

**Boyton Primary School**

# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**



Dear Parents,

Wow – what a gusty end to the week! Storm Ciaran certainly hit us with force. It was good to see all back safely today. We will certainly postpone our Outdoor Learning Day that was planned for yesterday!

Some fantastic learning has been taking place across the school this week. In addition to being wonderful musicians, Chestnuts class have excelled themselves in Talk for Reading. Spending a couple of weeks really getting into text is proving really advantageous and I've seen some wonderful role play/hot-seating as children develop a deeper understanding of character!

Likewise, in Talk for Writing, Acorn children have been building their recall of the story, 'Whatever Next'. It's great to see their depth of understanding and their developing book talk. I also loved their bonfire pictures – such detail and concentration! The Birch children have started learning the traditional story of 'the Mousehole cat' – they did some fantastic chalk pastel illustrations for their hook...I can't wait to see the writing that comes out of this unit!

**In November, we have got some great things coming up...**

- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov – the Year 5s/6s are taking part in a rugby tournament at Launceston College
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> – the Year 3s/4s are visiting the Andarras Woodland Skill Centre
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Acorns/Birch trip out in the minibus to explore our local area for our Geography/Understanding of the World focus
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Storybox Theatre company are coming into school!
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – Coffee Morning at the chapel for fun and games!

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you should have any worries or concerns. Have a lovely and hopefully less windier weekend!

Kind regards  
Mrs Davies



## Dates for Your Diary

Yr 3 & Yr4 Woodland Skills Centre 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November

Yr 5 & Yr 6 Tag Rugby Festival at Launceston College

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Anti-Bullying Week 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November

Odd Socks Day Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Squashbox Theatre Friday 17<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

## Forthcoming events

Yr 5 & Yr 6 Tag Rugby Festival at Launceston College

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

Nasal Flu Immunisations Reception to Year 6 on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> November

Squashbox Theatre are coming in to school on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November

## Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



**Acorn**

Names



**Birch**

Names



**Chestnut**

Sybil Riley Grace

Whole School to Date	95.67%
Acorns This Week	95.24%
Birch This Week	95.92%
Chestnut This Week	96.43%

## 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](mailto: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

# Boyton's VIP Readers!

A huge thanks to Lauren and Grace for being our very first VIP readers!! They both made some really thoughtful comments about the stories inside! I wonder who will be next?!

  
**VIP**



# Possible Music lessons at Boyton through Cornwall Music Service!

We have the opportunity to offer piano or string instrument lessons to our children through Cornwall Music Service. This is a much cheaper way of introducing children to an instrument and can open endless opportunities in future - if it becomes something they would like to pursue!

Kate Tidball is a highly experienced musician and peripatetic teacher who is available to provide lessons at Boyton. This is what the costs could look like per session.

Lesson Type	Tariff
GROUP TYPE 1: Based on a Group of 4 or 5 - 30 minutes	£5.63
GROUP TYPE 2: Based on a Group of 2 for 20 minutes/3 for 30 minutes	£7.50
Group of 2 – 30 Minutes	£11.25
Individual 15 Minutes	£11.25
Individual 20 Minutes	£15.00
Individual 30 Minutes	£22.50

Do have a chat, if you would like to find out more!

**GREAT NEWS!**

We are delighted to be able to offer musical instruments and vocal lessons in your child's school that CMST will provide.

So that we can get your child's music journey underway, please go to our website to find out more and to sign up for your musical sessions.

Hear Music.  
Learn Music.  
Play Music.

Sign Up at:  
[CMST.co.uk/signup](https://www.cmst.co.uk/signup)

For more information head to:  
[CMST.co.uk/learnmore](https://www.cmst.co.uk/learnmore)

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# 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/>



# Online safety – mobile phones

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/phones>

It's really common for children at primary school to have mobile phones. Please check out this link for advice on how to help your child keep themselves safe.

## Top tips



### Talk with your child about responsible use of their phone

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use their phone for. Talk about time limits and expectations of where the device can and cannot be used, this could include things like the phone being charged outside their bedroom overnight.



### Discuss what to do if something upsetting or worrying happens

Give them the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.



### Explore parental controls

Take a look at the controls available both on the phone itself and on your home Wi-Fi. Talk these through with your child too. Parental controls are a helpful tool, but an open conversation with your child is the most important thing.

## FAQs about phones

What can a phone be used for? +

What are the risks to having a phone? +

How can I introduce a phone in a safe way? +

What can I do to manage the risks? +

What about inheriting or buying a second hand phone? +

What can I do if something goes wrong? +



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-51296197> (Interesting article; 'Most children sleep with mobile phone beside bed.'

# 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)

# Acorn/Birch Class Update

What a lovely first week back! We've been very busy this week, even though we weren't in on Thursday due to the storm.

For Birch children's Talk for Writing, we have started a new story 'The Mousehole Cat'. The hook to start off this lovely story and inspire our children, was for the children to draw pictures inspired by the film version of the story. The final pieces were brilliant with so much detail. Well Done Birch ☐

In Maths, our Year 2 Birch children have been focusing on subtracting numbers across 10 and above 10, using different methods. Our Year 1 children have been looking at the language of greater than, less than and equal too of numbers. Our Acorn children have been focusing on recognising the number of dots without counting! As well as the number 4 and how many different ways we can make this number using cubes.

In PSHE, we all have been looking at different types of families there are. In Science we are all focusing on the different seasons and the different types of things you see in those seasons. As it is Bonfire night this weekend, we've had a class discussion about fire safety and the children talked about some great ways to stay safe.

We have everyone has a lovely weekend - see you on Monday!

As always, if you should have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Mrs. Davies and Miss Cartmell



# Chestnuts Class Update

Chestnuts have had a great first week back after the half term break! I have been particularly impressed with their enthusiasm towards our maths learning – ask us about multiples and factors and showing multiples in arrays. We have been using this knowledge to help us to solve Bonfire Night themed questions today!

We enjoyed acting out scenes during guided reading and playing a particular character role by answering questions in a hot-seating session!

We have been learning new skills during Talk for Writing, using adjectives to describe nouns in our sentences to make them more interesting and making sure that we use the correct punctuation in our writing.

We have started to learn about the Industrial Revolution as part of our history topic. Well done to Sybil for researching this and showing us what her mum learnt about it when she was at school!

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe if you go to watch any fireworks!

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	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	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	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	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	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.

# 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**

## 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](http://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

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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