

Pensans Post

Autumn term 09/09/2016



Welcome everyone to a new academic year at Pensans. It's been really wonderful to see all of your children showing courage and enthusiasm in their new classes this week. They have all been practising these virtues to make a positive start with some in new classes and others welcoming new children into their class.

We also welcome new members of staff who bring with them many different skills and passions. I am confident that they will all contribute to make a difference for you children and we will profile each person in coming news letters.

We said goodbye to Mr Letchford this week who has retired from his job as caretaker for the school. Over the past 8 years Geoff Letchford has been a valued member of the team as a caretaker, athletics coach and Goblin Race master supreme. His patience, dedication, passion and commitment to the school has given our children something to aspire to and I am sure that we will all keep a place in our hearts for him. We wish him every happiness in what I am sure will be a busy semi-retirement!

Our Virtue that we are celebrating over the next two weeks is Unity. This virtue is the bedrock of our school and when we practice it we are able to work together for the good of everyone in our community. Please talk with your children about how and when they can show unity. At the end of last term we set a creative challenge and we look forward to seeing your projects in school.

Have a great weekend!

Ms Clay

You are practicing *Unity* when you ...

- Treat all people as members of one human family
- See the gifts in differences
- Refuse to join in when others express prejudice
- Solve conflict through listening and finding solutions
- Care for the earth and all living things
- Act like a peacemaker wherever you go

Affirmation

*I practice unity with others. The joy of one is the joy of all.
The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honour of one is the honour of all.*

Are you following us on Twitter?

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



ParentPay



We have introduced a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, after school clubs and much more online, using a secure service called **ParentPay**. From now onwards we will be a cash free school. We will only accept cash for tuck at breaktimes.

All Pensans parents should now have received an introductory letter with their individual usernames and passwords so that they can make payments for their requested payment item(s). Thank you to all parents for their time and patience with setting up their accounts. If you have yet to sign into your account and need a reminder of your username, or to re-set your password, please ask at the office.

Barcodes

Parents who opt to pay for items with cash and ParentPay barcodes at PayPoint outlets should note that they should only use the barcode relevant to that payment item. Please destroy it after you have used it for a one-off payment. Also, only one barcode can be used for one child. If you have more than one child, you need more than one barcode.

Finally, if you overpay when paying via PayPoint, it is not possible to refund the money back to you. It can only be transferred to another payment item when you have one to pay. Please use them with care!

Parent guides

If you need any pointers there are guides on our school website, or of course you can ask for some help at the office.

Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals

Eagle-eyed parents signed up to either of the above may have noticed that their accounts are accumulating 20p each time their child has a meal. Unfortunately this is beyond our control and is as a result of the government's contribution for meals being £2.30 (our meals are £2.50). Please don't pay the 20 pences! We will credit all effected accounts each week.



Are there any parents/grandparents/friends of grandparents who ballroom dance and may be able to come in and share their skills with the KS1 children in October? Please let us know!

The school meal menus have been refreshed and look yummy! Take a look at them on our school website or on the noticeboard by the school reception. There is also a handy guide to tell you which week is which!

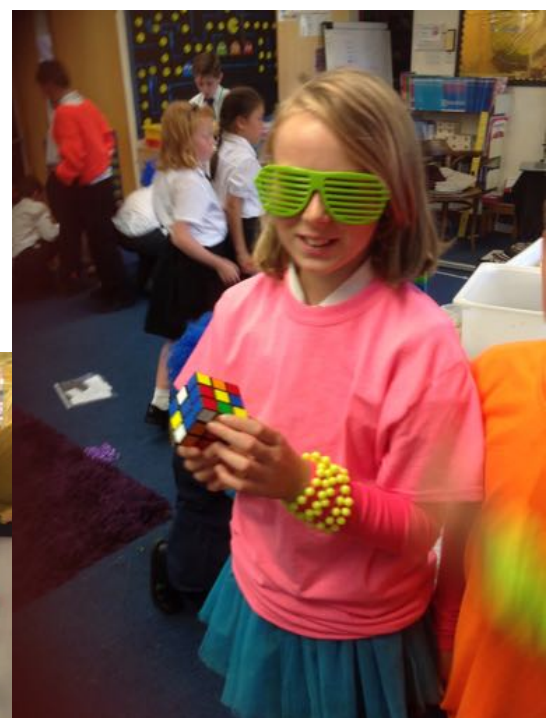
Have you seen our new classrooms yet? Here is a sneaky glimpse of some of them in case you haven't!



**Emerald Class –
1950s theme**



**Turquoise Class –
1980s theme**



Orange Class – Nursery rhyme



Here is our new KS1 playground being enjoyed. Thank you to all the parents getting used to new pick up arrangements so we can keep this area special!



Lime Class – Nursery rhyme



Green Class – Nursery rhyme



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



Personal Information and Permissions forms

Thank you to everyone who promptly returned their updated Personal Information and Permissions forms. If you haven't already returned yours, please could you as soon as possible. If you need another copy, please ask at the school reception. We will be contacting parents until they are completed and returned.

If you need to order any **school uniform**, the uniform order form is on the Pensans website or in the school reception area. We also have sample sizes your child can try before you order. You can call or email Trophy Textiles your order and pay over the phone. They deliver regularly to school but also have a shop near Camborne Tesco's for collections or can arrange for items to be posted.

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 make an application via the county council website. 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.



Stars of the week

Butterflies	The whole class	Showing courage when starting school.
Butterflies 2	The whole class	For being fantastic at starting school.
Orange	Mackenzie	For coming back with a can do attitude.
Lime	Jack	For settling in well and complying with the virtues.
Green	Dylan	He has produced some beautiful written work about his summer holidays.
Violet	Jack	For showing courage and kindness in his new class.
Amber	Sennen	For settling really well in Year 4 and showing the virtues of caring and kindness to the new Year 3s.
Magenta	Zoe	For making Lucy feel welcome and part of the class.
Emerald	The whole class	For working together to start feeling like a 'unified' class! Fabulous!
Turquoise	The whole class	For your enthusiasm, excellence and putting the unity into our Turquoise community.
Indigo	The whole class	For showing the virtue of unity in our first week together.

Dates for your diary

- 19th September - After school clubs start
- 24th - 28th October - Autumn half term
- 21st December - 4th January - Christmas holidays
- Thursday 5th January - Spring term begins
- Friday 10th February - INSET day
- 13th - 17th February - Spring half term
- 3rd - 17th April - Easter Holidays
- Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday
- 29th May - 2nd June - Summer half term
- Monday 5th June - INSET day
- Friday 7th July - INSET day
- Wednesday 26th July - Last day of summer 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!