

Pensans Post



Autumn term 02/11/2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been really lucky with the weather so far this term however rain and damp are inevitable! With this in mind I'd like to remind you that we operate a flag system at lunchtime:

Red - it's too wet to use the field

Orange - children with wellies can use the field

Green - all children can use the field

It's great to see children on the field and in the wooded area for as much of the year as possible. They have the opportunity to play creatively and enjoy the wonderful grounds that we are fortunate to have. If your child does not have wellies in school please send in a clearly labelled pair in a carrier bag so that they can take advantage of the orange flag days! Our lunchtime supervisor team is now fully staffed and we are developing play opportunities for the children.

Here's hoping for a dry weekend !

Angela Clay

A really big thanks to all of the Phase 2 parents who came into school on Wednesday to help create some exciting Mexican crafts for our Day of the Dead Fiesta. We had a brilliant time at the fiesta yesterday and we couldn't have done it without loads of support from our very creative parents! An extra special thanks to Sam Johnson, Zanna Pill and Emma Waller who spent time baking delicious treats for the event, they were all DELICIOUS!





Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Autumn attendance target is 97%. We are at 92.74% attendance this week - slightly lower than average because of a sickness bug.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Bumblebees	94.02%	5
Orange	96.89%	3
Green	89.44%	8
Lime	97.52%	2
Violet	98.15%	1
Amber	90.91%	6
Cobalt	94.89%	4
Emerald	90.58%	7
Indigo	88.64%	9
Turquoise	86.39%	10
Whole School	92.74%	



School Dinners

Week commencing 05/11/2018 is week 2. School menus and their weeks are on our school website.

Are you following us on Twitter?

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



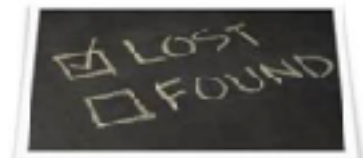
Individual and family photos

On Wednesday 14th November we have Harlequin photographers in to take family photos from 8am. Please bring your children into the hall for family photos if you would like to. Individual photos will be taken during class time. The photos will be ready in time for Christmas.



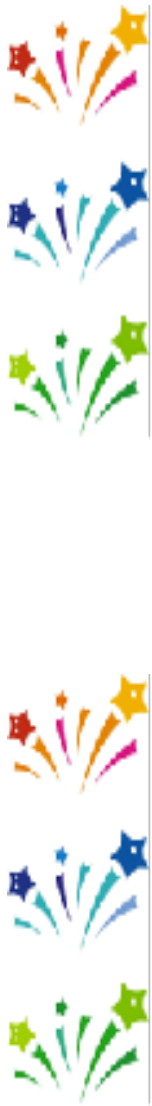
Lost property

Amelia Spick's yellow PE hoody has vanished from her PE bag. Could everyone check for it please. Many thanks!



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.

Stars of the week



Bumblebees	Quinn	For great independent learning
Orange	Kyron	For beginning to take pride in his work and persevering until his acrostic looked good.
Lime	Lime and Green Class	For their enthusiasm and good behaviour on their Minack trip this week. Thank you for representing the school so nicely!
Green		
Cobalt	Elijah	for his fantastic knowledge and writing all about the Day of the Dead!
Violet	Grace	For showing great strength and courage when participating in our class assembly. She is a super class member.
Amber	Matt	For consistently being an excellent role model. Matt puts excellence in his work and in his behaviour.
Turquoise	Jack	for his incredible Zeus character description and homework project. Legendary!
Indigo	Maisy	For making an effort to find different ways to help herself focus.
Emerald	Emrys	For his fantastic independent writing about Gods and his great achievements in the morning maths.

HERE ARE THIS WEEKS MATHLETES:

AMBER - SOPHIE
COBALT - ROSIE AND JENNY
TURQUOISE - JACOB
INDIGO - LEXI



ParentPay

Please can all parents and carers check their ParentPay accounts and ensure that all outstanding amounts are settled eg for swimming sessions and dinners. All meals, swimming sessions and breakfast / PARC clubs need to be paid for in advance. As you are aware, Pensans is a "No Debt" school to avoid debts accumulating and the impact this has on families and the school. Please contact the office staff or headteacher if you have any queries.





Autumn term dates for your diary

Wednesday 07/11/2018 - NHS Nasal Flu treatment for Reception to Year 5 if consent given

Wednesday 14/11/2018 - Harlequin for the family and individual photos on the 14th November starting at 8am in the hall with family groups.

Thursday 22/11/2018 - Bag2School collection at 9am

Friday 14/12/2018 - EYFS Nativity

Friday 21/12/2018 Christmas Holiday begins!

Monday 07/01/2019 - First day of Spring Term

Check to see if you qualify for Free School Meals!



Are you entitled?

Eligibility for Free School Meals from Year Three onwards is linked to household income. The more children from Reception to Y6 who are on Free School Meals means the more money we get via Pupil Premium to help improve the attainment of children in school. To check if you are eligible for Free School Meals simply let Mrs Oliver at the school reception know some very basic details: Names, Dates of Birth, National Insurance Number and she will do the rest for you!

We have had a reported case of **Norovirus** in our Early Years classes and have had a deep clean over the half term. If your child has any signs of this highly contagious virus (diarrhoea/vomiting) please see the poster below. There is nothing the GP can prescribe for sickness and diarrhoea. A chemist may be able to provide rehydration solutions.

Contact your GP or NHS 111 to seek advice if the symptoms last longer than a few days, or visit nhs.uk/norovirus for more information.

Diarrhoea and vomiting in children

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as **Norovirus**. See tips to reduce the spread and treat symptoms

Keep kids home from school for



after symptoms have passed. This is enough time to let the virus run its course

If your child already has a serious illness, or symptoms last longer than a few days, contact your GP to seek advice

Visit nhs.uk/norovirus



Washing hands frequently and thoroughly helps limit the spread of the virus

25 different strains of Norovirus are known to affect humans.

They're the most common cause of stomach bugs in the UK

Home Treatment



Paracetamol is useful for fever or aches and pains



Give kids plenty of water to stay hydrated and replace lost fluids



If your child feels like eating, give them bland foods



Pick-up point

It's great that so many parents are using pick up point - please ensure you come at the slot time you have been given (this depends on the year group of your oldest child). If you are too early for your child you may be asked to drive around and come back.

If you would like to use our pick-up point this term, please ask at the office for a sign up form. This includes parents who were using it last year as we need to refresh and check the details we have on file. Using our pick up at the end of the school day means that you don't have to worry about parking in or around school.



We have had a number of parents commenting on other parents not using the correct car seats, or worse still, none at all. As a result of this worrying situation, we have asked the local police to come to school and do a spot check early this next term. Please ensure your child has the correct car seat for their weight. Children must use a child car seat until they're 12 years old or 135 centimetres tall, whichever comes first.

<https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules>
<https://www.childcarseats.org.uk/choosing-using/>



Mounts Bay Junior Badminton Club



Free Open Day

Saturday 24th November
 10am – 2pm

Penwith College Sports Hall

Mounts Bay Junior Club is open for new membership for players ages 7+

Come along for a free fun badminton activity session and learn about our club which meets on a Thursday

For more information contact
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