

# Pensans Post

Summer term 20/05/2016



Our Virtue next week is FRIENDLINESS and we will be having a whole school challenge to practice acts of friendliness every day.

As we mentioned in the newsletter last week, the school have a twitter account and we are tweeting photos and comments about your children everyday. So if you want an easy way to keep in touch with what's happening here, please set up a twitter account and follow us @pensansschool.



Angela Clay - Headteacher

You are practising *Friendliness* when you:

- Like yourself and know you have a lot to offer
- Smile and greet people courteously
- Get to know people and let them get to know you
- Show caring when a friend needs you
- Are friendly to people who look and act differently
- Make someone new feel welcome

### Affirmation

I am friendly. I show an interest in others by being warm and courteous. I am a loyal friend. My friendship is a worthy gift.



KS1 had a super time designing, making and flying our kites in the field this week. They have also been having fun using running and cross stitch when sewing beach themed pictures.



### Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our summer attendance target is 97%. At 93.41% we are below target this week.

| Class         | Weekly % | Rank | Last week |
|---------------|----------|------|-----------|
| Lime          | 98.72%   | 1    | 6         |
| Turquoise     | 97.41%   | 2    | 1         |
| Magenta       | 95.49%   | 3    | 8         |
| Orange        | 95.49%   | 3    | 9         |
| Emerald       | 94.49%   | 4    | 7         |
| Amber         | 92.55%   | 5    | 2         |
| Butterflies 2 | 92.06%   | 6    | 5         |
| Indigo        | 91.3%    | 7    | 10        |
| Green         | 90.98%   | 8    | 3         |
| Violet        | 89.62%   | 9    | 11        |
| Butterflies   | 89.42%   | 10   | 4         |
| Whole school  | 93.41%   |      | 93.22%    |

**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. If you would like to query the appropriateness of a game you're your child a useful website is: [www.commonsensemedia.org](http://www.commonsensemedia.org)



Just a reminder that ALL monies brought in to school need to be in a **named envelope**, with details of the child's class and what it is for.

Please could **sunscreen** be applied at home and labelled bottles be sent into school. Children will be encouraged to reapply sunscreen during the day. Named hats to keep the sun off faces are also encouraged.



### Missing Library Books!

Recently we have become aware that we have a large number of overdue, missing and damaged library books. It is always disappointing when there is a queue of children eagerly waiting to read the new Jacqueline Wilson or Beast Quest and it has not been returned promptly or even lost by it's borrower. Please could children be reminded that library books should be looked after at home and returned in good condition on their weekly class library day. If children wish to keep their book for longer please could they bring it into school so we can check to see if anyone else has requested it first. Books do go missing from time to time, so please can children be encouraged to look at home, in their classrooms and around the school for them. If books are not returned after two weeks we request £5 to go towards buying a replacement. The same applies to the colour-banded reading books and free reading books, although children are free to change these when finished. Many thanks for your help in this matter. We would like to find the lost copy of 'Saphire Battersea' by Jacqueline Wilson as we have a reader desperate to read it. A small reward to whoever finds it!

*Mrs Crummay – School Librarian*

## Stars of the week!

|  |               |           |   |
|--|---------------|-----------|---|
|    | Butterflies   | Luke      | For excellent Plan Do Review this week and problem solving himself.   |
|    | Butterflies 2 | Alicia    | For some super independent writing and showing a confident attitude to having a go at her reading and writing without help.   |
|    | Orange        | Jack      | As chosen by the whole of Orange class for an improved and go-getting attitude! Well done Jack!   |
|    | Lime          | Fynn      | For his fantastic attitude to his learning this week. Showing great determination and respect to others.  |
|    | Green         | Madeleine | For her composed attitude towards the SATs and for doing such a brilliant job!  |
|    | Violet        | Bethany   | For excellence on her nutrition card. Taking on board feedback, up levelling and publishing it with beautiful presentations. Then teaching her publishing skills to others. |
|  | Amber         | Charlie   | For being committed to practising his virtues this week.  |
|  | Magenta       | Alfie     | For showing excellence in his listening this week and trying his best in everything he does.  |
|  | Emerald       | Astrid    | For excellence in her book making and bravery in the surf!  |
|  | Turquoise     | Demi      | For her 'excellent' attitude in our virtues activity morning. Thank You!  |
|  | Indigo        | Charlotte | For showing a huge amount of maturity, kindness and consideration to others at all times.   |

We are introducing a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, after school clubs and much more online, using a secure service called **ParentPay**. We have now introduced it to PARC (after school club) users. Next week we will be sending out 'ParentPay sign up' letters to parents of children who use Breakfast Club so that they can enjoy the convenience of paying online.

We hope this will be a really convenient and seamless way of paying for parents - no more queuing at reception to pay or finding unpaid coins in the bottom of school bags! There is a video on the school website which shows how easy it is to set up and use. Simply click on the link on the "parents info" tab. If you have any questions at all please ask at the office.



The **school dinner menu** is available on our website on the "School Kitchen" tab. Paper copies of the menus are also available from the school office. Week commencing the 23<sup>rd</sup> May is Week 3.

[http://www.pensansprimary.co.uk/website/fixed\\_menus/33772](http://www.pensansprimary.co.uk/website/fixed_menus/33772)





Please come and look at our new bug motel in the KS1 playground! Make sure you don't touch it as we want to encourage the creepy crawlies to make it their home!



The PTA will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale every other Friday for the rest of this term. If you would like to grab a bargain, please pop to the reception area at 2:45pm next week. If you have any good condition, clean Pensans uniform you would like to donate please drop it to the office.

#### Are you following us on Twitter?

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



#### Pensans Summer Fair

Our ever popular summer fair will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm. The PTA are already busy behind the scenes getting everything organised - if you would like to get involved and help organise a particular fundraising activity on the day please let the office team know. If you would like to have a stall on the day, please let us know that too! Stalls cost £5.

We will be sending home empty cake plates for parents to fill the week before. We'd like to have a bumper raffle this year - if you (or anyone you know or work for) could donate any prizes please let us know.

All money raised at the summer fair helps the PTA to fund special items for the children to enjoy. The PTA has recently raised money for seating in the school field, wet weather clothing for EYFS and chairs for the library. All contributions make such a difference!



We will be sending PARC booking forms home early next week. Parents wanting to book ahead and pay the reduced rates need to make sure they have no outstanding arrears before the first day of the new term. Completed forms need to be handed in on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> please.

If you would like to know more about PARC, please ask at the office.

#### Dates for your diary

- Mon 30<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Half term
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June – INSET day – no school
- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS Sports Day
- Weds 8<sup>th</sup> June – Phase 2/3 Sports Day
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> June – Phase 1 Sports Day
- Weds 15<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 and Y6 camps
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Lunch
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> June – Father's Day Lunch
- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> July – INSET day – no school
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> July – School fair in the afternoon
- Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Last day of school

*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!*

