre are delighted to announce that they collaborating with The British Theatre Academy to produce Madagascar A Musical Adventure Jnr in October half term.

Sign up for auditions opens on our website on Monday. Please see the link below:

<https://www.minack.com/whats-on/madagascar-jr-auditions>

We're looking for 9–13 year-olds (must be 9 by 21st October 2023) to audition on Sunday 11th June to take part in this amazing opportunity. The auditions will be roughly 1.5 hrs and all audition material is available on the website. All rehearsals and performances are in October half term 2023. Please see the attached flyer for more information.



**St Germoe PCC** recognises the likely problems that people will face over the winter months and in an effort to provide help and support has decided that the Church Hall will be open to anyone between the hours of 9am until 4pm Monday to Friday. Packet and tinned foods will be available and also the option for people to cook their own food. The Hall will be heated and it is hoped that full use will be made of the facilities. In addition Wi-Fi has now been installed in the Church and can be accessed free of charge by anyone, the details are on the notice board inside the Church and to the left of the door.

**Reminder** – use of the Germoe Village Hall is free Monday – Friday 9am – 4pm. There is a donation bowl for anyone who wishes to contribute