



Germoe School

Newsletter

31st January 2025



Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers,

Last weekend, I attended the Educa Finnish Education Fair in Helsinki. I'm lucky enough to have a good friend living in Helsinki so was able to stay with her while I attended. It was such an amazing event. I made lots of contacts for future Turing Scheme projects such as a nature school in Inari, Lapland and some primary colleagues in Tromso, Norway and Vantaa, Finland. I also listened to some fantastic guest speakers talking about the future of teaching and learning and what we need to be focusing on in the classroom. The biggest message from the weekend was that although AI and new and emerging technologies are the future, we need to have a set of norms around these that have not been thought about deeply enough. Schools have jumped in feet first and not thought enough about the skills that are being left behind; the skills our children really need for their future which will enable them to work in jobs which have not yet been created; the skills which machines do not possess and cannot teach.... Communication, emotional intelligence, creativity and thinking skills. We have already discussed this as a team of staff and decided to implement a song a day (singing to promote emotional intelligence and happiness) and thinking tanks (a daily problem solving activity which involves lots of creative/critical thinking). I can talk more about this at the next parent governor meeting.

Have a lovely weekend. Paula Blackburn

FROGS AUCTION

The FROGS would like to say a massive thank you to all who donated, advertised, bid on and helped with the pre-Christmas school auction. The total raised was £2003.10 after fees which is amazing! The proceeds from the school play raffle, refreshments and cake sale was £311.74. This means we have now raised a total of £2314.84 and are halfway to our target to build the new school library! Thank you all so much! Look out for more fun FROGS events coming soon!

DIARY DATES 2024/2025

SPRING TERM 2024

Thursday 6th February

KS2 swimming

Thursday 13th February

KS2 swimming

Monday 10th March

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

Monday 24th March

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

Thursday 27th March 9.00 am

Parents coffee & cake meeting

Thursday 8th May 2.30pm

Parents coffee and cake meeting

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**



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

CLUBS

Monday:

Mr Conway- Football Club

Miss Symons- Origami

Tuesday:

MRS KNIGHT- ECO CLUB

Miss Burns- Recorder Club - **KS2 ONLY**

Thursday:

Mrs Reeves and Ms Motley - Dance Club

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 MONEY

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.

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/1PwGDXSQ40>

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

Worry Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF>

Resilience Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK>

KINDERGARTEN CLASS UPDATE

This week in Kindergarten, we have been learning about Chinese New Year, we listened to the story of the animals crossing the river, and we had noodles and soy sauce for snack, we also ate it using chopsticks! We had a go at writing numbers in Chinese, using a very special Chinese paintbrush.

This is what the children said:

Theo ' The rat won the race, he jumped off the ox's back, all the way to the finish line'

Ziggy ' The cat goes in the water, the rat kicked the cat off'

Marigold ' We got Chinese New Year coins!'

Minna ' There were dragons dancing on little steps'

Fred ' We had noodles and soy sauce, we ate them with chop sticks...I had two bowls,...very nice, I gobbled them up!'



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

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@fgbschools.co.uk

ARTS LAB: ANIMATION COURSE

10-16 year olds and it's free!

10am - 3pm at The Old Chapel

1st, 9th and 16th February

Join local artists Amanda Lorens and Mae Voogd for a 3-part workshop exploring a fun approach to stop motion animation and printmaking. Create imaginative, short animation sketches inspired by music, with a focus on experimentation, collaboration, and creativity. Beginning with an introduction to the stop motion and monoprint techniques.

There are limited spaces available. To book your spot, email Amy.gcca@gmail.com

FREE ANIMATION COURSE FOR AGES 10-16! 🎬

Dates: 1st, 9th & 16th February

Time: 10 AM - 3 PM

Location: The Old Chapel, Godolphin Cross

Join local artists Amanda Lorens and Mae Voogd for an engaging 3-part workshop exploring stop-motion animation and printmaking inspired by music. Create your very own short animation in a fun, supportive environment! This course is perfect for young artists aged 10-16 looking to try something new. No experience necessary! Spaces are limited, so don't miss out! Email Amy at Amy.gcca@gmail.com to reserve your spot. This workshop is funded by ArtsLab, a creative wellbeing program by and for young people in Cornwall, delivered by HeadStart Kernow, Creative Kernow, and Arts Well.

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.

What's on? Activities The Elms, February 2025

Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change

Day	Time	Activity	Description
Mondays	10:30 - 12:00	Cuppa Companions (Tyacks Hotel)	An opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Tyacks, Camborne.
	12:00 - 14:00	Health Coaching	Appointments or drop-ins available. Run by Healthy Cornwall. Optional weigh-in available.
	15:00 - 16:30	Cuppa Companions	An opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Drop-ins.
Tuesdays	10:00 - 12:00	The Magic Cupboard	A subscription based food ladder.
	10:00 - 12:00	Cuppa Companions (Treloweth)	Meet the Community Health & Wellbeing Team at Treloweth Community Hall. First Tuesday of every month. Drop in.
Wednesdays	10:00 - 13:00	Warm Tums	Under 5s & parent/carer group. Craft activities and a hot lunch provided.
	13:00 - 15:00	Woman Kind (Winter Term)	Our women's peer support group. Safe supportive space for all women. No booking required.
	16:00 - 18:00	Just Be;	A space for young people with food, activities and on-hand advice. Drop in, no booking required.
	16:00 - 18:00	Georgia's Voice	Fortnightly mental health support group for young women aged 18-25.
Thursdays	10:00 - 12:00	HELP Drop In with Coodes Solicitors	Drop in for advice and guidance, anything from housing to benefits. Free legal consultations on 5th & 20th from Coodes.
	10:00 - 13:00	Health Checks	60 minute health checks run by Healthy Cornwall. Booking in advance required.
	11:00 - 12:00	Puffalots (Illogan)	Gentle exercises if you have completed pulmonary rehabilitation. The Old School Centre, Illogan.
	14:30 - 16:30	The Wanderers	Walking group leaving from The Elms to various places. Booking required.
Fridays	10:00 - 12:00	Chilled Art Group	Join Professional Community Artist Steph from ArtsWell for a creative journey! No booking required.
	17:00 - 19:00	Friendly Friday	Good food and a friendly chat. Booking required.
Saturdays	10:00 - 13:00	Why Don't You? Club	Fully accessible family activities for children aged 5-16 designed to be enjoyed by all. Booking required.
Sundays	12:00 - 14:00	Social Sunday	Good food and a friendly chat. Booking required.

The Elms, Green Lane, Redruth, TR15 1LS | info@cn4c.org.uk | 01209 310610 | @CN4C.Cornwall

What's on? Courses The Elms, February 2025

Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change

Day	Time	Course	Description
Tuesdays	09:30 - 12:30	Maintaining & Preparing for Winter	Learn how to grow your own fruit and veg at our allotment, with our expert. Booking required.
	17:00 - 19:30	HOPE in Winter: Overcoming Challenges	Learn how to self-manage your health conditions. Start date to be confirmed. Booking required.
Thursdays	10:00 - 15:00	Winter Comfort Cooking Essentials	Learn some new cooking skills and enjoy your food afterwards. Booking required.
	13:00 - 15:00	Introduction to Digital Skills	Bridging the digital divide. IT course, laptop provided upon completion. Booking required.
	17:00 - 19:30	ACES Recovery	10 week course learning how childhood adversity impacts your present and discover paths towards healing and growth. Collaborative issue-solving in our community and understanding perspectives.
Fridays	12:30 - 16:30	Researching Community Needs	

We offer three different personal development training courses. Details below. Register your interest now!

Adverse Childhood Experiences

Pre-Assessment included. 10 week course. Negative or Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) can affect the life you are living now. They can keep us fixed to the past, and have ongoing effects throughout adult life. But we can do something about this. Do you want to understand more about how these experiences may be affecting you? Join us on "ACES recovery" to explore how we can start to move forward from these experiences

SPACE Supporting Parents and Children Emotionally

SPACE is a free programme for any parent or carer who wants to better understand and support their children's emotions, as well as their own. This is a 4 session, face-to-face programme.

HOPE Help Overcoming Problems Effectively

HOPE is a programme to help people build confidence to self-manage their health conditions. This could include: Physical health e.g. pain relief. Mental ill-health issues such as anxiety, stress, and depression. Discover how to use relaxation techniques to refresh your mind and body. Learn how to make plans and achieve goals that can help you make changes for the better.

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 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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MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST
Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Sleep Workshop

Monday 3rd February - 11am & 4pm
Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am & 2pm
Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am & 1.30pm
Thursday 6th February - 11am & 1.30pm

This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on sleep hygiene and sleep routines. Also includes practical strategies for helping children

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLP)
<https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLP> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

MATHS FOUNDATIONS

Wednesday 19 February 2025
10:30-12:30 or 1:30-3:30
Roarsome Play, Redruth

BOOK NOW



www.mobilemultiply.co.uk



FREE ENTRY

and lunch provided

Topics:

- Number recognition
- Number bonds
- Place value
- Time - digital and analogue
- 2D & 3D shapes

Learn to:

- Make maths fun
- Reduce / prevent maths anxiety for you (and your children)
- Talk about maths

Work with us while your children play and gain number confidence to help your children develop a positive relationship with maths.

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Instagram: boskenwyngermoe

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