



# Germoe School Newsletter

3rd May 2024

## Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers

We've had yet another busy week in school. The time always seems to rush past at this time of year with Godrevy Class Camp to Paris later this month and Rinsey Class Camp to Okehampton which took place last month.

We also have Mazey Day coming up soon and so we are now starting to put together ideas for our structure. If any parents would like to get involved in helping to make and/or decorate it please let us know.

We're looking forward to a lovely long weekend now, so I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable weekend - and we'll see the children back to school on Tuesday

Best wishes

Miss Blackburn

### **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!

### **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

To sign up please email Mrs Care [secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk](mailto: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

## 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

## GODREVY CLASS UPDATE

This week Godrevy class have been learning about letter writing. We are using our new skills to write to the Council to make our village roads safer. We did a village survey today with Miss Blackburn and made a tally of the traffic.

In maths, Year 6 have been doing Fluent 5 and Year 5 have been learning about improper fractions and mixed numbers.

In our Inquiry we have been learning about the economic activity of the UK; the primary, secondary and tertiary sectors



### 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 .



## 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.

## 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>

# Parenting Workshops April - August 2024



## Solihull – Understanding your Child

- Early Years (ages 1-3)
- Primary Years (ages 4-8)
- Transition Years (ages 9-11)

### Workshop Description

Delivered over 10 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

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

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

### Workshop Dates

Countywide – VIRTUAL			
Ages 1-3	Mondays	22.04.24-24.06.24	Virtual MS Teams
Ages 1-3	Wednesdays	05.06.24-07.08.24	Virtual MS Teams
Ages 4-8	Tuesdays	23.04.24 – 25.06.24	Virtual MS Teams
Ages 4-8	Mondays	03.06.24-05.08.24	Virtual MS Teams
Ages 9-11	Thursdays	02.05.24-11.07.24	Virtual MS Teams
Ages 9-11	Wednesdays	08.05.24-17.07.24	Virtual MS Teams
East			
Ages 4-8	Mondays	13.05.24-22.07.24	Wadebridge Family Hub
Ages 9-11	Tuesdays	30.04.24-09.07.24	Launceston Family Hub
Mid			
Ages 1-3	Tuesdays	04.06.24-06.08.24	St Austell Family Hub
Ages 4-8	Thursdays	02.05.24-11.07.24	Newquay Family Hub
Ages 9-11	Fridays	10.05.24-12.07.24	The Park Family Hub
West			
Ages 1-3	Thursdays	02.05.24-11.07.24	Gooseberry Bush Nursery
Ages 4-8	Wednesdays	08.05.24-17.07.24	Helston Family Hub
Ages 9-11	Mondays	13.05.24-22.07.24	Penzance Family Hub



## Parents Plus Adolescent Programme

### Workshop Description

Delivered over 9 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- Understanding teenagers
- Pressing the pause button
- Getting to know your teenager
- Establishing rules with teenagers
- Connecting with your teenager
- Communicating rules positively
- The power of encouragement
- Using consequences
- Active listening
- Creating a discipline plan
- Empowering teenagers
- Dealing with conflict and aggression
- Problem solving with teenagers
- Establishing routines
- Family problem solving
- Parent self-care

### Workshop Dates

Countywide - VIRTUAL			
Ages 12-18	Wednesdays	18:00-20:00	01.05.24-26.06.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 12-18	Mondays	09:30-11:30	03.06.24-29.07.24 Virtual MS Teams
East			
Ages 12-18	Thursdays	09:30-11:30	02.05.24-04.07.24 Saltash Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Mondays	12:30-14:30	13.05.24-15.07.24 Wadebridge Family Hub
Mid			
Ages 12-18	Fridays	12:30-14:30	19.04.24-21.06.24 The Park Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Mondays	12:30-14:30	13.05.24-15.07.24 Newquay Family Hub
West			
Ages 12-18	Tuesdays	12:30-14:30	28.05.24-23.07.24 Penzance Family Hub
Ages 12-18	Wednesdays	12:30-14:30	05.06.24-31.07.24 Helston Family Hub



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## Getting it Right for Children (GIRFC) Workshop Description

Delivered over 3 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

A course for separating or separated parents/carers:

- How to stay calm and listen
- Seeing things differently
- Finding solutions and making compromises

### MYBT Workshop Dates

Countywide – VIRTUAL			
Ages pre-birth – 12months	Wednesdays	09:30-11:30	17.04.24-01.05.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages pre-birth – 12months	Thursdays	18:00-20:00	04.07.24-18.07.24 Virtual MS Teams

### AB Workshop Dates

Countywide – VIRTUAL			
Ages 1-19	Thursdays	18:00-20:00	02.05.24-16.05.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 1-19	Tuesdays	12:30-14:30	02.07.24-16.07.24 Virtual MS Teams

### GIRFC Workshop Dates

Countywide – VIRTUAL			
Ages 0-19	Fridays	09:30-11:30	19.04.24-03.05.24 Virtual MS Teams
Ages 0-19	Thursdays	18:00-20:00	06.06.24-20.06.24 Virtual MS Teams

## Supporting Healthy Relationships

### Me You and Baby Too (MYBT) Workshop Description

Delivered over 3 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

A course for all new or expectant parents/carers:

- What your baby picks up on
- How to support each other
- How arguments start, and how to manage them constructively

### Arguing Better (AB) Workshop Description

Delivered over 3 weeks, each weekly session is 2-hours.

A course for all parents/carers with a child of any age:

- How to support each other
- How arguments start, and how to manage them constructively
- Impact on children

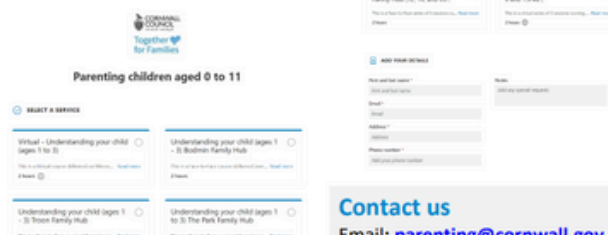
[www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)

## How to access

Parents/carers or professionals can access the parenting offer by visiting [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting).

Parents/carers or professionals will be able to self-book onto workshop 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](#).

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.



**Contact us**  
Email: [parenting@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto: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](mailto:equality@cornwall.gov.uk) Telephone: 0300 1234 100

### 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>