

Pensans Post

Autumn term 09/12/2016



There are so many events and activities from now until the end of term that will give your children the opportunity to shine. We appreciate your support in building their confidence so that they can be truly proud of their achievements and share them publicly - the skills that children need to present and talk about their learning help them to prepare for their place in the world of adulthood. It may seem a long way off but our children will shape the future and we see the potential in every single one of them and I am sure you do too! So celebrate with us throughout the coming days before the end of term.

Hopefully we'll see you at the Christingle Service on Sunday.
Ms Clay

You are practising

Thankfulness when you

- Are thankful for the gifts of life
- Appreciate your own abilities instead of envying others
- See the difficulties of life as opportunities to learn
- Enjoy your sense of wonder about the beauty in the world
- Are willing to receive what others want to give
- Count your blessings every day

Affirmation

I am thankful for the many gifts within me and around me today. I appreciate my life. I look for the lessons. I expect the best.

Are you following us on Twitter?

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



Dates for your diary

- ***DATE AMENDMENT* Sunday 11th December** – Christingle with Choir @ St Mary's Church, Chapel Street @ 6pm – all invited
- **Weds 14th December** – School Christmas Dinner and Christmas jumper day. Plus EYFS Christmas Performance @ 10am.
- **Thursday 15th December** – KS1 Carol Concert, St Mary's Church, Chapel Street 2pm
- **Monday 19th December** – KS2 Christmas Carol Production
- **Tuesday 20th December** – Last day of school before Christmas holidays!
- **Weds 21st December** – **Weds 4th January** – Christmas holidays
- **Thursday 5th January** – Spring term begins
- **Friday 10th February** – INSET day
- **13th – 17th February** – Spring half 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!

Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our autumn attendance target is 94.61%. At 93.98% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Butterflies	94.20%	8
Butterflies 2	94.70%	5
Green	93.74%	10
Lime	94.86%	4
Orange	94.91%	3
Amber	94.37%	6
Magenta	94.10%	9
Violet	93.53%	11
Emerald	95.97%	2
Indigo	96.03%	1
Turquoise	94.3%	7
Whole school	94.61%	



Parents in school

No parent/carer should be in school without having signed in first and should ensure the visitors sticker they are issued is visible at all times.



ALL KS1 parents now need to allow their children to come into the cloakroom and classroom on their own. Teachers will remain by the door if you need to ask any questions. If parents need access to the school, they will be sent around the front to the office to sign in.

If you, or someone you know, are having a crisis (benefits stopped, illness, suddenly out of work...) and cannot afford to buy food, please remember that we have **Food Bank Vouchers** in school. Simply call us or drop in and ask a member of staff.

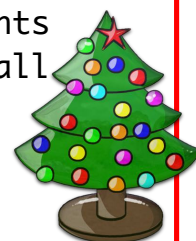
Clothes for the homeless

If you have any clean warm clothes that you would like to donate to the homeless peoples of Penzance, please drop them in a bag to the school office. Parents Jim and Eleanor Brown will collect and take them to Breadline – ideally they need warm socks, hats, gloves, scarves, waterproofs, jackets etc.



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 12/12/2016 is week 2 except Wednesday 14th December is Christmas Dinner day – children are invited to wear Christmassy jumpers on that day.

A big thank-you to Sam Elcox and the hardworking PTA members for their massive efforts recently. As well as organising and helping at the Christmas discos they have been really busy preparing for the school fair, and the raffle and creating the grotto. They are keen to welcome new members who are equally enthusiastic about fundraising for the fun things that make learning more exciting and helping at events that the children all love.





Please join us for a mince pie and help us prepare the children's classrooms for their exciting new topics!!!
On Tuesday 20th December.

Please leave your name with the school office team if you can join in and help at any point on this day.





Stars of the week

Butterflies	Vakaris	For showing kindness to his friends.
Butterflies 2	Bruce	For being brave trying new foods at lunch time and for being a brilliant angel in our nativity play practice.
Orange	Leila	For caring about her maths learning and trying her best.
Lime	Nadia	For being an excellent role model to Lime Class using her manners and always being ready for her learning. Keep it up Nadia.
Green	Sophie	For her beautiful re-telling of the Billy Goats Gruff story.
Violet	William	For determination and enthusiasm in his maths work.
Amber	Jack	For always showing thankfulness and gratitude amongst his friends and adults.
Magenta	Frankie	For striving for excellence by improving his handwriting.
Emerald		Not available at time of print.
Turquoise	Demi-Leigh	For being enthusiastic, helpful, determined and positive during our preparations for the Time Capsule Ceremony. Thank you!
Indigo		Not available at time of print.



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.commonssensemedia.org