

LATEST DATES

Monday Sept. 16th - Peripatetic Music Lessons begin

Monday Sept 23rd - Clubs Start

Monday Oct. 21st - Parent Teacher Consultations 3.30 to 6pm

Tuesday Oct 22nd - Parent Teacher Consultations 3.30 to 6pm

Friday Oct. 25th - School Closed for INSET Training on the New National Curriculum

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WELCOME BACK

Well done to all our children for settling into their new classes so quickly, and thanks to all parents for preparing them so well for the new school year. We look forward to another successful and eventful year here at Pensans and look forward to working with you between now and July 2014!

IMPORTANT FACEBOOK MESSAGE



Pensans School uses its Facebook page as an information service for parents and as such it is a useful way to reach as many of you as possible. As an organisation we are constantly looking to improve what we do and we are always open to parents who wish to speak to us with any form of suggestion or concern. However, the school is not prepared to accept offensive, ill-founded and damaging comments which appear on Facebook or any other social media relating to the school, the staff or pupils. Such written comments are potentially libellous and defamatory and the school may take legal action against those who publish them. We have fantastic children, staff and a school to be proud of. If the school is doing something well tell everyone you know, if you think we could do better tell us - we are part the same team!

HOLIDAY REQUESTS

There are lots of changes being brought into many aspects of life both in and out of school at the moment. One key change which will affect a lot of families comes from the 2013 Education Regulations which came into effect on September 1st. These state that **“head teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances”** The regulations are clear that family holidays cannot be authorised and do not class as exceptional circumstances. This means that we **will be unable to sanction any family holiday requests this year.** Unauthorised absences are liable to a significant fine from the Education Welfare Service. We are aware that this may create some difficulties and frustrations within our school community. This is a change which central Government have introduced and we would suggest that parents raise any concerns they have with the local elected Member of Parliament.

5 STAR AWARD FOR KITCHEN

Congratulations go to Mrs Mawer and her team in the school kitchen for achieving the highest possible rating during a recent inspection of the kitchens. This rare 5 Star rating is a testament to the hard work and conscientious approach which Linda, Kath and Kim bring to our school every day!



JASMINE GRADUATES AT THE CU!

Congratulations to Jasmine Sims who graduated from the Children's University in July. Jasmine earned her graduation certificate



by attending accredited clubs both here at Pensans and in the community. By collecting her attendance stamps she built up enough Learning Hours to become our first Graduate. Anyone interested in following in her footsteps can get a Children's University Passport from the School Office.

PARENT'S QUICK CHECKLIST

- PE Kits need to be in school each Monday and home on Friday please
- Children benefit hugely from being heard to read each night at home
- Reading Record/Planners should be signed each night please
- Notify the school of any new medical conditions for your child
- All children need a tie once they reach Year 1 please
- If you have changed telephone number please tell us
- No trainers as part of the uniform please
- All items of uniform need to be named please
- Swimming costs £1.30p each week please



NEW STAFF WELCOME

We are very pleased to be able to welcome three new teachers to our staff team this year. Mrs Trow joins Lime Class from Alverton School, Miss Saville joins Indigo Class from from Portreath School and Mrs Reid will be with afternoon Nursery having previously taught in the Helston area. We're delighted to have three such well respected and experienced local teachers as part of the Pensans Team and are sure that they will bring a great deal to our school and your children's learning over the coming year.



Miss Saville, Mrs Trow and Mrs Reid who all joined our staff team at the start of this term

YEAR PLANNER

Angela Driscoll and Nic Edmands two of our excellent TA Team took advantage of an opportunity to go on a fact finding visit to The Reading Tree Primary School in Mumbai over the summer. The trip was funded by The British Council and had a huge impact upon both members of staff who were treated as VIPs throughout their visit. A report on their trip will follow in a future newsletter.



Nic Edmands and Angela Driscoll take a class in Mumbai this Summer

YEAR PLANNER

Attached to this Newsletter is a copy of the School's Year Planner. This will hopefully provide you with a useful reference guide to the school year and the events we have planned which could be put onto the fridge or wherever you keep such things. We cannot guarantee that dates will not shift as the year progresses, but the attached planner is correct at the time of writing.

CONTACT DETAIL INFORMATION

We will be sending home the Key Contact details information sheets in the next few weeks and would ask parents to check, amend and return these to us as soon as possible. It is really important that we are able to contact you in an emergency and therefore need the most up to date mobile phone details etc. Thank you.

WE GREW OUR OWN!

The children enjoyed some homegrown salad and vegetables from our roof garden at the end of last term. The onions, salad and potatoes were all very popular amongst the children. Apart from the great taste the lessons learned in planting, growing, harvesting and eating this produce were huge. Let's hope that in future when asked where vegetables come from the answer won't be "Tesco's"! Thanks to those who helped with the garden especially Pappy!



THE END OF AN ERA



Thanks to Kath Empson who presented this fantastic Pensans themed cake to the school at the end of last term. The cake marked the end of an era for Kath as her youngest daughter Zoe moved onto Mounts Bay (to follow her sister Hollie), at the end of the Summer ending a long association with our school. Thanks to Kath for the cake which astonishingly made it out of Mr Higgs office and went down very well in the staffroom. Thanks also go to Kath who was very active on the PTA for several years and to Jamie who has also supported the school in many ways since we opened in 2005.

