



"Learning that lasts a lifetime"

Newsletter

Applications for starting school in September 2019 has to be completed by the 15th January 2019—

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all!

We had a great first day back. Our teachers made sure children were fully hooked into their new Spring Term topics with a variety of activities, including: Egyptian dance; taste-testing and cooking; engineering challenges and even making hot air balloons! Teachers have already planned a number of visits to enhance learning through all of these topics and I'm looking forward to seeing what else is in store.

The children have all settled back well into classes—it's like they've never been away! Can we ask that you check your child continues to wear the correct school uniform and footwear as well as ensuring they bring in a coat every day in this chillier weather!

We have an array of after-school clubs on offer again this term, starting next week. Texts have been sent out confirming places but please check with our school office if you appear not to have received confirmation.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Carmichael

Our school site is, of course, a non-smoking area. We would ask that parents and carers refrain from smoking on the paths and near the gates to the school too.

Many thanks.



CENSUS DAY

On Thursday 17th January there is a special menu in honour of school census day:

Burger and Chips or Macaroni Cheese

Dessert: Ice Cream

Census Day is when Local Authorities collect information electronically from every school in their area. This is, in part, to guide them in planning and funding. The LA collect details such as pupil numbers, numbers of pupils with Special Educational Needs, those entitled to Pupil Premium funding, those entitled to Free School Meals (FSM), attendance information and so forth.

An important element of Census Day is the data collected for Universal Free School Meals (the free meal offered to all children in Reception, year 1 and year 2). The number of children actually taking the free meal on offer on that day determines the funding allocated to the school for this service.

We would therefore encourage as many children as possible to commit to eating their Universal Free School Meal on Thursday next week; this will record those children as having eaten on Census Day and therefore count towards the total Government funding allocated to our school for a whole year. Hopefully, it will also encourage any children who don't normally take the meals to join us for lunch and lead to more of them eating over the rest of the school year!

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

If your child loves being active, encourage them to have a go at the Celtic Cross Challenge Activity this weekend



CELTIC CROSS SPRING 1 CHALLENGE

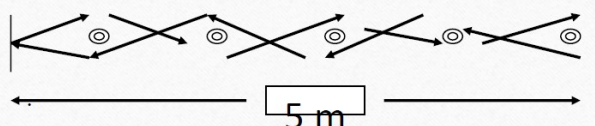


RUGBY SLALOM

Put out 5 cones, 1m apart. Place a rugby ball on a start line. On go, player picks up the rugby ball and runs with it, holding it in **two** hands, in and out of the cones to the end and then back again to the start line, where the ball is touched down on the line.

Keep repeating for a minute.

Score – 1 point for each complete circuit from start line and back to start line plus .1 point for each cone passed e.g. a score may be 5.3 or 5.9 .



Sports News

A group of intrepid key stage 2 children took part in the 4th race of the MCSN cross country series. They all showed great determination and behaved wonderfully. Special mention goes to Jaiden for coming 2nd in his race.

Make sure you sign up for after school clubs. We have loads of activities and offer and it would be great to have as many children taking part as possible. If you have any suggestions for future clubs, please speak to Mr Daysh.

Next week, we have children competing at a swimming gala, an athletics competition and football and netball fixtures!



BAD WEATHER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of snow or extremely bad weather, we will text out to all parents any closure news. It will also be posted on our website and announced on Radio Cornwall/ Pirate FM. If we take the decision to close the school during the school day, you do not need to contact us before collecting your child as this would only overload the telephone lines. Please rest assured we will NOT close the school until all children have been collected.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

The expected average attendance for a child is 96% for the year

Our attendance for this week is 97.17%

Our attendance for this school year is 96.4%

Well done to HOPE class for the attendance stars of the week!

Classes	%	Lates	Class	%	Lates
Little Doves	90.95%	0	Pelicans	98.52%	8
Little Fish	96.3%	3	Angels	97.86%	2
Little Lambs	97.78%	1	Faith	97.41%	0
Peacocks	96.67%	4	Hope	100%	3
Phoenix	98.52%	1			

2018/19 Spring Term Diary Dates:

Wed 16th Jan—Reception & Yr 6 Weighing & Measuring

Monday 28th Jan—Reception Vision Screening

18th—22nd Feb—Half Term

Tues 26th Feb—Class Photos

Thurs 7th March—World Book Day

Thurs 7th March—Parent Forum

2nd & 3rd April—Parent Consultation Meetings

Tues 2nd April—Easter Communion—2pm all welcome

Request for Leave Absence

At Bishop Bronescombe CofE school, we recognise that there are occasions when it is appropriate to authorise an absence, such as when a pupil is genuinely too ill to attend school, has a medical appointment that cannot be taken outside of school hours or a request for leave has been agreed in exceptional circumstances.

However, the Government does not support parents taking children out of school unless the school agrees this is appropriate under 'exceptional circumstances'. Any request for leave should be made in writing to the Head of School using the school's request form.

If you still decide to take your child out of school, without permission, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may refer the matter to Cornwall Council who may decide to take legal action against you. A penalty notice can be issued under Section 444A and 444B of the Education Act 1996. This carries a fine per child, per parent of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this. Failure to pay the penalty notice may result in Court action. Persistent absences not authorised by the school may result in prosecution in the Magistrates Court, leading to fines up to £2,500 and/or custodial sentences. The Council may also apply for the cost incurred in taking the matter to Court.

You are welcome to contact the school to discuss any concerns you may have regarding this or if you feel you would like advice or support in helping your child attend more regularly. We are committed to maximising the education of all our pupils and aims to work with parents to ensure this can be achieved.

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