

# Pensans Post

Autumn term 02/12/2016



## 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.



## Are you following us on Twitter?

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



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.*

## Dates for your diary

- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December** – Choir singing at Light Up a Life @ 6pm, Methodist Church, Chapel Street – all invited
- **\*NEW TIME\* Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – School Fair – 3pm – 5pm
- **\*DATE AMENDMENT\* Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christingle with Choir @ St Mary's Church, Chapel Street @ 6pm – all invited
- **Weds 14<sup>th</sup> December** – School Christmas Dinner and EYFS Christmas Performance
- **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – KS1 Carol Concert, St Mary's Church, Chapel Street (details to follow)
- **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Christmas Carol Production
- **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of school before Christmas holidays!
- **Weds 21<sup>st</sup> December** – Weds 4<sup>th</sup> January – Christmas holidays
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – Spring term begins
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February** – INSET day
- **13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 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 97%. At 93.98% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Butterflies	92.06%	8
Butterflies 2	94.44%	4
Green	91.77%	9
Lime	94.24%	5
Orange	93.83%	7
Amber	95.83%	2
Magenta	95.24%	3
Violet	96.71%	1
Emerald	94.02%	6
Indigo	94.24%	5
Turquoise	91.4%	10
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>93.98%</b>	



### 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.

### KS1 Library Visit Parent Volunteers Wanted

On Friday 9th December KS1 are walking to the library to share our fairytale story sacks we have been working so hard on. We are looking for some parent helpers who are available on the morning of Friday 9th December to help walk down with us. If you would like to volunteer please see Mrs Hallett in Orange class.



### school dinner

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 05/12/2016 is week 1.

### Pensans School Fair - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December @ 3 - 5pm

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





## Stars of the week

Butterflies	Zelah	For always trying her best in Maths and Phonics.
Butterflies 2	Brogan	For being more confident with and making good progress with his learning especially his name writing and phonics.
Orange	Jowan	For trying his best in his learning.
Lime	Fynn	For working hard on joining his handwriting in our Cinderella writing for our story sacks.
Green	Inigo	For his lovely version of the Three Billy Goats Gruff.
Violet	Chloe	For self-discipline and enthusiasm for her learning this week.
Amber	Sennen	For showing courage, determination and helpfulness. Sennen is always happy to help others when they find things tricky.
Magenta	Ryan	For flexibility, honesty, perseverance and tolerance.
Emerald	Bernadette	For a fabulous biography with lots of re-drafts.
Turquoise	Vianna	For always being a helpful, kind, friendly and caring member of Team Turquoise. You always do everything with a huge, smile on your face too! Thanks You!
Indigo	Tommi	For his caring attitude towards others in school.



**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](http://www.commonssensemedia.org)

