

Pensans Post

Autumn term 23/09/2016



The Virtue that we are celebrating next week is Cooperation. Please talk with your child about how and when you all work together to achieve your goals.

As part of our Virtues development we are pleased to announce that all of our Year 6 children will become Virtues Champions. They will receive badges and sweatshirts that will make them clearly visible to other children in the school and we are confident that they will help to make our school a happy and safe place to learn. We have also appointed Head Boys and Girls for the year ahead who will lead and manage projects that benefit everyone!

Have a great weekend!
Ms Clay

You are practising *Cooperation* when you ...

- Work well with others
- Offer your help and ideas freely
- Disagree peacefully and respectfully
- Follow the rules
- Ask for help when you need it
- Help keep a safe, happy environment

Affirmation

I am cooperative. I respect the rules. I work and play well with others. I keep myself and others safe.

Cornwall Music Service Trust have spaces for children interested in learning keyboard /



piano. Please visit their website for more details or let Mrs Ciliberto (Amber class) know if you would be interested in a taster session.

<http://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org>

Are you following us on Twitter?




Keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on @pensansschool.



Are there any parents/grandparents/friends of grandparents who ballroom dance and may be able to come in and share their skills with the KS1 children in October? Please let us know!

Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our autumn attendance target is 97%. At 95.60% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Butterflies	98.18%	2
Butterflies 2	97.14%	3
Green	95.56%	5
Lime 	99.26%	1
Orange	96.3%	4
Amber	93.13%	11
Magenta	94.83%	7
Violet	93.93%	10
Emerald	94.23%	8
Indigo	94.07%	9
Turquoise	95%	6
Whole school	95.60%	



The school meal menus have been refreshed and look yummy! Take a look at them on our school website or on the noticeboard by the school reception. There is also a handy guide to tell you which week is which. Next week is week 1!

Your Child's Health at School

Reception and Year 6 parents have all been given a 'Your Child's Health at School' booklets which detail what to expect when their child participates in the health checks at school.

Please remember that if a parent/carer does not return the opt-out form their child will be included in all of the health checks.

ParentPay



We have introduced a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, after school clubs and much more online, using a secure service called **ParentPay**. We now only accept cash for tuck at breaktimes.

All Pensans parents have received an introductory letter with their individual usernames and passwords so that they can make payments for their requested payment item(s). Thank you to all parents for their time and patience with setting up their accounts. If you have yet to sign into your account and need a reminder of your username, or to re-set your password, please ask at the office. There is also a useful video and help guides on our Pensans website.


Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals – 20p alert!

Eagle-eyed parents signed up to either of the above may have noticed that their accounts are accumulating 20p each time their child has a meal. Unfortunately this is beyond our control and is as a result of the government's contribution for meals being £2.30 (our meals are £2.50). Please don't pay the 20 pences! We will credit all effected accounts each week.

Barcodes

Parents who opt to pay for items with cash and ParentPay barcodes at PayPoint outlets should note that they should only use the barcode relevant to that payment item. Please destroy it after you have used it for a one-off payment. Also, only one barcode can be used for one child. If you have more than one child, you need more than one barcode. Finally, if you overpay when paying via PayPoint, it is not possible to refund the money back to you. It can only be transferred to another payment item when you have one to pay. Please use them with care!

Stars of the week



Butterflies	Lowen	For demonstrating good independent skills during the day.
Butterflies 2	Imogen	Imogen for being enthusiastic about everything at school.
Orange	Isabella	For using time adverbials in her Goldilocks letter independently!
Lime	Isabelle	For coming into school smiling everyday this week showing great courage.
Green	Lewis	For a much improved attitude and for his confident learning attitude
Violet	Millie	For always being a determined, helpful and kind member of our class.
Amber	Casey	Casey is always showing the virtue of friendliness. She tries to be fair to everybody and is always the voice of reason.
Magenta	Jacob	For all round enthusiasm, joy and courtesy.
Emerald	Finnley	For really ambitious maths this week and working really hard to achieve his targets.
Turquoise	Demi	For showing excellence, enthusiasm and friendliness in our Antiques Roadshow Maths Challenge. Great start to Year 6!
Indigo	Madison	For the excellent virtues of persistence and perseverance, particularly with her maths and research.

Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals update

An important reminder to ALL parents but especially those who currently had children in Year 2 or Nursery last term who have moved into Reception class. If you think you may be eligible for **Free School Meals**, please make an application via the county council website. 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. Pupil Premium is additional funding which enables our school to provide extra support to children and enable pupils to reach their full potential.

Children who have moved into Year 3 are no longer eligible for free meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, so please ensure you make an application in time for the new term if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals.

Child car seat law

The law requires all children travelling in the front or rear seat of any car, van or goods vehicle must use the correct child car seat (see below) until they are either 135 cm in height or 12 years old (whichever they reach first). After this they must use an adult seat belt. There are very few exceptions.

It is the driver's responsibility to ensure that children under the age of 14 years are restrained correctly in accordance with the law.

Children under three must be in a child car seat. If there's no room for a third child seat in the back of your vehicle, children aged three or under can use the front seat but they must be in a child car seat.

New legislation, announced last month, says that from December 2016, children who are less than 125cm in height (roughly around age six) won't be able to travel by car in a backless booster seat.

You can't take children under three on an unexpected journey in a vehicle without a seat belt or the correct child car seat. The only exception to this rule is if it's in a licensed taxi or minicab and the rear seats are separated from the driver by a fixed partition and the child travels on the rear seats.

If you ignore the law you are liable to a fine of £500 if you go to court.

Age range (approx.)	Weight / Height	Child Restraint Type	
Birth to 9-12 months	Up to 13kg	Baby / Infant Carrier	
9 months to 4 years	9kg to 18kg	Child Seat	
4 years to 11 years	18kg upwards	Booster Seat	
6 years to 11 years	From 22kg	Booster Seat	
Over 12 years	135cm or above	Adult Seat Belt	

CORNWALL TEACHER AWARDS 2017

VOTE FOR YOUR SPECIAL PERSON!

A celebration to recognise inspirational and outstanding teachers, headteachers, teaching assistants and school support workers who really make a difference to the lives children and young people in Cornwall.

This is your chance to say a big thank you to that special person who you feel deserves recognition for their outstanding dedication and support.

Choose from one of the 15 categories on our website

www.cornwallteacherawards.co.uk and simply place your vote.

It's **FREE** to enter online!

You can vote:

- Online
- By email to info@cornwallteacherawards.co.uk
- By post to Cornwall Teacher Awards, Office 10, 28 Lemon Street, Truro, TR1 2DD

Deadline: December 31st midnight



Cornwall
Teacher Awards
2017

The official evening awards ceremony
will take place at Truro Cathedral on April
21 2017.

Dates for your diary

- Mon 26th September - Phase 3 Learn Alongside Day
- Tues 27th September - Phase 1 Learn Alongside Day
- Fri 30th September - EYFS Learn Alongside Day
- 24th - 28th October - Autumn half term
- 21st December - 4th January - Christmas holidays
- Thursday 5th January - Spring term begins
- Friday 7th July - INSET day
- Wednesday 26th July - Last day of summer term

Please remember that these diary dates and more are on the school website as well. Always useful if you don't have a Newsletter handy!