

Pensans Post



Autumn term 18/10/2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our parent consultations this week. I hope that you found them valuable. If you did not managed to attend, it is vital that you contact school to make arrangements to meet your child's teacher as soon as possible.

At the consultations, parents and carers were advised about our new communications policy. New procedures for contacting staff will be introduced from Tuesday 29th October, after half term and the INSET day. The quick read version of the new policy is on page 6 of the newsletter and also on the school website. In brief, to ensure that demands on staff time do not impact upon your children's learning time, we ask that in future, messages to staff are either written in a note or emailed via messages@pensans.cornwall.sch.uk. We will also have tick sheet style message forms at reception in case you forget to bring in a note. Generally a response will be given on that day or the following.

Thank you in advance for your support with the new procedures. We are looking forward to creating a more effective communication process for all families.

Have a great half term break!
Angela Clay

Autumn term dates for your diary

Swimming: Indigo / Turquoise (Thursdays) Orange / Green (Fridays)

21-25th October - Half term

Monday 28th October - INSET day - no school

Thursday 28th November - Phase 2 outcome for parents and families

Friday 29th November - Last day of clubs this term

Wednesday 4th December - Phase 1 outcome for parents and families

Friday 6th December - Christmas Fair

Friday 13th December - Phase 3 outcome for parents and families

Friday 20th December - Last day of term



*EYFS:- Caterpillars, Butterflies & Bumblebees (Y0) * Phase 1/ KS1: Green (Y1) & Orange (Y2) * Phase 2 / KS2: Cobalt (Y3/4), Violet (Y3/4) & Amber (Y3/4) * Phase 3 / KS2: Emerald (Y5/6), Indigo (Y5/6) & Turquoise (Y5/6).*



Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Autumn attendance target is 97%. As a school we are at 93.21% attendance this week and are below our target.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Bumblebees	90.69%	7
Orange	90%	8
Green	96.15%	2
Violet	94.48%	3
Amber	93.08%	5
Cobalt	98.93%	1
Emerald	94.34%	4
Indigo	92.31%	6
Turquoise	88.93%	9
Whole School	93.21%	



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You are practicing *Patience*

when you...

- Calmly tolerate a delay or confusion
- Are willing to wait for things you want
- Set goals and persevere until they are met
- Do something now that will help you in the future
- Accept things you cannot change with humor and grace
- Are tolerant when mistakes are made

Affirmation

I am patient. I am gentle with others and myself when we make mistakes. I wait calmly. I trust that things will turn out right.



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Operation Encompass

Supporting children through key adults



Computer and video games have a Pan-European Game Information (PEGI) rating printed on the front of the case. If your child is at Pensans, any game they play or watch should have a green PEGI. Please be aware that playing games out of their age range is a child protection issue and be aware of what they are playing. Even if your child is only watching an older family member playing a game with a 12, 16 or 18 rating, they still are being exposed to unsuitable material.

Well done to this week's Mathletes:

Orange - Matteo

Cobalt - Archie N

Violet - Serena

Turquoise - Izzy and Jack

Indigo - Elsie



And to TT Rock Hero

-Zac - Amber Class - 0.43 seconds

As part of recognising outstanding learning behaviours, we will be celebrating the children who have achieved **BLUE** each week. Well done to everyone who achieved it this week!

Blue:

I produce **outstanding** work.

I have **worked my hardest** and the adults around me recognise that I have made a **great effort**.

I have been a **fantastic friend** to others, helping out when I was needed.

I continue to make all of the **right choices** in my learning and behaviours.

I show **care and consideration** for others and my school.



Class	Well done for achieving blue this week!
Orange	Riley and Charlie S
Green	Kajus and Kiah
Violet	Jackson and Harry
Amber	Sol and Jago
Cobalt	Brogan and Ebony
Emerald	Seth and Tilly
Indigo	Saul and Alfie E
Turquoise	Jack and Bailey

School Dinners

Weekly menus are on our school website. Week commencing 29/10/2019 is week 1.

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, please ask in the office. The form just needs a couple of details and gives extra funding to school too! This applies to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 even though they get Universal Free School Meals.

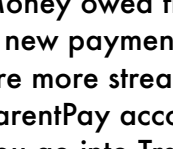
Please remember that we offer both before and after school clubs each school day.

Breakfast Club - Children from reception age can be dropped into the hall between 8am and 8:30am. It costs £1.50 a session (free to Pupil Premium) and includes a varying breakfast menu. No booking necessary.

PARC (After-school club) - Open from 3:15pm until 6pm (5pm Fridays). Bookings and pre-payments via ParentPay are necessary. Please ask for details at school reception.



Stars of the week



Butterflies	Logan	Good talking and joining in at carpet time.
Bumblebees	Lily-Rose	For her excellent effort with her home learning project.
Orange	Jaxon	For his brilliant learning attitude this week and for his lovely homework project.
Green	Alex	For fantastic phonics. He has been brilliant at using his phonics for reading and writing
Cobalt	Inigo	For determination and perseverance in his maths work.
Violet	Riley G and Frank	For their helpfulness and patience when helping teach the ukulele.
Amber	Zeke	Zeke has made a real effort with his learning behaviour and is producing some pleasing results.
Turquoise	Rufus	For his fantastic leadership skills during a Maths Working Wall challenge ordering and comparing numbers.
Indigo	Ashlee	For consistently working hard and looking for ways to make a positive contribution to others.
Emerald	Caswyn	For his courage and resilience in swimming and in his maths this week. Well done Caswyn!

Money owed from payment items older than one year has now moved into a new payment item called 'Overdue payments' so that ParentPay accounts are more streamlined. Please can all parents and carers check their ParentPay accounts and ensure that all outstanding amounts are settled. If you go into Transaction History - Payment History - and look in the notes column, it will detail what that charge is for.

All meals, swimming sessions and breakfast / PARC clubs need to be paid for in advance. As you are aware, Pensans is a "No Debt" school to avoid debts accumulating and the impact this has on families and the school. Please contact the office staff or headteacher if you have any queries.



The Pensans choir, brass band and newly formed rock band all went to Mounts Bay Academy to take part in a 24 hour gig on Thursday afternoon. They all performed on the big stage of the hall in front of Mounts Bay children and other primary schools. All the children were amazing and got a huge round of applause from the audience!

Kate Shilson - Music Coordinator



MBFDC - HOLIDAY CAMPS

October Half Term 2019



Dates

Weds 23rd October - Multi Sports Camp (football, dodgeball, basketball & more!)
Thursday 24th October - Football Camp
Friday 25th October - Football Camp

Tots: 4-6yrs

10am - 12pm

£6 per day, £10 for two days or £13 for three days

Pros: 7-13yrs

10am - 3:30pm

£15 per day, £25 for two days or £35 for three days

Venue

Mounts Bay Academy Sports Centre, Penzance, TR18 3JT

Come and have some fun during the October half term, we welcome players from any school or sports / football club

Register & pay online or turn up on the day

www.mbfdc.co.uk

Contact

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Mounts Bay Football Development Centre
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Pensans Communications Policy

Quick read version



Dear Parent / Carer,

I have been working alongside the governing body and staff at Pensans to consider how best to ensure that we have the best communication practices in place for ALL families and members of staff.

Communicating with you about your child is vital and I need to ensure that parents and visitors are able to receive information from and pass information to the school in a range of ways convenient to their circumstances. I also need to ensure that demands on staff time do not impact upon your children's learning time.

Ms Angela Clay
Headteacher

Challenges:

- Our reception area can be incredibly busy when parents/carers request to speak to teachers before registration and for messages to be passed on to teachers.
- Some parents are reticent to come into school with any concerns when there are large numbers of parents in the reception area both before and after school.
- Teacher time is often taken up with non-urgent queries.
- Information in the newsletter or other communications that have been sent home by book-bag mail, texts or emails are not always read. This can generate a large volume of queries each day.

Communication:

In recent years, technology has played a key role in bridging communication gaps, but we appreciate that not all of our parents and carers have access to smart phones and computers. As a result, our new communication plan aims to reach both those with access to technology and those who do not. Our aim is to encourage parents to contact the school and to ensure that we have a policy in place so that parents are aware of new procedures and have realistic expectations of staff.

New communication policy summary:

It is vital that you are aware of the following new processes:

1. Teaching staff will not be available to speak to parents before registration and are often busy over break times and/or at after-school clubs. Email is the most convenient form of communication and accessible by most parents. Messages for teachers must be sent to the following email address: messages@pensans.cornwall.sch.uk. Parents should ensure their child's name and teachers name are in the subject line of the email. Parents will be regularly reminded of this email addresses for reference. Office and breakfast staff will not be able to pass on messages on behalf of parents unless it is of utmost urgency.
2. Where a parent does not have email access, they will need to bring in a note addressed to the teacher. A quick tick sheet will be available at the office for parents not able to bring in a note. It should be posted into the secure 'messaging point' post slot at the end of the reception desk or passed to the teacher at the school gate.
3. All communications to teachers will be acknowledged in a timely manner and according to the time period detailed in the Provision Standards section of the Communications Policy (available on the school website). Generally a response will be given on that day or the following.
4. Our school reception is an area where we would like parents and visitors to feel comfortable while waiting for meetings and appointments. Delivering and collecting children at the beginning and end of the day needs to take place in the designated areas at the correct time.

Thank you for your support:

As with any change there may be some teething problems and I am sure that you will bear with us. We are looking forward to creating a far more effective communication process for you and your family.