Pensans Post

Summer term 23/07/21



Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the final Pensans Post of an extraordinary year! We were delighted to be able to celebrate the achievements of our Year 6 children who will be leaving us today. They are a resilient, resourceful and remarkable group of young people and I know that the staff will agree, an absolute pleasure to have in and out of the school this year! We all wish them well at their next schools and will miss them in September.

Cobalt Class are still isolating and we are not able to celebrate with them in school on the last day of term but we are thinking of them and you, and can't wait to see you ALL in September.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of Pensans Staff and Governors for their commitment, creativity and endurance. This academic year staff have needed to be, flexible and resilient, to face uncertainty and new challenges presenting themselves on a regular basis. I consider myself fortunate to lead such a dedicated and skilled team and I believe that your children are fortunate to be a part of our school. We may not always get it right - no-one does - but we always give 100% and make changes where we can to meet the needs of the children.

Thank you for the responses to your child's report, I read each one and it's a joy to see how happy you are with their learning. If you haven't already sent your response slip back, please do - even if it's in September!

We have said 'Goodbye' and thank you to Mrs Talbot, Claire Maple, Amanda Segal, Alana Bates, Sally Coton, Maddie Atkins and Milly Ainley. All of these staff will be missed and we wish them well.

Currently we are not sure what September will bring but below are plans for re-opening in September. There may be changes but I will update you in the last week of August.

- The staggered start and end times for classes will remain in place. Please see the times on the last page of the newsletter.
- Wednesday afternoon home learning will remain in place EXCEPT for the first Wednesday 8th September which is the children's first day back in School when all children will stay all day.
- The catering company Chartwells will be managing the kitchen from September. Food will still be cooked in our school kitchen and we will be giving parents information regarding menus and how you will be able to order your child's lunch.

Have a great summer break!

Angela Clay

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Weds 8th September - First day of Autumn term

2021-2022 INSET Days:

Monday 6th September Tuesday 7th September Friday 18th February - Student Led Conferences Monday 6th June Monday 25th July Tuesday 26th July





Reading fun for the summer holidays!

It's important that our children continue to read during the summer holidays and here are some fun ways to do it!

It's back, this year's Summer Reading Challenge is 'Wild World Heroes'.

The challenge has teamed up with WWF so join the Wild World Heroes in Wildville they make their environment a better place for the animals and people. Discover how you can make a difference too! All you need to do is read 6 books during the holidays! There are rewards to collect along the way and games to play and there's a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge. Your local library staff and a team of volunteers are on hand to help children sign up, collect rewards and choose new books if they need advice or inspiration. Visit your public library in the school holidays to take part. Or join in online at - https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/

The Virtual Library

Free books, author interviews, videos and illustrator activities can be found at the **Virtual Library.** There is a new book for you to read online every week and fun writing activities from your favourite authors too! Find out more at – <u>https://www.thenational.academy/library</u>

Borrowbox

Many of you and your children are enjoying **Borrowbox** the Cornwall Libraries free online eBook and eAudio book library app especially for primary school children. Free to download from the usual places, Borrowbox for primary schools means children can browse, search, discover and download from the hundreds of books available any time.

If you have forgotten your child's membership number or your child is new to the school and wishes to join, please let Mrs Crummay know. Find out more at - <u>https://www.borrowbox.com/</u>

EPIC!

Our children have enjoyed reading and listening to the many books available on the Epic platform over the last months. There are videos and activities to take part in too. Epic is fun and free and will still be available during the summer holidays, you don't have to sign up so children should login using their class code after selecting the student and educators' button on the sign in page.

Please ask your child's teacher if they have forgotten their class code.

https://www.getepic.com/sign-in

If you think your child may be entitled to "Free School Meals" please email Mrs Oliver in

SCHOOL MEALS Information & Support

FREE

reception(<u>messages@pensans.cornwall.sch.uk</u>) This also applies to those having free dinners because they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and have "Universal Infant Free School Meals"

because of their age. <u>This is especially important</u> if your child is currently in Orange Class (Year 2) as from September these children will not be

<u>eligible for free meals just because of their age</u>. You will need to apply if you think you are eligible because of your income.

Our school also receives Pupil Premium funding for each child on Free School Meals so as well as helping you, it also helps our school.



Stars of the week

Butterflies	The whole class!	For being amazing resilliant children throughout the year. You have all been fabulous on your learning journey, well done all of you!
Bumblebees	The whole class!	For their amazing listening on our trip and for being a brilliant bumblebee
Green	Claire Maple	For organising the most amazing sports day for phase 1.
Orange	The whole class!	For being the best in a very tricky school year!
Amber	The whole class!	Thank you for a fantastic year and good luck in year 4!
Violet	The whole class!	For their enthusiasm , humour, joy and happiness over the last 4 years! I will miss you all !
Cobalt	The whole class!	For just being such an AMAZING class to learn alongside with. Each and every single one of you has made me proud for so many different reasons and I shall miss you all very much. Have a lovely summer!
Indigo	Alicia	For her fantastic learning on Seasaw and her support for others in class.
Turquoise	Team Turquoise!	For their sheer joyfulness, creativity, autonomy and unity. We couldn't be prouder of each and every one of you. Always remember Ohana and aim high, fly higher!

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!

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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

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!
Green	Grace and Jenson
Orange	Jan, Linda B and Sam
Violet	Nina and Leila
Amber	Alexa and Lola
Cobalt	Dylan and Eigirdas
Indigo	Luke and Luna
Turquoise	Miss Trudgeon, Mrs Russ, Lisa and Tanja

Are you following us on Twitter and FaceBook?

Keep up-to-date with all of the exciting things that are going on @pensansschool (Twitter) and @pensans.primary (Facebook) All of Amber class did so well to perform their brilliant work at their storytelling outcome this week! A special mention goes to Eddy for making the effort to learn his whole cave description paragraph off by heart!





Free School Meals Summer Holiday Vouchers

The government has just announced an extension to the Covid Local Support Grant. As a result we will be ordering a £90 voucher for each Free School Meal eligible pupil - £15 for each of the six weeks of the summer holidays. Vouchers will be ordered from School Vouchers and emailed / text out on the 23rd and 24th July.



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.



Phase 1 had a great sports day and really enjoyed the activities! Well done to everybody for trying the best and supporting one another.



<u>School Uniform</u>

The Pensans School Uniform guide is in the Parents Information section of the school website. If you need to order any new school uniform for next term, here are the details of our supplier of logo items.

Cornwall Council has allocated money to each Free School Meal eligible child to be spent on school uniform before the end of the summer holidays. Letters with discount coders for £16.65 were sent home with reports with the information parents / carers need to call Trophy Textiles who supply our uniform.

The current Year 5s will be given a new Turquoise Year 6 Virtues sweatshirt on the first day of the new school year. If you think you will need a second, please ask for a turquoise sweatshirt when placing your order. Trophy Textiles 01209 713341 <u>enquiries@trophytextiles.co.uk https://www.trophytextiles.co.uk/products/primary-schools/pensans-school/</u> Butterflies class had such a fun time at their Pirate Party this week!! They really enjoyed dressing up and all of the activities around the school!







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EYFS - Caterpillars, Butterflies and Bumblebees

Drop off: 8.45am Caterpillars and Butterflies and 8.55am for Bumblebees

Pick Up: As arranged with teachers: 11.45am or 2.45pm

Path towards Nancealverne School to EYFS wooden gate.

Wednesdays 12.45pm pick up.

Phase 1 - Green, Orange and Amber

Drop off - 8.50am

Pick Up - Green, Orange, Amber - 2.50pm

Green and Orange Class - through the KS1 playground near the disabled parking bay.

Amber Class - Doors to the right of Reception area door.

Wednesdays 12.40pm pick up.

Phase 2 -Cobalt, Violet and Indigo

Drop off - 8.40am

Pick Up - 2.40pm

Cobalt Class - through end doors in KS1 playground, near the disabled parking bay.

Violet Class - through shared area doors to the left of Reception area.

Indigo Class - through the gates to the main playground and then through the shared area doors.

Wednesdays 12.30pm pick up.

Phase 3 - Turquoise

Drop off - 8.30am

Pick Up - 2.35pm

Through the gate to the main playground and straight onto the playground Wednesdays 12.20pm pick up.

Families with more than one child.

Drop Off - 8.45am. Pick Up - 2.45pm Wednesdays 12.45pm pick up.



