



Boyton Primary School

Boyton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023



Dear Parents,

We have had a calmer week this week! Chestnuts class have started their Talk for Writing focus on 'diaries' and it was great to see them investigating features earlier in the week. I'm looking forward to seeing the writing that comes out of this focus!

Birch children have been learning a 'review' based on the Squashbox Theatre visit last week! It's been great seeing them grapple with subordinating conjunctions and suffixes!

The 3s/4s also had another super visit to the Woodland Skill Centre on Monday. We are very grateful to Claire for her very creative sessions! There is no visit next week, but the 3s/4s will have a final session on Monday 4th December.

Thank you for your contributions to Children in Need last week. The children looked fantastic and we raised an impressive £60.

PE kits – please can we ensure all children have a PE kit in school. I think some have taken them home to be washed and they may not have been returned yet. Amy's PE lessons are action packed and certainly require a change of clothes! Thank you.

Just a reminder – on **Tuesday 28th November**, we have **individual school photos** taking place. If you should have any queries do get in touch with Mrs Wood. I'm also looking forward to taking the Year 2,3 and 4 children to the chapel coffee morning on **Thursday 30th November** – to play board games with the Boyton community!

PTA news – We are very lucky to have such a proactive PTA – all of whom are a very friendly, supportive bunch! However, they are always keen to invite new members to assist in any way they can. After school this evening, they are holding a brief meeting to meet and greet some new faces! Do have a chat. Finally, we also look forward to seeing you at the PTA quiz this evening!

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you should have any worries or concerns. Wishing you a very lovely weekend!

Kind regards Mrs Davies

Dates for Your Diary

Yr 3 & Yr4 Woodland Skills Centre 4th December

Individual Photos Tuesday 28th November

Christmas Workshops in school Tuesday 5th December pm

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 8th December

Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal Monday 11 December

Christmas Performance in Chapel Wednesday 13th December at 2pm

Acorn/Birch Nativity Hornacott Barton Thursday 14th December at 2pm

Christmas Performance in Chapel Thursday 14th December at 6:30pm

Polar Express Day – Friday 15th December

Christmas lunch – Friday 15th December

Santa/Elf run in aid of Crisis – Monday 18th December

Forthcoming events

PTA Quiz

Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



Acorn

Hugo



Birch

Rosie

Jacob



Chestnut

Liv

Inula

Ryan

Whole School to Date	96.09%
Acorns This Week	95.27%
Birch This Week	96.44%
Chestnut This Week	96.16%

Useful Information

Safeguarding

- All children have a right to be safe, no matter who they are or what their circumstances.
- Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.
- If you are concerned about a child, please speak to one of the Designated safeguarding Leads. If a child is in immediate danger contact the police on 999.



Katherine Davies
Safeguarding Lead



Jane Gilman
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Useful numbers

Early Help Hub	01872 322277
Citizens Advice	0344 411 1444
NSPCC	0808 800 5000
Childline	0800 1111
Addiction: Drug and Alcohol support	01579 340616 (24hrs)
Multi-Agency Referral Unit (MARU)	0300 123 1116 (If you are concerned about a child's safety)

School Clubs

Breakfast Club:

At Boyton, we are really lucky to have a fantastic Breakfast Club run by Ms Walker. Children can be dropped off from 8.15am and have a choice of breakfasts including cereals, toast, etc. It costs £2 a session. If you would like to book your child in, please email Mrs Wood.

secretary@boyton.cornwall.sch.uk

After School Clubs after October Half-Term:

Monday

Art Club Years 4 to 6

Tuesday

Craft Club Reception to Year 6
Limited to 12

Wednesday

Lego Club Reception to Year 6

Thursday

Outdoor Learning – Limited to 12 and open to Years 1 to 6

Online Safety

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>



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Know this stuff matters, but don't know where to turn?

Internet Matters is a free online resource for every parent in the UK. We'll show you the best ways to protect your children online – with information, advice and support on all the big online safety issues.

44%

of 5-10 year olds
have their own
mobile phone*

81%

use a tablet
to go online*

*Source: Ofcom Children and parents: Media use and attitudes report 2022

PTA Update

Round -up

We look forward to seeing you all at the Quiz tonight!



Please drop off raffle prizes for the Coffee Morning by Wednesday – thank you.

Future Events

Thursday 30th November – Coffee Morning & Cake Sale, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Boyton Chapel
- Cakes & Raffle Prizes greatly received.



Thursday 14th December – Bags2Schools collection

Please see our Facebook Page for further details of each event:

Boyton PTA Events



Christmas Tree Decoration Competition!

This is open to all children at Boyton! Please make a decoration for our Christmas tree. You can use whatever you like!

Please bring handmade decorations into school by Friday 1st December.

There will be a winner in every year group!



November SEN Corner

This month I wanted to highlight a couple of services that parents are able to access without professional referral.

Firstly, the Early Help Hub. It is a great service. Professionals and parents can make referrals and for a variety of support. This service is really helpful especially if you are thinking of going down a diagnosis pathway. Most pathways require parents to have completed a parenting course. The Early Help Hub can help parents access the correct course.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/childrens-services/early-help/>

Who can request Early Help services

Professionals, parents and young people can request help, however please note:

- parents / carers must hold Parental Responsibility (PR)
- children and young people must be old enough to consent for themselves (age 13 years or above)
- professionals must have sought consent from parent / carer or competent young person

List of Early Help Services

Parents and/or professionals can request:

- Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- Early Support - Supporting Change in Partnership (SCIP)
- Early Years Service
- Family Support
- Health Visiting
- Parenting Support
- Portage
- School Nursing
- Targeted Youth Support

Next Parent Carers Cornwall, they offer a variety of support to families of children with SEND. It can involve meetings with families in similar situations, training and workshops.

<https://parentcarerscornwall.org.uk/>



Make a Difference Become a Parent Governor



Why become a Parent Governor?

Governors have an important part to play in helping schools to run effectively. They work as part of a team with the Head of School and school staff to help provide a happy, safe and thriving learning environment and an excellent education for all the children.

As a Parent Governor, you will be well placed to understand parents' views and have first-hand knowledge of how the school is run. You will have the opportunity to work toward improving the school experience not only for your own child but for children in years to come.

This voluntary role can be challenging yet extremely rewarding and is a great way to build on your personal and professional skills. You will be supported in the role through training and mentoring allowing you to use your knowledge and experience to the full extent.

What will you do?

You will work with the Local Governing Body (LGB) to develop the school's vision and priorities, review educational performance and make strategic decisions.

Parent Governors are representative parents rather than representatives of parents. You will not be expected to gather the views of other parents and take them to Governors meetings or to personally become involved in individual concerns. You will need to be able to present a balanced and impartial view, based on the benefits for all children.

Local governor meetings are held three times a year and may be combined with school visits focused on school priorities. You will receive reports from the headteacher and senior leaders and need to be able to question, challenge and support decisions. You will also be expected to visit the school as a governor which can be a quite different experience to visiting as a parent!

The governing body operates a code of conduct which sets an ethos of professionalism and high expectations of governors.

What are we looking for?

We need enthusiastic and committed parents from a variety of backgrounds. You do not need leadership or education experience; just a desire to give back to the school and its community and a proactive approach to becoming involved as a member of a team.

Next steps

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Julia Stoneman Clerk to the Governors at clerkjstoneman@gmail.com

Acorns/Birch Update

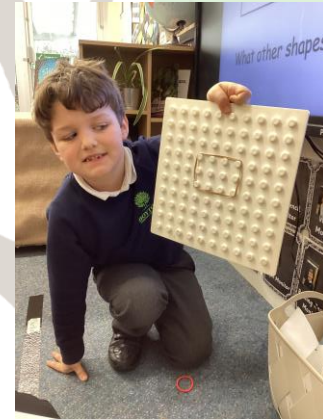
Firstly, a huge thanks for all your support in listening to your child read. It really supports the daily phonic sessions they're receiving in school.

We have had a great week of learning this week. In Maths, Year 2 have begun grappling with Shape – it's been great to see confidence growing in the use of vocabulary such as vertices and polygons, plus finding lines of symmetry. Year 1 have been focusing on odd and even numbers and recognizing the differences, whilst Reception have been building their confidence in 1-1 correspondence, using objects to assist.

Birch children have also started a new unit for Talk for Writing based on a review of the Squashbox Theatre visit. The children are loving their new targets and are eagerly working towards them already! This week, Acorns have finished their Talk for Writing focus on the story, 'Pumpkin Soup' and have started a new focus; 'Stickman!' We have been so impressed with their growing confidence in writing!

Wishing you a lovely weekend!

Miss Cartmell and Mrs Davies



Chestnuts Class Update

What another fantastic week of learning we have had in Chestnuts! Everyone has embraced our maths learning about fractions and it's been great to see more children gaining the confidence to contribute during our lessons; we learn from our mistakes, so we've decided that it's fine to speak up, even when we get things wrong!

We have been looking at diary entries in Talk for Writing, enjoying a drama session about a goblin catcher as our hook into our new text!

Our science, as you know, is all about the processes that our bodies need to survive. The children have enjoyed putting the internal organs in the correct place in our human body model and learning about their functions.

Our music lessons with Mr. Harrison are sounding amazing – we are looking forward to performing with our ukuleles at the Christmas performance. Please remember that Wednesdays are our music days, so ukuleles need to be in school.

We have been continuing to practise our tag rugby skills in PE with Amy and are becoming experts in the sport! Please remember PE kits and trainers every week – thank you!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Mrs. Gilman



School Calendar 2023/2024

Cornwall Council

2023/2024 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2023						
Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	6	13	20	27		
Thurs	7	14	21	28		
Fri	8	15	22	29		
Sat	9	16	23	30		
Sun	10	17	24			

October 2023						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	
Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thurs	5	12	19	26		
Fri	6	13	20	27		
Sat	7	14	21	28		
Sun	8	15	22	29		

November 2023						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2023
Boxing Day	26 December 2023
New Years Day	01 January 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024
Easter Monday	01 April 2024
May Bank Holiday	05 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

December 2023						
Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	6	13	20	27		
Thurs	7	14	21	28		
Fri	8	15	22	29		
Sat	9	16	23	30		
Sun	10	17	24			

January 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

February 2024						
Mon	5	12	19	26		
Tue	6	13	20	27		
Wed	7	14	21	28		
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23		
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

4 September - 19 December 2023
(HALF TERM 23-27 October 2023)

SPRING TERM (55 days)

4 January - 28 March 2024
(HALF TERM 12-16 February 2024)

SUMMER TERM (67 days)

15 April - 24 July 2024
(HALF TERM 27-31 May 2024)

March 2024						
Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	6	13	20	27		
Thurs	7	14	21	28		
Fri	8	15	22	29		
Sat	9	16	23	30		
Sun	10	17	24	31		

April 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

May 2024						
Mon	6	13	20	27		
Tue	7	14	21	28		
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

June 2024						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

July 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

August 2024						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs		8	15	22	29	
Fri		9	16	23	30	
Sat	1	10	17	24	31	
Sun	2	11	18	25		

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

School Lunch Menu Second Half Autumn Term

WEEK 1 13/11/2023 04/12/2023		WEEK 2 30/10/2023 20/11/2023 11/12/2023		WEEK 3 06/11/2023 27/11/2023 18/12/2023	
M O N D A Y	Panini day - ham, cheese or tuna melt Potato wedges, baked beans and peas Chocolate Brownie	T U E S D A Y	Chicken goujons with sweet and sour sauce Rice, peas & sweetcorn Quorn chicken pieces with sweet and sour sauce Choc chip cookies	W E D N E S D A Y	Pepperoni or cheese & Tomato Pizza Herby diced Potatoes, baked beans, Sweetcorn Summerfruit Mousse
	Homemade cottage pie carrots and green beans. Tomato pasta bake Sticky Toffee cake and custard		Homemade Lasagne, garlic bread carrots and peas Tomato and cheese creamy pasta bake Jelly & cream		Meatballs in rich tomato sauce with spaghetti Jacket potato with assorted fillings peas Homemade chocolate crispie
	Roast Gammon, stuffing balls Roast potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots, Gravy Quorn Sausage Strawberry Mousse		Roast Beef, Yorkshire pudding Roast potatoes, seasonal Veg Quorn sausage Toad in the Hole Strawberry meringue		Roast Chicken, Stuffing Balls Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower cheese (G/F), Seasonal veg Cheese Whirl (V) Choc Sponge & Icecream
	Chicken Wraps with choice of sauce BBQ, Mayo, Tomato Peas and sweetcorn Jacket potato with assorted fillings Blueberry Muffins		Sausage & mash with gravy Broccoli, sweetcorn Quorn sausage & mash with gravy Ice cream and Toffee sauce		Burger in a bun potato wedges, baked beans, peas veggie burger in a bun Strawberry & Blueberry Meringue with cream
	Breaded Fish Chips, baked beans, peas Cheese and tomato pizza pinwheel Ice cream and Strawberry sauce		Southern fried chicken goujons Cheese or Ham Panini Curly fries, baked beans, garden peas, tomato ketchup Vanilla sponge and custard		Sausage & Chips Quorn sausage & Chips baked beans, peas apple crumble and custard
F R I D A Y					

Everyday there is also the option of a **Jacket Potato** or **Tomato Pasta**



The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country.

We want to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting.

This is your chance to tell key policymakers what is important to you ahead of the general election. Take part now and ensure your needs are reflected in the decisions that will affect you in years to come.



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

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2024 for that child by the deadline of **15 January 2024**.

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2024**



Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system

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Starting school September 2024

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2024**



Attending a nursery or pre-school

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Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Applying for a **reception class** place for **September 2024**

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242. Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how you will get your child to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 15 January 2024

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 16 April 2024. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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