

Autmun Term

Week 4

**27th September
2019**

NEWS



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been another fun and busy week at Blisland.

The children have learnt much about 'what is under our feet' in Cornwall. The children had a great time, we got a little wet but had a great experience.

We have focus on reading at school. Reading little and often makes a huge difference to children's literacy skills. The children should all have books to read at home and a home school reading record. Please fill these in when your child reads; they can earn a raffle ticket to win a book voucher for every 10-reads

The children this week also had a visit from the NSPCC which was very informative.

Please do check the school website for dates and blogs which will keep you further informed.

Have safe and fun weekend.

Best wishes, Matt Avery (Head of School)

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School times

School will not be open to the children until 8.45am

Family holidays and days out

Please do not book family holidays in term time. The school now has a policy of enforcing this very strictly, in accordance with government rules. If this is done without consultation with the school, you could be fined for unauthorised absence.

Attendance

Whole school: 89.7% so far this term. It is very important that children are at school as often as possible as it will give them the best chance to learn with consistent input. We really need attendance to be above 96% to have the best impact on your children's learning. Reminder we are unable to authorise the majority of absences and persistent absence could result in fines.



Please be aware that due to allergies, we are now a strawberry free school. Please do not send any strawberries in for your children for any reason.

Breakfast Club and After School Child Care Club

Breakfast Club is available every day (From 8am) and After School Club on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to 4.15pm. Please ensure that you book this [the week before you need it](#). All information regarding these clubs is on the school website.

If your child is attending breakfast club please ensure that they are in school by 8.15am if they wish to have a breakfast as we are unable to provide breakfast after this time.

Please be aware that any cancellations must be given at least 48 hours in advance or unfortunately we will have to charge for the full session due to arranging staffing and purchasing food for these clubs.

This is due to ensuring staff costs are covered. Thanks for your understanding. In addition to this, please could we ask that you collect your child at the agreed time.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Please also be aware that if you require the hour from 4.15pm to 5.15pm on a Tuesday (for example, after a club) you will need to pay the full hour charge at £8.00 per child.

Charges remain the same this year for clubs— £2.50 per session Breakfast Club or £2.25 per child (sibling discount), after school club is £5.00 until 4.15pm.

Afterschool Clubs

If you have any hidden sporting or creative talents, we would desperately like you help in running some addition after school clubs. We have surfing being arranged for the summer term and others in the pipe-line.

Confirmed clubs:

Thursday: Football Key Stage 2: 3.30-4.15 (Key Stage 1 Summer Term)

Thursday: Netball Key Stage 2: 4.15—5.00 (Key Stage 1 Summer Term)

Friday: Dance at 3.15pm

Kensa Class Learning Characters

Please ask your children about the Learning Characters in Kensa Class!

Teamwork Turtle

Persevering Penguin

Work it out Worm

Have a go Hippo

Check it and change it Chimp

Reminder

Please check out the new parent portal on Arbor for you to update both your personal details and consent forms.

Harvest Festival

Harvest Festival has been arranged for Wednesday 9th October at 9am at the Village Church, all welcome. Please take your children to the church on this date and they will walk back to school after the practice. Please ensure that your child has their wellies as well as their shoes.

We have a practice on Tuesday 8th October at 9am, please can you drop your children to the church again in the morning and they will walk back to school after the practice. Please ensure that your child has their wellies as well as their shoes.

Forms

Please can you ensure that any forms that are returned to school are given to Mrs Hawker in the [school office](#) and not to the class teacher or teaching assistant, many thanks for your co-operation.

DIARY DATES

Wednesday	2nd October	SUEZ recycling centre in Bodmin and then onto the incinerator plant at St Dennis	All day
Tuesday	8th October	Harvest Festival practice—please drop children to the church for 9am	9am
Tuesday	8th October	Phonics meeting for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to be held in the library	2.30pm
Wednesday	9th October	Harvest Festival, - all welcome	9am
Thursday	10th October	North Cornwall Book Festival for Years 4-6	All day
Monday	14th October	Nasal Flu—Reception to Year 6—Letter with sign up details has been sent out.	AM
Thursday	17th October	Last day for Football and Netball club	
Monday	21st October	Half term	
Monday	28th October	Inset Day	
Friday	15th November	Children in Need	All day
Monday	23rd December	Christmas Holidays	
Monday	6th January	First day back after the Christmas Holidays	
Monday	14th October	Parent Consultations—sign up sheets on the classroom doors	3pm-6pm

School Times

Please ensure that your children arrive at school for registration between 8.45am and 9am and are collected at 3.15pm unless they are registered at an after school club.

School doors open at 8.45am unless your child is booked into Breakfast Club.

All children in the Infant class must be brought into the classroom in the mornings, even if they are late. Children of this age must never be dropped at the gate on their own. Please walk up the steps and bring them into school.

Inset Days 2019-20

Monday 28th October 2019

Monday 24th February 2020

Friday 5th June 2020

Thursday 23rd July 2020

Phonics meeting with Mrs Harrison at 2.30pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to be held in the library, all parents of these children are welcome on Tuesday 8th October 2019

Please be aware if you have ordered a school meal for your child and they go home because of illness after 10.30am, this will have to be paid for. This is because the food preparation will already have started.