

SPRING TERM DATES Monday May 5th - Bank Holiday Weds May 7th - Lime, Amber & Violet to Newquay Zoo May 12th-16th - Y6 SATs Week Monday May 12th/13th - Reception Classes to Feardon Farm Friday 23rd May - Last Day of First Half Term & Star Wars Day (rescheduled) Monday June 2nd - INSET DAY School Closed Tuesday June 3rd - Children return for 2nd Half of Summer Term Tuesday June 10th - EYFS Sports Day Wednesday June 11th - Y1 & Y2 Sports Day Thursday June 12th - Y3,4,5&6 Sports Day Friday July 9th - PTA Summer Fair

INSET DAY REMINDER SCHOOL CLOSED A reminder that MONDAY JUNE 2nd is an INSET DAY and that the school will be closed to pupils for staff training. This is the 4th of our 5 statutory days the next is July 24th.

### **SUMMER UNIFORM**

A reminder that Summer Uniform can now be worn if you wish your child to do so. **However, black school shoes or appropriate sandals must still be worn**. Please do not send children to school in trainers/skate shoes/flip flops/ shoes or boot with high heels etc. Thank you.

### THANK YOU ALL!



These Trikes, Scooters and items of playground equipment have been purchased with funds raised by the Pensans PTA at events supported by you, so thank you all , Pensans PTA Committee & the Children and Staff of Years 18-2

### NEW PARC COSTS

PARC the school's wraparound facility has managed to keep its costs at the same level for four years. Whilst we do not attempt to make money through this service we cannot lose money. As a result we will be increasing our charges by 50p per session with effect from June 3rd.

### New Charges per day:

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### **RESCHEDULED STAR WARS DATE**

Apologies that the annual Star Wars Day had to be postponed - for those who wish to dress up (it is not compulsory and is intended as a fun event - requested by the children) the new date will be **Friday May 23rd**. There is no charity contribution required for this event.

### A FREE GIFT FOR EVERY CHILD

No matter how much education has changed over the last 100 years Reading remains arguably <u>the</u> key skill being learned by pupils in our school today.

We have a great emphasis on reading throughout the school with daily phonics sessions, guided reading, lots of incentives for children, three staff employed soley for the purpose of running reading catch-up programmes and a well stocked library run by a dedicated librarian at the very heart of the school. Indeed Mrs Crummay is one of the very few primary school librarians in the county.

We invest so much time, effort and money into reading because we know that reading matters. An inability to read well is a daily burden and disadvantage for life. It limits employment opportunities, creates awkward and embarrassing situations socially and reduces selfesteem. More than that it denies a person entry to a lifetime of reading for pleasure and access to endless stories, worlds and life-enhancing experiences.

### The real tragedy is that this is utterly avoidable.

The school teaches the mechanics of reading, but children learn to read by applying these skills, sounds and mechanics by **daily practice at home**. We have many fantastic readers in school, some of them in our Reception Classes. Ofsted recognised this last month reporting that:

# *Pupils'* achievement in reading is a particular strength of the school. By Year 3, most read widely.

The harsh truth is that those children who make good progress in reading are those who are heard to read at home, those who fall behind do not. Fact.

As a working dad I know how hard it is to arrive home at 7pm after a long day at work and find the energy to hear my children read. I also know that if I don't find the time and enthusiasm for the task my children may well be seriously disadvantaged for life.

Over the past 15 years as a Headteacher I have heard every excuse imaginable as to why finding 10 minutes a day to hear a child read is an unreasonable request. Yet, despite the high financial cost and with good intentions, the same children are given the latest must have toy or games console because parents want the best for them. However, hearing your child read every night for 10 minutes will provide them with a free gift which will last long after that X-Box has a home in the local landfill site, and is guaranteed to benefit them every day for the rest of their lives. *MH* 

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