

LATEST AUTUMN TERM DATES

Monday September 24th - After School Clubs Start
Tuesday 25th - Family Photographs (8am) and Individual Photographs (all day)
October 9th & 10th - Parent Teacher Consultations - (letter to follow)
SATs Week for next Year's Y6 (Current Y5) is May 13th-17th 2013 no holidays please

ARRANGEMENTS FOR PHOTOGRAPHS NEXT WEEK

We have Harlequin Photography visiting the school on Tuesday (25th Sept) of next week to take both Family and Individual photos. Family pictures will be taken from 8am to 9am on a first come first served basis.

ARRIVAL & COLLECTION FROM FOUNDATION STAGE

A polite reminder to parents who drop off or collect children from Foundation Stage that children need to be supervised and well behaved whilst on the school site both prior to the gates opening and after the session has finished. We take responsibility for, and set high standards of behaviour for pupils throughout the school during all lessons. Prior to school beginning and after school we would ask parents to ensure that these high expectations are maintained by pupils please. In addition any parent heard using bad language on the site will be asked to leave and may face a ban from

HOUSE CAPTAINS ELECTED

As previously reported, we are looking to create a much bigger role for our House Teams from this term. We already have a very strong Team Pensans spirit, but feel that the addition of extra House Team competitions, camaraderie and focus will add to pupils overall enjoyment and achievement whilst at school.

To this end we have; introduced the House Team ties , are holding House Team meetings and are planning a series of

House Team competitions which include academic as well as sporting themes. This week each House listened to presentations from prospective House Team

Captains and then had the opportunity to vote for their preferred candidate. All of those who put themselves forward deserve great credit for doing so and whether elected or not should be very proud of themselves.

This year we are extending the House Captaincy team to 3 children from each House, this includes 1 overall Captain and 2 Vice Captains. The teams will be led this year by;

Botallack HC Joss Stone, VCs Kiran Ely & Peyton Pocock **Crofty** HC Harry Sutton, VCs Mark Summers & Ebony Wynne **Geevor** HC Lauren Ough, VCs Daniel Smith & Ryan Kewn **Levant** HS Zoe Empson, VCs Tyler McLoughlin & Tilly Williams



This Year's House Captains Harry,
Joss, Zoe & Lauren

UNWANTED VISITORS

Headlice, or "nits" as they are often known, are a problem for every school in the country. Parents of children to whom these pests are particularly attracted become understandably frustrated at spending time, money and effort treating their children (often with chemical solutions) only for them to be reinfected soon afterwards. As a school we have taken a stronger line than most on this issue, and will send pupils home to be treated if the problem is severe. We also work closely with the school nurse to support individual families where this is needed, however the NHS will not re-introduce the 'nit nurse' as they do not see the problem to be of a serious enough nature to justify this. We would like your opinion on a <u>possible</u> next step for the school (see question below)

2012 Parent's Question

If the school could provide a suitably qualified and appropriate person to;

a) carry out regular, discrete & confidential checks of all pupils hair to help identify serious cases of headlice which require urgent attention, ensuring that children are not embarrassed or shamed in any way

b) provide appropriate support for families to address the problem

Would you support this? (please tick as appropriate) YES

NO

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