



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

There have been trips and sporting events aplenty this week. We are ensuring children are getting out and about in lots of ways with beach trips, camping, adventure activities and more to come! As you know, we like to get out and about in the school grounds too so please make sure your child is equipped and ready to go outside whatever the weather. They need a labelled coat every day as well as sunhats and sun cream when it looks like the sun will pay us a visit!

Our Parent Forum was well attended earlier this term and a wide-ranging discussion took place. A summary of the meeting is featured later in this newsletter and a number of points have already been actioned.

Our clubs are always well attended, not least the Homework club. To ensure children get the most out of their time in Homework Club, please ensure your child brings their homework to the club each week. Many thanks.

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. Mrs Carmichael

The children of Years 3 & 4 recently went to Wheal Martyn to learn about how the china clay industry has impacted upon the local area. One of the highlights of the trip was dressing up as miners and bal maidens. The children represented the school well and had a great day.



Welcome to Bishop Bronescombe's School Monitoring Council....Mrs York!

We have a new parent representative on our SMC. Mrs York is keen to start supporting the school as well as representing you. She will also play a part in ensuring we deliver the best education we can for your children.

We are looking forward to working with Mrs York and know she will make a great addition to our SMC.



Ice Cream Fridays

BB Friends are selling Kelly's ice cream each Friday after school. Cones are 50p.

Children that are in BB kids after school care are also given the opportunity to purchase ice creams.



Please note that our After School Club runs until 6pm and all children MUST be collected by this time. In case of emergency, our After School Club staff can be contacted on
0172665471
Many thanks



Year 3 & 4 had a visit from author Ellie Jackson. She wrote a book on 'Duffy the turtle,' who had swallowed plastic bags, which she thought were jellyfish. This tied in with our topic work last term regarding plastic pollution.

Please note: the new Summer picture menu is now on our Website—under Parent tab - School Meals.

Our Christian values: Compassion, forgiveness, trust, respect, courage and perseverance

ATTENDANCE

We're happy to report our continued attempts at raising the importance of positive attendance with pupils and have put the following in place:

For the class achieving the highest attendance each week, a Friday 'Popcorn Pass' will be granted. This involves an hours treat of a film and popcorn to munch on! Here are the winners from this week..... **PHOENIX**

For the individual children achieving 100% attendance throughout the week, their names will be put into a draw. Two names will be drawn and a small prize will be given to the winners.

Our current whole school attendance for this academic year stands at **96.14%**, a percentage that is above the government expectations. Thank you for all your support in ensuring the positive attendance of your child and keeping school informed of any illness or absence.

Classes	%	No of lates
Little Doves	98.57	0
Little Fish	96.67	0
Little Lambs	91.55	2
Peacocks	97.14	1
Phoenix	99.01	0
Pelicans	95.71	0
Angels	92.06	2
Faith	96.67	0
Hope	97.96	0
Weekly Total	96.16	5

LEAVE OF ABSENCE REMINDER

Please remember that a leave of absence from must be provided for any planned absences your child/ren may have from school. Forms can be collected from reception or downloaded from our website and they must be submitted a week before the start of the leave.

We remind parents that absences will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

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2018 Spring Term Diary Dates:

Yr 3 Residential to Camp Kernow—10th & 11th May

KS2 SATs week—14th—17th May

New BBeebies starters open afternoon—15th May

Pentecost Communion—21st May @ 2pm, all welcome

Year 6 Barton Hall meeting—21st May @ 3.30pm

Year 4 Porthpean meeting—22nd May @ 3.30pm

BB Sports Day—25th May

Half Term—28th May —1st June

INSET WEEK— 4th—8th June

Yr 6 Residential to Barton Hall—18th—22nd June

New Reception starters open morning—19th June

Yr 4 Residential to Porthpean—25th—27th June

Penrice/Poltair Yr 6 Transition days—2nd & 3rd July

Last day of Summer Term—24th July at 3.15pm.



BBKIDS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS 01726 65471—THIS IS FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY



Caterlink Royal Menu



— MAIN —

Princely Pizza (Chicken, cheese, pineapple)

— VEGETARIAN —

Princess Pasta (Macaroni Cheese)

— SIDE —

Windsor Wedges (Baked potato wedges)

— VEGETABLES —

Summer Salad (Mixed leaf salad)

— DESSERT —

Congratulation Crumble (Pear & chocolate)

Parent Forum—Thursday, 19th May

We welcomed a record number of parents and carers to our recent Parent Forum, which took place after our Open Afternoon. We hope to continue to link our Parent Forums to other events in the future!

Mrs Carmichael welcomed and introduced our School Monitoring Councillors— Jasmin York and Lindsey Allen. Their photos are on our school website if you do not already know them!

Mrs Carmichael asked for feedback on the Immersive Curriculum. Both pupils and parents report favourably on this approach. One parent reported their child saying, ‘I had the best day ever’ and parents feel children find experiences more memorable, especially launch days when children were historically a little reluctant to return to school at the start of term.

Other discussion:

Does the school get involved in local Swimming Galas and other local sports events?

We are increasing participation in a number of local sports competitions with some success as reported in the newsletter. Last year we did not take part in the Swimming Gala but hope to again this year.

A concern was shared about slips and falls in the Ark when it is wet and a request was made to repaint the yellow strips on outside steps. We were previously unaware of the slippery flooring in the ark and this has been noted. Mrs Carmichael will ensure that both of these issues are shared with our site supervisor and addressed as soon as possible. PLEASE NOTE: safety is paramount and the site is subject to regular checks; however, if a defect is spotted, please report to the school office as soon as possible so that we can address it swiftly.

Parents shared their concerns and frustrations with parking and traffic around school. This is a perennial issue and one should be addressed by the beginning of next academic year. Mrs Carmichael explained what these plans entail. In the meantime, as suggestion was made that cones are set out in agreed areas to ensure walkways remain clear for those parents with prams, etc. A request was made for us to display the plans and Mrs Carmichael will organise this in the near future.

A parent asked about why we did not mark St Piran’s Day this year.

This was marked within classes and assembly but not acknowledged with whole school approach this year. Last year we marked the occasion with a pasty lunch but received complaints that they were too hot and difficult to eat for the younger pupils. This concern was noted and we acknowledged that this is an important time for the Cornish population.

Is the take up of meals monitored by the catering company as some options are difficult to interpret, leading to pupils avoiding some options, thereby limiting choices?

Mrs Carmichael acknowledged that the dish descriptors may need to be reconsidered as it is in the catering company’s interest to serve popular meals. Mrs Carmichael advised that this would be something she will raise with them.

Since then, Caterlink have provided a picture menu, which has been uploaded to our website and which we hope will help!

Does the school recycle plastic?

Yes—we have a range of recycling bins and plastic waste bins for the playground and hall are ‘in the pipeline’ as our year 3 and year 4 pupils are advocating recycling. A parent has kindly offered to support the school in recycling even more!

Why are we getting texts from different numbers?

Mrs Carmichael assured parents that they were all from BB!

A concern raised that Class pages on the website have not all been updated regularly. We will pass on this concern and monitor.

A parent expressed a concern that lunchtime disputes were not being handled well by the supervisors. Mrs Carmichael acknowledged that this was not acceptable, that we aim for positive playtimes and will speak to staff to ensure this improves.