

**Boyton Primary School**

# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 17th November 2023**



Dear Parents,

What a busy few days we've had! On Monday, We started the week with an assembly to celebrate 'Odd Sock Day' and mark the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week. In classes, children have been exploring the theme of 'make a noise about bullying' and how they can make a difference.

The Year 3s/4s also had a fantastic time at the Woodland Skill Centre on Monday, describing it as the best day ever! They proudly shared their homemade Plantain balm and described the butter they churned for the bread they toasted on the fire. I know there is great excitement about their next visit on Monday!

Acorns/Birch children also had a great trip out on the minibus to explore our local area. The language/conversation was just brilliant! I think we all know what a valley and flooding is now!

We have also had a fantastic morning with the 'Squashbox Theatre Company' visit. It was a real treat to have live theatre at school and the theme of Space really reinforced Chestnuts' recent Science topic! Thank you to our amazing PTA!



This week, we are launching our Christmas tree decoration competition! All efforts will be used to decorate the tree. If your child would like to take part, they can use any material/technique – please can decorations be brought into school for **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December**. There will be prizes for the best effort in each year group!

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



This 'anti-bullying' inspired message was made at Lego club this week!



## Dates for Your Diary

Yr 3 & Yr4 Woodland Skills Centre 20<sup>th</sup> November

Individual Photos Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November

Christmas Workshops in school Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December pm

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal Monday 11 December

Christmas Performance in Chapel Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

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

Christmas Performance in Chapel Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm

Polar Express Day

## Forthcoming events

**PTA Fun Quiz Night at Boyton Church Hall**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start**

## Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



**Acorn**

Martha



**Birch**

Zoe

Lauren



**Chestnut**

Logan

Jake

Lizzy

Whole School to Date	95.40%
Acorns This Week	95.86%
Birch This Week	96.52%
Chestnut This Week	96.50%

## 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

# PTA Update

## Round -up

Since January 2023 we have raised over £2300. For such a small school, this is a fantastic achievement. We have supplied the school with numerous books, paid for the coach trip to Paignton Zoo, provided each child with a branded school jumper, supplied the Yr 6 Leavers Hoodies. The Theatre Company for the 17<sup>th</sup> November was also paid for by the PTA.

Please come and join us on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov (straight after school pick up. Children welcome) for a short meet & greet type get together to meet the PTA team and see what being involved entails.

## Future Events

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 3.15 p.m. – Meet & Greet style meeting for new parents and carers at school**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. start – Fun Quiz Night at Boyton Church Hall**

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

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Bags2Schools collection**

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

**Boyton PTA Events**

# PTA Update

**BOYTON PTA EVENT**

**COFFEE MORNING  
& CAKE SALE**  
with Table Top Sale & Raffle

Including a special visit from  
some of the Boyton School  
Children to play a few games!

Thursday, 30th November 2023  
From 10.00 a.m. to Midday  
Boyton Chapel  
£ 2.00 per person entry

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## BAG 2 SCHOOL FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



### Boyton Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

*We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:*

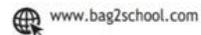
**Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.**

*(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)*

***The more we weigh the more we pay!***  
*Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit*

***Please return your Bag2School on:***

**Thursday 14th December 2023**



# Online Safety!



## Bullying and cyberbullying

Advice for parents and carers to help keep children safe from bullying, wherever it happens.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>



# 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 decoration into school by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:clerkjstoneman@gmail.com)

# Acorns/Birch Update

We have had another great week! On Monday, we all loved going out in the minibus to explore our local area. The discussion on the bus was just brilliant!! We noticed lots of differences between Launceston and Boyton.

There has also been lots of great storytelling this week. Acorns have been exploring the story 'Pumpkin Soup'. It's brilliant seeing their enthusiasm for writing growing and their eagerness to apply their phonics and letter formation in writing!

All week, Birch children have been innovating the story of the Mousehole Cat. I can't wait to read their inventions that they've written today! We've been impressed with their growing writing stamina and confidence in using conjunctions.

In Maths, Reception have been using tens frames to build the understanding of 5 and 5 making 10! I was so impressed with their understanding of this. The Year 1s had fun doubling numbers to 5 and the Year 2s have been consolidating adding/subtracting 2 digit numbers across 10...really super stuff!

As always, please don't hesitate to ask if you should have any queries. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Cartmell and Mrs Davies



5 and 5  
makes 10!

# Chestnuts Class Update

Chestnuts have been busy with their learning again this week! To start the week off, our year 3s and 4s went to the Woodland Skills Centre and had an amazing time learning how to light fires, forage for food, churn their own butter and lots more!

We have been writing our own monologues in Talk for Writing, focusing on the main features, and really thinking about our use of punctuation.

As mathematicians, we have been learning about prime numbers, multiples and factors in year 5 and 6, and multiples in year 3 and 4, including our times tables.

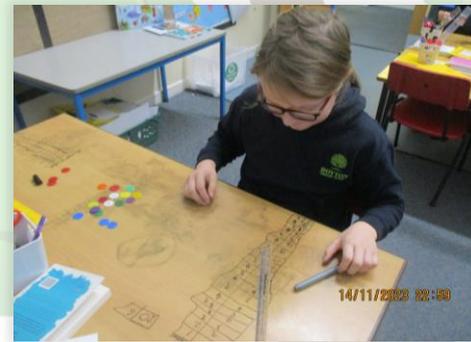
We have been super scientists this week, too, talking about the different processes that animals need to survive.

We have started off Children in Need day with a Pudsey Bear game; we all enjoyed using our mathematical knowledge to answer a variety of questions to complete the board game!

Thank you to you all for supporting your children with their Children in Need clothes and donations!

Have a great weekend!

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	1	8	15	22
Sat	2	9	16	23
Sun	3	10	17	24

October 2023				
Mon	2	9	16	23
Tue	3	10	17	24
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

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

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

January 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22
Tue	2	9	16	23
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

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

April 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22
Tue	2	9	16	23
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
Thurs	2	9	16	23
Fri	3	10	17	24
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
Sun	2	9	16	23

July 2024				
Mon	1	8	15	22
Tue	2	9	16	23
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

August 2024				
Mon	5	12	19	26
Tue	6	13	20	27
Wed	7	14	21	28
Thurs	1	8	15	22
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 (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.

# 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	Chicken goujons with sweet and sour sauce Rice,peas & sweetcorn Quorn chicken pieces with sweet and sour sauce  Choc chip cookies	Pepperoni or cheese & Tomato Pizza Herby diced Potatoes , baked beans , Sweetcorn  Summerfruit Mousse
T U E S D A Y	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
W E D N E S D A Y	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
T H U R S D A Y	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
F R I D A Y	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

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

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

## 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**.



**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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) for more information and to access the online application system

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

## Starting school September 2024

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



### Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that 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.

### Information and guidance

Website and application form: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)  
Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY  
Telephone: 0300 1234 101

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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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