

Pensans Post

Autumn term 16/12/2016



I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support and enthusiasm this term. Being positive and helping your child to be the best that they can be makes a real difference to your child's happiness and achievement. The Christmas Celebrations have been special throughout all phases and your presence means everything to your children and the staff at school.

Please put **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 3rd** in your diary as we are having special day celebrating and learning about **technology in our children's lives**. There will be **activities, quizzes, cakes** and the **opportunity to win a tablet!** So look out for further information in the New Year.

Our Virtue that we will be celebrating when we return is Tolerance. Please take the time to discuss how you practice this virtue during the holiday.

School is open on Monday and Tuesday next week but Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all.
Angela Clay, Headteacher

You are practising *Tolerance*
when you ...

- Build unity with others who are different from you
- Are free of prejudice
- Make others feel included by reaching out in friendliness
- Don't complain about things that cannot be changed
- Change yourself instead of trying to change others
- Accept people the way they are, faults and all

Affirmation

I am tolerant. I appreciate differences. I overlook people's faults. I accept the things I cannot change with good grace.

Dates for your diary

- **Monday 19th December** – KS2 Christmas Carol Production
- **Tuesday 20th December** – Last day of school before Christmas holidays!
- **Weds 21st December – Weds 4th January** – Christmas holidays
- **Thursday 5th January** – Spring term begins
- **Monday 16th January** – Magenta, Amber, Violet (phase 2) Art Afternoon for parents
- **Saturday 28th January** – School Beach Clean (more info to follow).
- **Friday 3rd February** – School Technology day (more info to follow)
- **Monday 23rd January** – First week of after-school clubs
- **Friday 10th February** – No school – Parent Consultation Day / INSET day
- **13th – 17th February** – Spring half term



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!

Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our autumn attendance target is 92.07%. At 93.98% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Butterflies	92.59%	6
Butterflies 2	88.89%	10
Orange	96.3%	2
Green	90.08%	9
Lime	93%	5
Violet	91.36%	7
Amber	85.42%	11
Magenta	89.33%	8
Emerald	96.58%	1
Indigo	96.58%	3
Turquoise	94.62%	4
Whole school	92.07%	



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Please could all outstanding balances on ParentPay be settled before the start of the new term in January. Any queries to the office as soon as possible.

Our Nursery and Reception children gave an amazing performance in their Nativity play this week!



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 19/12/2016 is week 3.

Are you following us on Twitter?

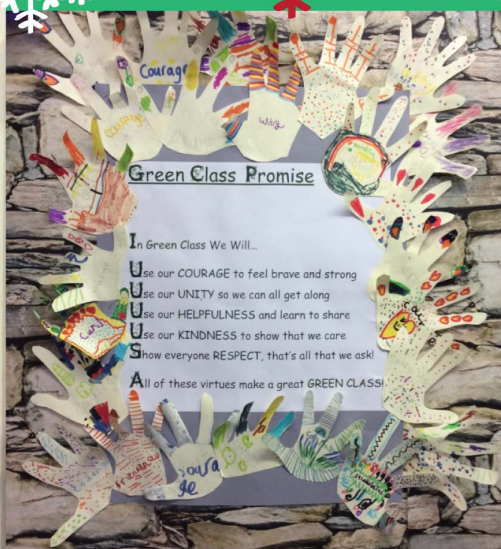
Keep up-to-date with all the exciting things that are going on @pensansschool.





Please join us for a mince pie and help us prepare the children's classrooms for their exciting new topics!!!
On Tuesday 20th December.

Please leave your name with the school office team if you can join in and help at any point on this day.





Stars of the week

Butterflies	Ebony	For always being kind to her friends
Butterflies 2	The whole class	For an absolutely brilliant nativity play and singing your hearts out, we are very proud of your courage and enthusiasm
Orange	Jack	For a happy smile all week
Lime	Katelyn	For being supportive and kind to a class mate
Green	Elsie	For demonstrating the virtues of excellence and enthusiasm during the KS1 Carol Concert
Violet	Callum	For lots of enthusiasm and self-discipline during our performance practices
Amber	Jake	For showing great determination in finishing his game even though he did most of it on his own
Magenta	Caswyn	For excellent independent work work on angles in maths
Emerald	Abi	For really growing in maturity this term. You have shown your enthusiasm for learning with your fabulous projects
Turquoise	Karn	For being so helpful, co-operative, kind and enthusiastic when rung a stall at the Christmas Fair. Thank you Karn!
Indigo	Oscar	For being a well-loved member of Indigo, keeping us all entertained and working to improve during the term. You will be missed!



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.

If you would like to query the appropriateness of a game you're your child a useful website is:

www.commonsensemedia.org