



SCHOOL CLOSURE REMINDERS

INSET DAY

Please remember that the school is closed to pupils on **Friday 25th October** for a Staff Training Day to prepare for the New National Curriculum which is being introduced from September 2014.

STRIKE DAY

The school is **open this Thursday (October 17th) to all pupils except those in Magenta and Emerald Classes (Miss Thomas and Mrs Tokeley)**. As explained in last week's letter Pupils from Magenta and Emerald Classes will not be able to attend school on the 17th October as a result of this industrial action.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS - NEXT WEEK

Our friends from Harlequin Photography will be in school on **Tuesday 22nd October** to take Individual and Family Group (siblings) photographs. Those wishing to have photographs of Pensans pupils with either younger or older siblings can come into school between 8am and 9am on Tuesday. Family photographs will be taken on a first come first served basis.

PENSANS GAINS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS AWARD



SCARE YOUR TEACHER NEXT THURSDAY (24th)

The last day of this half term (Thursday 24th October) will be a Halloween Themed day with Mrs Stoddern and Mrs Crummay organising lots of spooky activities at lunchtime. Children are welcome to dress up for this day if they wish to in appropriately ghoulish garb! Any pupils wishing to take part in this fancy dress day will be asked to make a 50p contribution to the Playground Games Fund please.

GUIDE DOG PAYS VISIT TO EYFS

The children in Early Years enjoyed a visit from two visually impaired ladies this week. Sue and her guide dog Nicky plus Kay and her helper came in to talk to the children and explain what life is like for people who have lost their sight. The children are exploring how people can be different in many ways, but how, despite these differences, we all have a great deal in common. The children looked at lots of 'gadgets' that helped Kay in the house such as a HUGE timer, an alarm to go in her coffee cup to stop hot water being poured too high, talking scales and a talking watch. Then Sue put on a Tots TV DVD that showed how guide dogs work and how we mustn't touch them when their harness is on. Afterwards, in their own initiated play, the children started to be guide dogs and owners, guiding each other around our Woody Way. (Thanks to Mrs Phillips for this report)



Some of the Early Years children meet Sue and her Guide Dog Nicky (left). After the visit the children add what they've found out into their own play (right)



Our School has just been chosen to receive the British Council's International Schools Award for the second time. The Award recognises our "outstanding development of the International Curriculum". A special thanks must go to Mrs Philips and Madame Kitto for their excellent work in organising our global partnerships, as well as to all pupils and staff who have been part of this excellent achievement.

As part of our work to bring a global educational experience to our pupils, we will host two teachers from Mumbai in school next week.

GOOD LUCK MRS POPE

We say a brief goodbye to Mrs Pope at the end of this week. Although she has disguised it well (?) a few of you may have noticed that Mrs Pope is expecting a baby very soon. I am sure you will join me in giving Mrs Pope our best wishes for the happy event and we look forward to seeing her back with the new arrival very soon. Mrs Pope's class will be taken over by Mrs Talbot who is a very experienced Key Stage 1 teacher, and we are pleased to welcome her to our team

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

A reminder that Parent Consultations are scheduled between Monday and Thursday of next week. If you have not booked your appointment yet please contact the school office. Please note that EYFS meetings are set for the 5th & 7th November.

PTA MEETING

The PTA are holding a meeting at 3.20pm on Thursday 17th to plan events for this year. The meeting is open to ANY PARENT who would like to be involved please come into Reception at the end of school to join the meeting.



Pensans CP School Year Planner 2013-2014



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INSET	Holiday	Sports Days	Concerts	Events	Assessment	Clubs	Parent Consultations