Pensans Post

Spring term 19/01/2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week Greg Smith a professional cricketer began working with Pensans School. He will be teaching children across the school over the next 6 weeks and is running an after school Cricket Club on Mondays for Year 5 and 6. Greg has spoken to all of the children in an assembly explaining that he will be looking for enthusiasm, good listening skills as well as potential England Cricketers!

We look forward to working with him, having fun and finding future stars.

Have a great weekend. Best Wishes Ms Clay

Honesty when you...

- · Say what you mean and mean what you say
- Make promises you can keep
- Tell the truth tactfully
- Admit your mistakes
- · Refuse to lie, cheat, or steal
- Are true to yourself and do what you know is right

Affirmation

I am honest. I can be trusted to keep my word.

I have no need to impress others. I accept myself.

I tell the truth, kindly and tactfully.

School Dinners

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 22/01/2018 is week 2.

Key Stage 2 SATS dates

The Key Stage 2 SATs will take place on the week of 14th-18th May 2018. The timetable for this year is as follows:

Monday 14th May: Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar papers 1 & 2

Tuesday 15th May: English Reading paper

Wednesday 16th May: Maths papers 1 & 2

Thursday 17th May: Maths paper 3

We would like to invite all year 6 parents and children to attend a SATs meeting in Indigo class during the last week of this half-term, date TBC. This will give you a chance to look at sample papers, discuss revision and ask any questions you may have. We hope to see you all there!



Supporting children through key adults



Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Spring attendance target is 97%. At 89.25% we are under target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Butterflies	92.06%	4
Orange	87.35%	6
Green	85.71%	8
Lime	91.57%	5
Violet	93.42%	2
Amber	83.11%	10
Magenta	86.11%	7
Emerald	95.3%	1
Indigo	85.25%	9
Turquoise	92.59%	3
Whole School	89.25%	

Pensans Nursery

New Baby and Toddler Group

Come along to play, chat and meet new parents in the Nursery room.

Every Friday 9:15am - 10:30am
£1 donation

Please could everyone remember that all payment items including school dinners, swimming sessions, trips and before ParentPay and after school clubs should be paid in advance.

Thank you to all parents who have been regularly using ParentPay. This helps us to adhere to our no-debt school policy but also not handing in money envelopes is beneficial for children and gives extra classroom time too.





Here are this weeks Mathletes:

Orange - Frank Lime - Petra Green - Skyla

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.













Stars of the week

Butterflies	Eddy	For great progress with his sounds and sharing with his friends at playtime.
Orange	Danielle	For her fantastic alien description writing.
Lime	Bruce	For his fantastic use of the bar model to solve subtraction from a 2-digit number.
Green	Egirdas	For a fantastic first draft of his alien description.
Violet	Isabelle	For persevering with all of her written work and being honest about her need for help. You work so hard all the time - fantastic!
Amber	Jack	For showing great perseverance when writing the second draft of his personal narrative.
Magenta	Keeley	For your determination and perseverance with learning your four and eight times tables. You have worked in a focused and mature way! Well done!
Emerald	Jonathan	For persevering with some really tricky maths and trying to develop his understanding and independence. Keep it up!
Turquoise	Jacob	For his perseverance and determination in all areas of school life but especially in swimming this week.
Indigo	Reuben	For his conscientious attitude to his learning - completing a key piece of work while sick at home.

Dates for your diary

Friday 9th Feb - Parent Consultations INSET day - no school

12th - 16th Feb - half term

30th March - 13th April - Easter break

Monday 7th May - Bank Holiday

14th May - 18th May - KS2 SATs - full attendance required

28th May - 1st June - Summer half term
Monday 4th June - INSET day - no school
Friday 6th July - INSET day - no school
Wednesday 25th July - start of summer
holiday

Please remember that back copies of newsletters and key diary dates are on the school website.

Are you following us on Twitter?



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

Please remember that we have an After School Club called PARC. It runs until 6pm Monday to Thursdays and 5pm on Fridays. The cost is between £5 and £8 per session depending on if you pay up front and how long your child stays. Please ask at the school office for a booking form.

Our busy PTA are fundraising for Pensans children and organising a Bag2School collection on Thursday 1st February. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to Pensans School from Thursday 25th January - 1st February 2018, they will need to go into your child's classroom to be stored for the week. Please help us have a really good collection.

Look out for leaflets in book bag post but in the mean time have a look around and see if you have any unwanted but good quality' items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- **Curtains**
- Towels
- Bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

Bag2school pay will pay 40p per kilogram, so the more they weigh the more they pay! Bags will be sent home nearer the time but start having a look to see what you have in the back of your wardrobe! The PTA aim to use money raised to organise activities days for the children to try out new things and new experiences.



FREE SCIENCE CLUB WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Join our STEAM Explorers interactive workshops for 7-12 year olds taking place on:

13 January 2018 24 February 2018 17 March 2018 21 April 2018

19 May 2018 16 June 2018 14 July 2018



For more information: www.telegraphmuseum.org/whats-on paul.tyreman@telegraphmuseum.org

Pick up point

To help ease congestion in the car park we operate a pick up point in the car park after school. If you would like to have a stress free school run at the end of the school day, please ask at the office for a booking form. Depending on the age of your child we will allocate you a time slot and you can drive through and pick up your child. If your child is not waiting we ask that parents drive around and come back so that the flow of traffic is not affected.