

LATEST DATES

Monday Oct. 21st - Parent Teacher Consultations 3.30 to 6pm
Tuesday Oct 22nd - Parent Teacher Consultations 3.30 to 6pm
Friday Oct. 25th - School Closed for INSET Training on the New National Curriculum

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

The term is now already four weeks old and already the Summer break feels a long time ago. I am really pleased with how well the pupils have settled into their new classes and with their new teachers. As always the start of the new year has brought a few unexpected challenges and opportunities along for our school and we are doing our utmost to make the most of these. Of course, just like any community or family, all schools face difficult circumstances or challenges at one time or another. One of our near neighbours and Co-operative Trust Partners ,Alverton School, is experiencing a particular challenge at the moment as the Headteacher has been taken ill and is not in school at present. I have been asked to offer Headteacher support to that school during this time which I have agreed to do. This means that for a few weeks my time will be split between Pensans and Alverton. I would like to make it clear that, despite rumors to the contrary, I remain as the Headteacher of Pensans School and there are no plans for me to leave our school and take up a post at Alverton, they already have a Headteacher! We have an excellent leadership structure at Pensans and I am confident that Mrs Clay and the team are more than equipped to manage our school during the periods I am off site. If you have any queries or concerns about this or anything else please don't hesitate to contact me.

CHILDREN HAVE A WILD TIME

On Wednesday we had a visit from the Wildlife Trust who worked with a group of children to make habitats for wildlife around our site. The staff from the Wildlife Trust spent the morning with the children talking about our site and how wildlife could be encouraged to live within it. The children then had the opportunity to make habitats including bird boxes. We are indebted to Nancy Thompson for bringing this opportunity to our notice last term, and to Kirstie from the Wildlife Trust for her help. If any children are interested in getting involved with Wildlife Activities Kirstie runs the Fox Club via www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk . In addition the children who made the habitats will be running some break and lunchtime activities for other children to explore the habitats created.



DOGS ON SITE

We have a number of parents who walk their dogs to school in order to collect or drop off their children at the start and end of the school day. We completely see the logic in this as it may well kill two birds, so to speak. However, the school policy is that **no dogs, with the exception of Guide Dogs, should be brought onto the site.** As a small concession, we have a post on the grass area near the school sign where dogs can be tethered whilst children are collected.

Some children and adults are very uncomfortable around dogs and whilst your dog may be 'great with children', we can't guarantee the safety of others on the site and therefore **we must insist that dogs are not brought onto the site beyond the patch of grass where the tethering post is located please.**

PREFECTS APPOINTED

We held our annual round of Prefect Appointments last week in order to select pupils from Year 6 to undertake this much prized role. The process involves interested applicants having to write an application letter to the Headteacher, they may then be invited to interview on the strength of this letter. During the interview candidates must give a 60 second presentation on "Why I would make the Perfect Prefect" and answer a range of interview questions. The final stage is then to take references from their Year 5 and current Class Teachers. The quality of the letters, the presentations and the interviews were excellent and all of those who put themselves forward for these roles are to be congratulated. We have chosen the Prefects for this year and have also selected this year's Head Boy and Girl plus their deputies, these will be Morgan, Thomas, Nerissa and Tilly



The successful Prefect candidates and Head Boys and Head Girl and their Deputies



Pensans CP School Year Planner 2013-2014



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March						1	2	3	4	5	6	World book day	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	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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INSET	Holiday	Sports Days	Concerts	Events	Assessment	Clubs	Parent Consultations