

Pensans Post



Autumn term 20/10/2017

See you on Tuesday 31st October after half term and the INSET on Monday 30th October!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support and positivity this half term. I am pleased that so many of you have been able to come to consultation meetings and tell us about how your child has settled into their new year group. If you haven't managed to meet your child's teacher please contact the school and we will arrange for a meeting after half term. The feedback from the Teaching and Learning questionnaire has been overwhelmingly positive and we are delighted that our unique approach to learning is meeting the needs of your child. Effective communication is of course a priority. We will be looking closely at your feedback to make sure that we keep doing the things that work and use your information to continually improve our communication with you.

When we come back from our Half Term Break on Tuesday 31st October we will be celebrating the Virtue of Patience. This is one of the first and key Virtues that we need to teach our children so that they can share, listen and build their resilience to keep trying until they master a skill or concept.

Have a great weekend!
Ms Clay, Headteacher

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Devon and Cornwall Police

Operation Encompass will ensure that schools are advised prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our children and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.



If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please ask for a form from Linda in reception. The more parents registered for Free School Meals from Reception through to Year 6, the more Pupil Premium funding our school receives from the Government to provide extra support to children and enable pupils to reach their full potential.



Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Autumn attendance target is 97%. At 92.07% we are under target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Butterflies	88.42%	9
Orange	93.21%	4
Green	90.34%	7
Lime	88.97%	8
Violet	98.08%	1
Amber	85.6%	10
Magenta	93.2%	5
Emerald	94.07%	3
Indigo	97.27%	2
Turquoise	91.51%	6
Whole School	92.07%	



The Halloween Book Fair is now on Wed 1st Nov after school in the hall (not on the 31st Oct as previously advertised). All the books are half price and all will be under £5!

Pupil parliament will be selling cakes and would welcome cake donations for them to put on their stall.

All the money raised supports our Book Bank. Through this we are able to provide Book Bank Vouchers and Cheques as rewards for our children. Any profit goes straight back into buying books for the children.

School Dinners

School menus are on our school website and on the noticeboard by the school reception. There is also a handy guide to tell you which week is which. Week commencing 31/10/2017 is week 1.

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.



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Stars of the week



Butterflies	Breidis	For working hard to improve his listening and attention which is having a positive effect on his learning.
Orange	Levi	For using his independence and self-discipline all week.
Lime	Sancha Mae	For her fantastic story and critique to up level it even further!
Green	Finlay	For a much improved attitude to his learning!
Violet	Cedro	For his courage and determination in maths to 'master' it, keep up the pace and then shout "I get it!".
Amber	Lily	For showing the virtue of determination. Lily was overheard saying to another child: "I'm here to work. I want to learn".
Magenta	Sophia	For working well with different children in the class.
Emerald	Casey	For enthusiasm, determination and perseverance in all you do! Keep it up Casey!
Turquoise	Adam, Poppy, Sam, Bethany	For showing real understanding, courage and self-confidence when the led an assembly about 'showing racism the red card'.
Indigo	Isaac	For showing great focus and concentration on his work this week.

Dates for your diary

23rd - 27 October - half term

Monday 30th October - INSET day = no school

Wednesday 1st November - Halloween Book Fair and cake sale after school

13th - 17th November - anti-bullying week

Friday 17th November - Wear pyjamas for Children in Need

Monday 13th November - Tootoot launch meetings for parents/carers - 9.10am - 9.40am OR 5.30pm - 6.00pm

Friday 1st December - School Fair

21st December - 3rd January Christmas Holidays

4th January - first day back

Friday 9th February - Parent Consultations INSET- no school

12th - 16th February - half term

30th March - 13th April - Easter break

Thank you to all those parents who bought in equipment for our mud kitchen which the children are loving. We would now like to have a den building area... we need tarpaulins, guttering, broom handles, plastic crates. Also any plastic toys that can go outside.

There are some children who are having accidents in Phase 1 - if you know your child is prone to accidents please ensure that have spare clothes in their bag. If anyone has any spare knickers, pants and uniform please could you we have it.

Phase 2 were extremely lucky to have John Richards visit us to share his own life experiences during WWII. He was joined by Ewan McNeill who brought some amazing WWII artefacts to show the children. It showed our children how WWII affected people in our own locality and these visits are vital in bringing our topics to life.



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.

Mathletics Hall of Fame

Here are this weeks Mathletes:

Lime - Jackson Cornish
 Green - Skyla
 Magenta - Lauren and Jenny
 Turquoise - Jacob
 Emerald - Chanelle

This year Children in Need is on Friday 17th November. Pupil Parliament have decided to have a PJ day to help raise money. All children and staff can come dressed in their PJs and slippers for a donation of £1.

