

Pensans Post

Autumn term 11/11/2016



At Pensans we take the responsibility of safeguarding your children very seriously and we monitor the effectiveness of this regularly. There are many ways in which we keep your children safe and a primary one is being aware of ALL adults who are in our school.

We have noticed that some parents and carers are entering the school in the morning and after school without having a sticker/badge that shows they have signed in at the reception.

It is vital that ALL adults who enter the school beyond the reception even for a short time have signed the visitors book and are wearing a sticker or badge.

I have asked all staff to monitor this and they will direct you to reception if you are not wearing a sticker/badge and you are in the school building. **Please support us in keeping your children safe by ensuring that you have signed in appropriately.**

As you all know we are very lucky to have such fantastic grounds at Pensans and we have recently employed a new Caretaker, John Tallon, who is also a Bush Craft practitioner. He has already made the wooded area at the entrance to the school accessible for Outdoor Learning by learning trails and building a Fire Pit. As a further development we want to set up Bird Boxes with cameras that will film both night and day activity inside the boxes. The footage will be streamed into the classes and children will have the opportunity to observe the birds throughout their nesting cycle. Our long term aim would be to link up with other schools across the country and share footage so that our children develop their understanding of and respect for our wildlife.

To help raise funds for the equipment we will be looking for sponsorship. If you know of any organisations that would be interested in supporting us in this venture could you please let me know.

Ms Clay

We are getting very excited about Children In Need day on Friday 18th November. Please could all children come to school dressed 'spotty' and bring in a £1 donation for the day's activities. Pupil Parliament have met and decided that they would also like to raise money by holding a cake sale after school that day. Please could any cake donations be dropped into the office on Friday morning.



Are you following us on Twitter?

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



Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our autumn attendance target is 97%. At 95.11% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Butterflies	98.48%	2
Butterflies 2	94.95%	7
Green	95.47%	5
Lime	89.71%	10
Orange	99.18%	1
Amber	96.18%	4
Magenta	90.8%	9
Violet	92.59%	8
Emerald	98.29%	3
Indigo	95.47%	5
Turquoise	95.14%	6
Whole school	95.11%	



Thank you to everyone who helped their children raise sponsorship money before half term when Olympian, Anthony James visited the school.

The final figure raised by the children is an amazing £924.20p
Many thanks again to everyone!



CORNWALL MUSIC SERVICE TRUST

Cornwall Music Service Trust have a couple of spaces for keyboard tuition on Friday mornings. If you are interested with lessons with Mr Clapp please call their head office on 01872 246043. Your child may be entitled to subsidised or free music lessons – please check their website for more details:

www.cornwallmusicserVICetrust.org/

You are practising *Confidence* when you

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- Know you are worthwhile and feel sure of yourself
- Don't let fear, doubt or worry stop you
- Discover your talents and try new things
- Learn from your mistakes
- Think positively
- Trust that all things work together for good

Affirmation

I am confident. I appreciate my gifts and give my best. I enjoy trying new things. I welcome new possibilities.



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. The week we come back after half term is week 1!

Our Pick Up Point is well used at the end of each day but to work efficiently we really need the cooperation up point users please. It should only be used by parents who have asked for a time slot. These times are given to parents to stagger the traffic in the car park. If you have a KS2 child who comes out of school later, please come to school at the later time slot you have been allocated – even if you have a younger child.

**PICK
UP
POINT**

If you do arrive a bit earlier than your child and a queue forms behind you, you need to drive around the block until your child is there.

Many thanks for helping to make the system more efficient and the roads and car park a safer place!



Stars of the week

Butterflies	Kacy	For her friendliness to everyone.
Butterflies 2	Luna	For her friendliness to everyone which has helped her to make lots of friends in her class.
Orange	Bella-Rose	For a fantastic learning attitude!
Lime	Alicia	For using her patience virtue when working hard to understand place value.
Green	Zac	For his outstanding knowledge of place value and partitioning!
Violet	Scarlet	For being so helpful, tolerant and a general superstar within school.
Amber	Maya	For showing great patience and determination in preparing her group's Dragon's Den presentation.
Magenta	Josh	For a god start to his keynote presentation.
Emerald		Not available at time of print
Turquoise	Charlie	For showing extreme patience, determination, perseverance and self-discipline in learning how to solve the Rubik's Cube! Amazing!
Indigo		Not available at time of print

On Monday we took a team of 14 pupils to St Ives for a cross-country event. There were lots of competitors and all of the children ran with determination and perseverance. We were impressed with the results, with Hylie coming 3rd, Adam 2nd and Charlie W 4th.

Congratulations to you all, especially this being a first race for some of the children. Well done everyone!



Pensans PTA – Christmas dates for your diary

Please could parents make a note of the following dates:

- Friday 2nd December – School Disco (times to follow)
- Friday 9th December – School Christmas Fair 2pm – 4pm.

If you would be interested in a stall at the fair (£5 each) please book one at the office. As always we would also be grateful for any donations of quality raffle prizes.



A huge thank-you to all parents who have already signed up to ParentPay. Not having cash in school is making a huge difference to the well-being of students; there is more time for teaching and learning in classrooms, and importantly parents are also enjoying the convenience of being able to see clearly what they have paid for and what is due – and are able to pay for items 24/7. Cash (in named envelopes) should only be brought into school for school tuck and for outside agency payments eg Jump Club sessions when requested.

Please remember that there is a ParentPay access point in the school reception for anyone with internet access issues. There is also a useful video, in addition to help guides, on our school website.

Parents with children having Free or Universal Infant Free School Meals will 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 affected accounts each week.

In extreme circumstances we can issue barcodes so that parents can pay for items with cash at PayPoint outlets. Parents should note that they must only use the barcode relevant to that payment item and that any overpayments made with a barcode are difficult to refund. Please destroy it after you have used it for a one-off payment and use them with care!

Author Karenza Veor will be in school to read some of his new book '3 Cornish Piskies and their Amazing Adventures', to Year 3 and 4 on Wednesday. They have been enjoying learning some Cornish language, history and stories so are really looking forward to his visit. Books are available to buy on the day and for a short while after at a cost of £7.00 per copy or £8.00 with a CD of the stories. If you wish to buy a copy please send in the correct money in a named envelope please.



Dates for your diary

- **Friday 18th November** – Children in Need Day
- **Friday 2nd December** – School Disco
- **Friday 9th December**– School Fair – 2pm-4pm
- **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!