# **ISSUE 7** JAN 10TH 2014

### **SPRING TERM DATES**

**Thursday 16th Jan - After School Football Club Starts** Monday 20th Jan - All Clubs Start and run until April 4th Friday 31st Jan - INSET Day School Closed for Parent Consultations Friday 7th Feb - Skipathon & Wear Red Day (see Below)

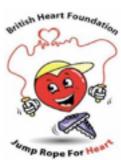
SCHOOL CLOSED **FRIDAY JAN 31st FOR** PARENT CONSULTATIONS & TARGET SETTING

This is an INSET Day where we will be holding Parent **Consultations / Target Setting** meetings for More details & a Booking Form is being distributed with this Newsletter

### SKIPATHON AND SEEING RED FOR BHF

The school will be holding a Skipathon on Friday February 7th. This event will see teams of children skip continuously for one hour in order to raise money for the British Heart Foundation who are the National Charity we are supporting

this year. The BHF have very kindly provided the school with skipping kits and resuscitation dolls to help us deliver First Aid training to pupils. In addition to the Skipathon children will also be allowed to dress in Red on the day to show their support for this worthwhile charity.



## PARLIAMENT RECEIVE AWARD

You may be aware that the coaliton government introduced a pupil premium of £900 for every student registered for Free School Meal entitlement. In these times of budget reductions it is very important for the school to access any funds available. If you qualify for your child/children to have free school meal but do not wish them to have the meal, by registering you would still help the school. Please register if you can!

For further help and advice please visit the website <a href="https://">https://</a> www.cornwall.gov.uk/default.aspx?page=20132

# **EVERY DAY COUNTS!**

No days lost	10 days lost	19 days lost	29 days lost -the same as half a term!	38 days lost	47 days lost		
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%		
190 School days each year	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education		
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Did you know that the approximate cost of each child's education at Pensans School is £30 per day. That's £150 per week and almost £6000 per year! Parents are liable to fines and even prison sentences for failing to ensure that their children regularly attend school. Of course the financial losses of poor attendance are only part of the problem. The real costs are met by the children who will often end up paying for the rest of their lives. Statistics show that pupils whose attendance is below 90% much less likely to achieve well at GCSE, and are therefore limiting their opportunities and choices as they move into adulthood. The table above shows the impact of lost days on a child's education. Children only get one chance - make sure that they make the most of it by sending them to school every day they are well enough to attend.

# **PLYMOUTH ARGYLE**

We are pleased to announce that the school has signed a deal with Plymouth Argyle oversee and deliver our Football Development Programme. This means that from Year 1 onwards budding footballers will benefit from high level coaching here at Pensans as part of the Pensans-PAFC Partnership. This partnership means that we have a discount rate of £1 per week rather than the normal £3, plus Plymouth will be providing various incentives and rewards to encourage the players. There will be two coaches for each session with a maximum squad of 32 places. If you haven't signed up yet it's not too late, please see the office for a form.

# **LEARNING 4 LIFE SPONSOR**

We are about to extend our Learning 4 Life programme thanks to the generous sponsorship of Phoenix Promotions. The programme which has been running in Year 6 for some time will now be extended across Key Stage 2. Pupils will learn a range of life skills including Staying Safe on Line, Asthma Awareness, Healthy Eating, First Aid etc. All pupils who successfully complete end of module test receive a certificate which goes into their new Learning 4 Life Portfolio. These Portfolios, which have been provided by our sponsor Phoenix will stay with pupils as they move through the school.



Keith Quinn from Phoenix Promotions presents the new Learning 4 Life Portfolios to the Head Boys and Girls



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