

**Boyton Primary School**

# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024**



Dear Parents,

We've had another busy week! Staff were really impressed with the enthusiasm and determination shown by our Y1s – Y4s in their swimming sessions! All certainly grew in confidence over the three days. Well done all!

Chestnuts class also had another follow up session on 'conflict resolution' with Millie – our school NHS mental health practitioner. Again, she was amazed by the depth of understanding and empathy demonstrated by the children.

A huge thanks to the PTA for organizing the 'Bags for School' collection on Thursday and for all the donations of clothing.

We're also looking forward to seeing you this afternoon - from 2.40pm to come and see the children's books / work. On **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July**, we are also having a **information evening** straight after school. The aim is to give you an insight into our curriculum and visible learning - plus share how we deliver an ambitious curriculum within mixed year classes. All are welcome!

Finally, I will be sending home a letter soon about our school camp in a fortnight. The excitement is growing! As part of the camp, both classes will be visiting Bridge Mill for workshops and fun!

Finally, we wish you all a lovely weekend! As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you should have any queries or concerns.

Very best wishes

Mrs Davies [kdavies@andaras.org](mailto:kdavies@andaras.org)

## Dates for Your Diary

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – 2.40pm Open afternoon for parents

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July – information session for parents (3.30pm)

### New Reception children visits

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 1.30 – 2.30pm – Stay and play session

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 1.30 – 2.30pm – Outdoor learning session for parents/ children of current EYFS and new EYFS.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July – New Reception children 1.15 – 3pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – New Reception children 9.30 – 1.15pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Y5,6 trip to Bridge Mill and camp on the school grounds (change of date)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Y1,2,3,4 trip to Bridge Mill and camp on the school grounds (change of date)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Climate change and oceans workshop – Chestnuts Class

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Whole School breakfast / Carl Tinkler in – First Aid Workshops (Y2- Y6)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Leaver's day / last day of term

## Forthcoming events

15<sup>th</sup>/ 16<sup>th</sup> July – Y6s Transition days to new secondary schools

## Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



**Acorn / Birch** - Percy, Charlotte and George



**Chestnuts** – Owen, Riley and Caiden

Whole School to Date	94.6%
Acorns This Week	95.24%
Birch This Week	82.54%
Chestnut This Week	93.72%

## 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 Tracy or Mrs Billing. 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 let Mrs Basford in the school office know.

[secretary@boyton.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@boyton.cornwall.sch.uk)

### After School Clubs Summer Term 2024:

#### Monday

Film Club – Miss Kinver

#### Wednesday

Eco / Sustainability club – Mrs Davies / Mrs Gilman or Miss Kinver!

#### Thursday

Football / Mountain biking club - Caja

# Acorn/Birch Class Update

We have had a fantastic week of learning in Acorns and Birch class! Acorns have been finding quantities of objects that are greater than, less than or the same as during their maths learning. They have also been drawing simple maps of our local area.

Birch have enjoyed their swimming this week and have all done amazingly well!

We have also been learning about how wheels work as part of DT and took our learning outside to create working axles and wheels! Acorns have been busy finding different ways of threading, from cotton reels and laces to doilies and pipe cleaners!

For science this week, we looked at a variety of objects and sorted them into three groups – alive, not alive and once alive. This prompted some great discussions, especially objects such as shells and pine cones!

Please remember that your child will be choosing a book to bring home every Friday from our pink basket – this is a book for you to read to them and you are welcome to come in and choose that book with them at 3.15 every Friday.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Gilman



# Chestnut Class Update

In Chestnuts Class this week, the children have worked incredibly hard at producing an explanation text on 'How to grow your own garden'. They have used wonder detail, relative clauses, rhetorical questions, subject specific vocabulary and beautiful presentation! We can't wait to share them with you!

In Maths, the year 5/6 children have been learning about negative numbers and using different multiples to count through zero. The year 3/4s have been learning about Area. All good stuff! The Y5/6s have also been investigating pulleys in Science. We learnt about the reason why people use them and then investigated making our own – really impressive efforts by all!!

At the start of the week, it was a pleasure to take the years 1,2,3 and 4 swimming, where their confidence of being in the water blossomed and it was great to see their technique improving over the three days too. (I've also attached a photo of the climbing the week before!) Wishing you a lovely weekend! Best wishes Miss Kinver



# Online Safety



**ROBLOX**  
Powering Imagination

According to the Roblox website, 'Roblox is the world's largest interactive social platform for play'. For those of you not so familiar with the game, it is a multi-player online gaming platform which allows children to play and create a variety of games in a 3D world. Roblox is free to play and available on all modern smartphones, tablets, desktops, Xbox One, Oculus Rift, and HTC Vive.



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## What parents need to know about **ROBLOX**



**ROBLOX STUDIO**

The Roblox Studio allows users to create their own games and 'worlds' for others to play on the platform. As the games are user generated, it gives users the freedom to potentially include things you do not want your child to be exposed to, for example, weapons, violence and even inappropriate content. There are no age restrictions in the Roblox Studio and Roblox can only rely on people reporting negative/violent content in order to remove the games from the platform.



**CHATTING AND FRIEND REQUESTS**

Whilst the games in Roblox are aimed at 8 to 18-year-olds, there are currently no age restrictions for signing up. This means both adults and young people can play and communicate with each other and send friend requests through the platform. Once a friend request is accepted, this means that they can communicate with each other outside of gameplay.



**ROBUX ONLINE PAYMENTS**

When a user creates a game, they earn something called 'Robux', which works as a currency within the platform, allowing the purchase of upgrades and memberships. If the created game is of good quality and attracts multiple players and in-game adverts, children have the potential to earn a lot of 'Robux'. Once a user has earned a certain amount of Robux, they can convert this to real cash and withdraw it to a PayPal account. To withdraw money, users need to be over 13, have a PayPal account and have paid for the Roblox premium subscription.



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# Top Tips for Parents



### UNLIST SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Make sure your child's social media accounts are not listed in the settings/account info. If they are, advise them to make them private or remove them in their account. This will ensure nobody can find and contact them on their social media platforms outside of Roblox.

### CHECK SHARED INFORMATION

In the account settings, check that your child is not giving away any personal information in their bio/profile. For example, their full name, phone number or school name. If you see that they have, explain why this is potentially dangerous and remove immediately.

### 2 STEP VERIFICATION

Roblox has a great 2-step verification security feature which we recommend you enable to add an extra layer of security to your child's account.

### HAVE A CHAT ABOUT 'GRIEFING'

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player in a game. This can be done by sending rude, annoying or insulting messages to another player, intentionally killing them and just generally doing something in the game to spoil gameplay for them. Essentially, 'Griefing' is a form of cyberbullying and can be extremely frustrating and upsetting for players.

### IS YOUR CHILD UNDER 13?

Unfortunately, there are hundreds of YouTube videos showing children how to change their age settings on Roblox, so firstly, you should talk to your child to set up some rules/agreements. There are additional safety features for children under 13, for example having their profile and chat filtered for inappropriate content and behaviour, so it is worth checking that your child has set up their account with the correct age. You can find this in their account settings.

### DISABLE IN-GAME CHAT

Roblox is great for children to play together and chat to each other. However, if you wanted to completely turn off in-game chat for your child (meaning they could not contact anyone including their friends) you can do so by following these steps. When logged in, go to the Account Settings page by clicking on the gear icon in the top right corner of the page. Then click Settings. Next, click on the Privacy tab and under 'Who can chat with me in game?' select 'No one' and this will disable in-game chat.

### RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Roblox is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional in-game purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest using a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.



*we nurture, together we achieve*

Boyton Primary School

# Whole School Breakfast!!!!

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July @ 8.15 am**

**£ 1 each (even if FSM)**

**This will include**

Juice Apple or Milkshake

Mini pancakes

Toast (Jam, Honey or just butter)

Fruit - Strawberries, blueberries, grapes and banana.

Cereal - Rice Krispies, Cornflakes

Please bring cash in to Class or Office by the week of 15<sup>th</sup>  
July!!

Thank you!



# 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	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

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		
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November 2023						
Mon			6	13	20	27
Tue			7	14	21	28
Wed			1	8	15	22
Thurs			2	9	16	23
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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
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May Bank Holiday	05 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

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January 2024						
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February 2024						
Mon	5	12	19	26		
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August 2024						
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Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

#### AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

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

#### SPRING TERM (56 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)

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.

# New School Calendar Dates 24/25

Information Classification: CONTROLLED

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### INSET DAYS

### AUTUMN TERM (74 days)

3 September - 20 December 2024  
(HALF TERM 28 October - 1 November 2024)

### SPRING TERM (60 days)

6 January - 4 April 2025  
(HALF TERM 17-21 February 2025)

### SUMMER TERM (61 days)

22 April - 23 July 2025  
(HALF TERM 26-30 May 2025)

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