

Pensans Post



Autumn term 15/09/2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Virtue we are focusing on next week is Friendliness. The staff in all areas of the school work hard to make everyone in our community feel welcome and appreciated. The friendships that the children develop and the skills needed to be a good friend will enable them to flourish and feel valued for who they are. This has a powerful impact on the children's learning.

We will be celebrating our new virtues tree and raising money for Macmillan on Friday 29th September by holding a cake sale. Please look out for the invitations to the event, posters and texts with further details.

We are currently looking to recruit Parent Governors for the school. If you are able to commit the time and energy to ensure that all children in our school achieve and you are someone who looks for solutions and positive ways forward we would like to hear from you. Next week there will be forms for you to collect from the school reception so that you can let us know what skills you would be able to bring to the whole school. Please bring these completed forms back to reception by Monday 25th September, all parents will then be able to vote for their representative on our Governing Body.

Have a good weekend!
Ms Clay

Pick up point

Although we would always encourage walking to and from school, to help ease congestion at the end of the school day we run a pick-up-point facility. We encourage as many parents to use this as possible. Parents need to sign up to the service each academic year by completing a form. Parents will be allotted a pick up time according to their child's year group and given a time-slot card to display in the car. Extra cards can be requested for grandparents etc.

We ask parents to arrive at school at the time on their cards and not before. To keep traffic flowing in the car park and the main roads, pick-up point parents will have to drive around and come back if their child/children are not there - pick-up point cannot be used as a car park. If you have more than one child, the pick-up time will depend on the age of the oldest child. Thank you for your cooperation.



You are practicing

Friendliness

when you...

- Like yourself and know you have a lot to offer
- Smile and greet people courteously
- Get to know people and let them get to know you
- Show caring when a friend needs you
- Are friendly to people who look and act differently
- Make someone new feel welcome

Affirmation

*I am friendly. I show an interest in others
by being warm and courteous. I am a loyal friend.
My friendship is a worthy gift.*



Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Autumn attendance target is 97%. At 96.33% we are just under target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Butterflies	100%	1
Orange	86.64%	9
Green	99.62%	2
Lime	94.46%	7
Violet	99.15%	3
Amber	95.3%	6
Magenta	94.25%	8
Emerald	98.35%	4
Indigo	95.58%	5
Turquoise	100%	1
Whole School	96.33%	



Parents / carers are asked to ensure that all children are strapped into their appropriate car seats please. A worrying number of children are not strapped in on the way to school and when leaving.

Donations request

We would really like to get our mud kitchen back up and running in KS1. If you have any old metal pots, pans, baking trays, spoons, serving spoons, whisks etc that we could have, we would greatly appreciate it.

Also do you have any old clothes (clean and good condition) suitable for dressing up at lunchtimes AND/OR any pre-loved toys suitable for outside play. Please pop them to the school reception if you can help. Many thanks!



School Dinners

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 18/09/2017 is week 2.

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.



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Stars of the week



Butterflies	Alexa	For good listening, playing well and being helpful at tidy up time in her new class.
Orange	Harry N	For his happiness in his new class and for being super helpful!
Lime	Lola and Petra	For settling well into our school and showing excellence and enthusiasm in their very first piece of writing.
Green	Marley and Jade	For settling into Green so beautifully and for always using the virtue of perseverance.
Violet	Archie	For excellent explaining during maths and using his unity virtue to help others.
Amber	Cephia	For always showing unity and excellence. Cephia always puts so much effort into all of her work as well as working together as part of at team.
Magenta	Keeley	For showing unity in class, especially with the new Year 6s.
Emerald	Charlie	For his enthusiasm, interest and great questions on our trip to Cotehele.
Turquoise	Scarlett	For showing real unity by making Grace very welcome to Team Turquoise and Pensans.
Indigo		Not available as on school trip

Thank you to everyone who has been remembering to pay for school dinners, PARC, swimming sessions and breakfast clubs etc in advance via **ParentPay**. Eagle-eyed parents who have children on Free School Meals may have noticed 20p charges for school meals added to their ParentPay accounts each day. Please ignore these, they are taken off each Friday. afternoon.

Parents School Parent Mail

Debt Management



Mathletics Hall of Fame

Here are this weeks
Mathlete:

Orange - Charlie S

Turquoise - Adam

The children in phase 2 had a fantastic evacuee day, waving parents goodbye, having a steam train ride at Trevarno and exploring the Britain in the Blitz at Flambards.



Dates for your diary

16th - 19th October - after school parent consultations

23rd - 27 October - half term

Monday 30th October - INSET day = no school

21st December - 3rd January Christmas Holidays

4th January - first day back

Friday 9th February - Parent Consultations INSET - no school

12th - 16th February - half term

30th March - 13th April - Easter break

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!

Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals update

An important reminder to ALL parents but especially those who currently had children in Year 2 or Nursery last term who have moved into Reception class. If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please ask for a form from Linda in reception. The more parents registered for Free School Meals from Reception through to Year 6, the more Pupil Premium funding our school receives from the Government. Pupil Premium is additional funding which enables our school to provide extra support to children and enable pupils to reach their full potential.

Children who have moved into Year 3 are no longer eligible for free meals through the Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme, so please ensure you make an application in time for the new term if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals.





The Year 5/6s have had an amazing time experiencing Tudor Life at Cothele House this week!



