

LATEST AUTUMN TERM DATES

Important Dates for Early Years Foundation Stage Parents

Monday 10th Sept. - **Ladybirds children start**

Thursday 13th Sept. - **Butterflies children now stay until 1pm**

Monday 17th Sept. - **Foundation Stage WILL NOW BE OPEN - training cancelled**

Thursday 20th Sept. - **Butterflies children now start full-time**

Whole School

Monday September 17th - **Music Lessons Start**

Monday September 24th - **After School Clubs Start**

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

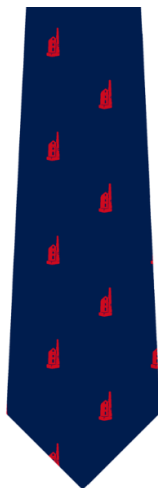
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WELCOME BACK, you know it must be time for the children to return to school the leaves start to fall from the trees and the sun shines properly for the first time in weeks! We hope that you all had a good break, whatever the weather. The children have all returned to school looking really smart and have settled into their new classes extremely well. As always the manners and behaviour around school are a great credit to you, so thank you. We look forward to working with you and your children for another productive and exciting year of learning. If you have any concerns or queries please don't hesitate to contact us. We are as always committed to working in partnership with you for the benefit of your children, Mr Higgs

WHAT'S NEW?

TIES - After discussion with the Pupil Parliament last year with regard to raising the profile of the House Teams around the school, they came up with the idea of House Team ties which have a Cornish Engine House in their team colour. We have introduced these from this term and all of Year 1 now have the new ties. However we do not expect everyone else to immediately replace the old style tie with the new design unless they wish to. We would however like to see all pupils in the new tie by the end of the year ideally, but are very conscious of the additional cost involved. If any parent would like the new style tie they are available from the office at a cost of £4.50p



PLAY AREA - We are very, very grateful to Alan Pocock who has spent much of the Summer making a new outdoor play area (pictured below) for the EarlyYears outdoor classroom. He has done a fantastic job and the children are absolutely delighted with the results. We would ask parents to ensure that older children stay off the equipment when collecting younger siblings please as it is not designed for use by bigger children.



WHO'S NEW?

We are pleased to welcome a number of new staff to our school this term. We have two new Teaching Assistants who were appointed in July these are Ms Sam Church who will be working in Foundation Stage and Mrs Liane Mayes who will be part of Orange Class. We also welcome a new teacher in Mrs Rebecca Higgins who has moved from London where she was a very successful and highly regarded Nursery Teacher. Mrs Higgins will make an excellent addition to the already strong Foundation Stage Team.

Although not new members of staff, the Autumn Term brings a change of role for two members of staff. Mr Savage is now undertaking a Graduate Teacher Training programme with us and will be working alongside Miss Thomas in Magenta Class, and Mrs Maddern-Evans has successfully completed the Higher Level Teaching Award (HLTA) and will therefore be able to undertake HLTA duties this year.

Sadly we say goodbye to Mrs Heron our Cook who retires at the end of this Half-Term. Sue started as a cook at Mounts Bay School in 1981, she then became Head Cook at Penzance Infants for 15 years before joining Pensans Primary in 2005. She has been a fantastic cook and has always put the needs of the school first. She will be greatly missed by us all but we wish her a long, happy and well deserved retirement.

Mrs Heron (centre)
pictured with her team
will retire at Half-Term
after 31 years
dedicated service to
Penzance Schools.



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PARENTS END OF YEAR SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to everyone who completed the parent questionnaires this year. We received 54 completed questionnaires and the results of these, plus analysis are shown below.

GENERAL QUESTIONS Based on the Ofsted Parent Questionnaire	% Strongly Agree	% Agree	% Disagree	% Strongly Disagree	% Don't Know
My Child is happy at school	69	31	0	0	0
My child feels safe at school	70	28	0	0	0
My child makes good progress at school	65	35	0	0	2
My Child is well looked after at school	80	19	2	0	0
My child is taught well at school	78	22	0	0	0
The school manages behaviour well	67	31	0	0	2
The school deals effectively with bullying	67	28	0	0	6
The school is well led and managed	76	22	0	0	2
I would recommend the school to other parents	20	80	0	0	0

This is a really positive set of views which many schools can only dream of. 100% of respondents agreed that children are happy, safe, are taught well and would recommend our school to other parents.

98% believed that their children make good progress, are well looked after and that the school manages behaviour well, and is well led. No one considered that the school did not deal effectively with bullying, that fact that 3 people (6%) "don't know" is likely to reflect the positive fact that this has happily never been an issue for them or their children.

That 85% of parents consider Communication to be at least Good and no one sees it as Poor is a big step forward. All parents thought that the topic based approach was positive for their children, and 96% thought that the work with the Eden Project was at least Good. 98% thought that the Car Pick up service had made a difference to reducing congestion on site.

PLEASE RATE THE SCHOOLS PROGRESS IN FOLLOWING AREAS WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO IMPROVE THESE THIS YEAR	% Very Good	% Good	% OK	% Poor	% Very Poor
Communication from the school (Newsletters, Facebook, SMS etc.)	54	31	15	0	0
Developing the school grounds for pupil use (Eden Project plans)	72	24	4	0	0
The end of school pupil 'pick-up' service - aimed at reducing congestion	56	24	17	2	0
Strengthening partnerships with other schools by becoming a Co-op trust	46	39	15	0	0
Enriching pupil learning through an inspiring curriculum/choice of topics	69	28	4	0	0

ONE OF THE AREAS WE WANT TO REVIEW NEXT YEAR IS HOME LEARNING - PLEASE GIVE US YOUR OPINIONS	% Agree	% Disagree	% Sometimes/Not Sure
I think that homework is worthwhile and useful for my child's age group	81	2	17
I am happy with the amount of homework my child receives	70	15	15
I am happy with the type of homework that my child receives	81	6	13
I monitor & support my child with their homework each week (inc Reading)	93	0	7
I would like help in order to support my child's learning more effectively at home	43	46	11
I would like to be able to access my child's homework online	54	28	19

Based upon these responses, plus staff views on the effectiveness of our current arrangements for Home Learning we intend to conduct a review of our practices from September 2012. Over half of those who responded would like access to homework online and this will be available from early in the Autumn Term. We are also planning more parental support sessions.

No parents believed that they would not be listened to by the school if they had a concern and that it would act appropriately. We plan to provide parents with more regular and detailed progress information based on the fact that 20% were unsure about this. We also plan to reform a PTA from the Autumn Term based on these responses.

ONE OF THE AREAS WE WANT TO DEVELOP NEXT YEAR IS PARENT PARTNERSHIPS - PLEASE GIVE US YOUR OPINIONS	% Agree	% Disagree	% Sometimes/Not Sure
I feel that the school would listen to any concerns I had and act appropriately	89	0	11
I feel that the school keeps me well informed about my child's progress	78	2	20
I feel that the school keeps me well informed about school events etc.	83	2	15
I would like to see the school have form a PTA or Friends Association again	56	4	37
I would be willing and able to become involved in a PTA or Friends Association	33	24	37

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PLAN AREAS 2012-2013

Based upon our analysis of Attainment Data, Pupil, Staff and Parent Surveys and DfE Requirements we plan to have a particular focus on the following Development Areas in 2012-13;

PARENT PARTNERSHIPS (inc. PTA, Progress Reports etc.)

PUPIL INTERNET SAFETY

OUTDOOR LEARNING (inc. continuing to develop the grounds with the Eden Project)

READING

ATTENDANCE

GIFTED & TALENTED

HOMEWORK

**CORNWALL COUNCIL
SCHOOL TERM DATES
2012-2013 ACADEMIC YEAR**

September 2012							October 2012							November 2012						
Sun		2	9	16	23	30	Sun		7	14	21	28		Sun		4	11	18	25	
Mon		3	10	17	24		Mon	1	8	15	22	29		Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		4	11	18	25		Tue	2	9	16	23	30		Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		5	12	19	26		Wed	3	10	17	24	31		Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thu		6	13	20	27		Thu	4	11	18	25			Thu	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri		7	14	21	28		Fri	5	12	19	26			Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29		Sat	6	13	20	27			Sat	3	10	17	24		
December 2012							January 2013							February 2013						
Sun		2	9	16	23	30	Sun		6	13	20	27		Sun		3	10	17	24	
Mon		3	10	17	24	31	Mon		7	14	21	28		Mon		4	11	18	25	
Tue		4	11	18	25		Tue	1	8	15	22	29		Tue		5	12	19	26	
Wed		5	12	19	26		Wed	2	9	16	23	30		Wed		6	13	20	27	
Thu		6	13	20	27		Thu	3	10	17	24	31		Thu		7	14	21	28	
Fri		7	14	21	28		Fri	4	11	18	25			Fri	1	8	15	22		
Sat	1	8	15	22	29		Sat	5	12	19	26			Sat	2	9	16	23		
March 2013							April 2013							May 2013						
Sun		3	10	17	24	31	Sun		7	14	21	28		Sun		5	12	19	26	
Mon		4	11	18	25		Mon	1	8	15	22	29		Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		5	12	19	26		Tue	2	9	16	23	30		Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed		6	13	20	27		Wed	3	10	17	24			Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thu		7	14	21	28		Thu	4	11	18	25			Thu	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	1	8	15	22	29		Fri	5	12	19	26			Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30		Sat	6	13	20	27			Sat	4	11	18	25		
June 2013							July 2013							August 2013						
Sun		2	9	16	23	30	Sun		7	14	21	28		Sun		4	11	18	25	
Mon		3	10	17	24		Mon	1	8	15	22	29		Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		4	11	18	25		Tue	2	9	16	23	30		Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		5	12	19	26		Wed	3	10	17	24	31		Wed		7	14	21	28	
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Fri		7	14	21	28		Fri	5	12	19	26			Fri	2	9	16	23	30	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29		Sat	6	13	20	27			Sat	3	10	17	24	31	

AUTUMN TERM 2012 (75 days)

03 September - 21 December
(Half term 29 October - 02 November)

SPRING TERM 2013 (54 days)

07 January - 28 March
(Half term 18 - 22 February)

SUMMER TERM 2013 (66 days)


15 April - 23 July
(Half term 27th - 31st May)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Christmas Day
Boxing Day
New Year's Day
Good Friday
Easter Monday
Early May Holiday
Spring Bank Holiday
Summer Bank Holiday

25th December 2012
26th December 2012
1st January 2013
29th March 2013
1st April 2013
6th May 2013
27th May 2013
26th August 2013

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days.
The 5 additional days are allotted for In-Service Training.

 school holidays



Pensans CP School Year Planner 2012-2013



	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T						
September						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
October	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					
November				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
December						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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February						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28			
March						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
April	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30						
May			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
June						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
July	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31					

INSET	Holiday	Sports Days	Concerts	Events	Assessment	Clubs	Governors