

**Boyton Primary School**

# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 24th May 2024**



Dear Parents,

Wow – what a great way to the end the first half of the summer term. We have all been enjoying the photos of the Year 6s in Bristol this week. It looks like they have been having a great time!!

We are also very grateful to Alex and Caja who organised a super ‘alternative’ sports day yesterday! We were really impressed with how brilliantly all children – Reception to Year 5, enjoyed experiencing new sports such as, ‘Lacrosse, American football and a version of bowling!’ There was superb team effort and great seeing the older ones really supporting the younger children. Well done all!

We have also had lots of important visitors this week! On Tuesday we had a visit from Will Herman and Jo Callow. (CEO and deputy CEO of the Andaras Trust) Both were impressed with the progress the school has made over the past few months, the learning environments and the behaviours for learning demonstrated by the children. There are exciting plans for September – which I can hopefully share with you soon, once the finer details are confirmed.

Yesterday, we had another visit from Neil Swait. He is an Ofsted inspector and works with the Andaras schools to support with school improvement. His focus was on attendance, behaviour and SEND. He recognized our efforts to improve attendance at school, but this still remains a focus for us. In his report, following discussion with children, he also stated, *‘Pupils agree that they feel happy, safe and well looked after at Boyton Primary. They have a trusted adult that they can go to with a worry or a concern. Pupils say that behaviour in and outside of lessons is usually good. They know what bullying is and agree that it is not a problem at this school.’*

Sophie was also in on Monday, working with the Year 5s and 6s. She truly is inspiring and we can’t wait to see the final result!!

Finally, we wish you all and very sunny (hopefully) and enjoyable half term break and 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)

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## Dates for Your Diary

22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> May -Year 6 Residential to Bristol

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Coffee morning in the chapel

12<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day

15<sup>th</sup> June – School Fete

24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y1,2,3,4 Swimming – Bude Leisure Centre (Note change of date)

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Y1,2,3,4 trip to Bridge Mill and camp on the school grounds (change of date)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July– Y5,6 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  
- Reports out to parents

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

## Forthcoming events

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Years 2-6 Moor Expedition Day!

## Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



**Acorn / Birch**

Emilia, Nathan and Percy



**Chestnuts** – Inula, Christine and Tabitha

Whole School to Date	93.50%
Acorns This Week	100%
Birch This Week	71.43%
Chestnut This Week	95.42%

## 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

Outdoor Learning – Mrs Kinver

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

Mountain biking club - Caja

# Eco Club

## 23.5.24

### Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June

We would like some adults to help us with a clean up job! We would love to clear an area on the field for outdoor learning but could do with some help. We're thinking straight after school on Wednesday!

Masie and Bella.

Bug hotel update! Lots of snails, bugs are enjoying the hotel!

We have also left some areas of grass to grow long to encourage even more biodiversity!

Thank you for the contributions of second hand school uniform already!  
Mrs Davies is looking out for a clothes rail – please let her know if you should know of one going?!



# Be Eco-friendly

If you don't save electricity you are wasting it and it is wasting money and hurting the environment.



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*gether we achieve*



# Acorn/Birch Class Update

Acorns and Birch have been fantastic learners this week! We have seen ambitious albatrosses, resourceful red squirrels and resilient rhinos! We have been planting cress seeds and Birch children have planned their own investigations to test whether they will grow under different circumstances. Acorns have been busy finding minibeasts and been curious cats with their magnifying glasses outside!

In maths, Birch children have been using balance scales to measure the mass of different objects, estimating first! Acorns have been sharing objects equally and have been using language such as *fair* and *not fair*. We have also been writing sentences using our phonic knowledge to help us to write words during our Drawing Club sessions with Mrs Billing.

It's been great to read how you have been sharing your child's library book with them – this really does help to develop your child's love of reading, something that we're committed to at Boyton! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a lovely half-term break!  
Mrs. Gilman



# Chestnut Class Update

In Chestnuts Class this week we have continued to explore the incredible book of 'Paradise Sands'. The children have used figurative language to describe settings and emotive language to show how a character is feeling. It's great to see their confidence growing in writing in this way.

In Maths, the children have continued their learning with statistics. They have explored, how to answer questions using bar charts and line graphs, where they have compared data and found the sum and differences.

In Science this week, the children have investigated how to make a tin foil boats hold the most weight, we have many designs and some great observations where made. Year 3 and 4's carried out an investigation how the lengths of shadows change through out the day.

Massive congratulations to all the Year 6's, who have taken their SATS this week. They have worked so hard and conducted themselves brilliantly- Well done!  
Miss Kinver



# Online Safety

# EXPRESS THEMSELVES SAFELY ONLINE

The past year has left many children feeling uncertain and worried. So Children's Mental Health Week 2021 has adopted the theme of 'express yourself'. It's not necessarily about being the best – but instead encouraging young people to relish the joy of being 'in the moment' and loving what they do. So whether they're into music, art, photography, film, drama or dance, here are our top tips for helping your child to express themselves safely online.

## 1 Celebrate their Identity

Celebrating who children are and reminding them of their uniqueness has a huge impact on their confidence and self-esteem. This week, remind them of what you love about them. You could revisit some photos and videos on your phone or computer of special times you've shared. Chat about the importance of finding time to do what they love, underline that it's an important part of who they are.

## 3 Support Their Interests

Some children seem to know instinctively what interests them and what they enjoy doing; others can be less decisive about hobbies. Spend some time this week sharing their interests and doing something connected to it together. You could make a short Lego video to post on your Instagram, a vlog about baking that you share with relatives, or just play with them on their favourite video games.

## 5 Enable Emotional Expression

Children sometimes need help in articulating how they're feeling and in beginning to understand how to manage their emotions. A safe, healthy way for your child to explore their feelings is to let them conduct an activity – like listening to a story, or creating some art – and discuss with them afterwards how it made them feel. There are lots of stories available on YouTube, while Audible is streaming children's audiobooks free of charge while schools are closed. YouTube also has a plethora of fun art tutorials (if you log in on an adult's account, remember to adjust your settings first to block inappropriate content and stop potentially unsuitable material auto-playing).

## Meet Our Expert

Anna Skelman is passionate about placing prevention at the heart of every school, integrating mental wellbeing within the curriculum, school culture and systems. She is also a member of the advisory groups for the Department for Education, advising them on their mental health green paper.



## 2 Promote Their Passions

It's different for all of us, but every child has something which ignites their passions and brings them joy. Perhaps they love music and you could introduce them to a music-making app? Or if they enjoy taking photos or making videos, use this week to set a photography or video competition at home, with some fun categories.

## 4 Help Them Help Others

Some children love to express themselves through activities which help others. Perhaps your local area's Facebook group has a community project that your family could get involved with – even as a one-off, it doesn't have to be a long-term commitment. Depending on your child's age, you could introduce them to online fundraising (such as the JustGiving, for example) and how it can make a difference to less fortunate people.

## 6 Let Them Stay Connected

The online world is a fantastic space for staying in contact with those who we can't be with right now. Young people are often very comfortable using social media to express themselves and stay connected by sharing their ideas, thoughts and feelings with friends. But bear in mind that most social media platforms require a child to be at least 13 before they should access it (WhatsApp is 16). Remind your child that, while it's OK to express who we are on social media, they should still always think before posting – and that their self-worth is never measured by their number of likes, friends or followers.

## 7 Coach 'Safe Sharing'

As part of expressing themselves, your child may want to share something online that they've created – like a funny video, a sketch, a meme or a dance. If they're too young to have their own social media, you could use your own account to share it with selected people who you trust. Emphasise the importance of only sharing content with people that your child knows well, like family and friends. This type of conversation is also useful for introducing young people to the risks and challenges that can come when expressing ourselves to a wider online audience of strangers.

## About Children's Mental Health Week

About three children in every primary school class has a mental health problem. Many more struggle with challenges from bullying to bereavement. Now in its seventh year, Children's Mental Health Week shines a spotlight on the importance of young people's mental health – and it's never seemed more relevant than it does in 2021. Find out more at [www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)

# PTA Update

## Round -up

We have some exciting events planned for 2024. Please spread the word and support all you can.

**Our next event is the Coffee Morning at Boyton Chapel on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May.**

Any donations of Raffle Prizes (leave in school office if you can't make the date), as well as Cakes, Biscuits and other goodies would be gratefully received please.

If you require further info, please ask any of us at school or email:

[boytonpta@gmail.com](mailto:boytonpta@gmail.com) Phone: 07968696132

## Future Events

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Fete & Colour Run

June – Bags2Schools – Start collecting!!!

**For more info visit our Facebook Page: Boyton PTA Events**



COLOUR RUN: £3



SUMMER  
FETE  
&  
COLOUR RUN

BOYTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Saturday 15th June  
11am to 2pm

- GAMES •
- ENTERTAINMENT •
- MARKET STALLS •
- BBQ •
- ICE CREAM •

Fete:  
FREE  
entry

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FAMILY FUN!  
EVERYONE WELCOME!

CASH  
ONLY!



Colour run starts at 1pm

ALL RUNNERS SHOULD WEAR EYE PROTECTION OR SUNGLASSES

# Swimming Lessons Private/Group (up to 5)

## HEDLEY WOOD

contact Helen 07779 255669  
[info@helenclaireswimcoach.co.uk](mailto:info@helenclaireswimcoach.co.uk)  
for more information



Helen lives in Bridgerule and is a swimming teacher. Who currently teaches at Bude Splash and Holsworthy pool. So she already knows quite a few pupils from the pool/school lessons.

She has been in discussion with Hedley Wood and is excited to be able to offer lessons from their wonderful new pool very soon!!!

# All Stars and Dynamos Programmes

## Half Term Holiday Camps



**Softball**  
Tuesday 28th May

5 to 8 year olds: 10am to 12pm £16

8 to 11 year olds: 1pm to 4pm £24

**Hardball**  
Wednesday 29th May

8 to 13 year olds: 10am to 12pm £16

Club hardball players: 1pm to 3pm £16



**At Cornwall  
Cricket Centre**

Truro College Campus  
Truro  
TR1 3XX



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It all starts with... **ALL STARS CRICKET**

The fun first cricket experience for 5 to 8 year olds  
Find your local venue at [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk)

**This is our game**

Calling all 8 to 11 year olds!  
Find your local venue at [dynamicscricket.co.uk](http://dynamicscricket.co.uk)

# 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		
Sat	7	14	21	28		
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

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

December 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	

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		

March 2024						
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	

April 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24		
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		

#### 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

#### 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.