

Pensans Post

Autumn term 07/10/2016



The Virtue that we are celebrating next week is Respect. In our school we agree that treating adults and children with respect helps to create a calm and safe environment for everyone. We will be teaching the children how to show respect to each other, adults and the resources that we use in our school. Please show your children how you show respect for each other at home and in your community.

Have a great weekend!

Ms Clay

You are practising *Respect* when you ...

- Speak courteously to everyone
- Take special care of the belonging of others
- Are receptive to the wisdom of elders
- Honour the rules of your family, school and nation
- Expect respect for your body and your rights
- Treat others with dignity

Affirmation

I am respectful. I honour the wisdom of elders. I treat others and myself as we deserve to be treated.



KS1 Harvest Celebration -

Friday 14th October in the school hall.

Bring your donations and come and buy our freshly baked bread made by our own fair hands.

Then come and join us for some harvest celebration songs!

Pantosaurus is coming to Pensans!

As part of keeping children safe in teaching and learning we will be using resources from the NSPCC website after half term in KS1 classes. We encourage parents to take a look at the NSPSS link below and ask if they have any questions:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/underwear-rule/>



**school
dinner**s

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. Next week is week 3!


Are you following us on Twitter?

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



Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our autumn attendance target is 97%. At 92.42% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Butterflies	77.78%	11
Butterflies 2	90%	10
Green	93.42%	6
Lime	95.88%	3
Orange	91.39%	9
Amber	92.01%	8
Magenta	92.34%	7
Violet	94.8%	5
Emerald 	97.44%	1
Indigo	95.1%	4
Turquoise	96.53%	2
Whole school	92.42%	

LOST PROPERTY

Please could you ensure that all uniform items are clearly labelled. We have a cast pile of unnamed items at the moment.

Please could you check jumpers at home to see if your child has Adam Lewis's (age 9/10) by accident! It has a stitched in label and is brand new.

Dates for your diary!

We will be sending home letters soon about the **Parents Consultation Evenings on the 3rd/4th November** – please look out for them in school bags!

Also, we just wanted to remind you that the school holiday dates have altered around Christmas. The holidays start on Wednesday 21st December. The Spring term starts on Thursday 5th January 2016.

ParentPay



There are still a few parents who have yet to sign up to ParentPay. Please ask at the school office if you need a copy of your username and password. Cash (in named envelopes) should only be brought into school for school tuck and for outside agency payments eg Jump Club sessions.

Please remember that there is a ParentPay access point in the school reception for anyone with internet access. There is also a useful video as well as help guides on our school website.

Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals – 20p alert!

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 affected accounts each week.

Barcodes

In extreme circumstances we can issue barcodes so that parents can pay for items with cash at PayPoint outlets. Parents should note that they must 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!



Stars of the week

Butterflies	Jade	For being a superstar in maths!
Butterflies 2	Harry N	For being so helpful to everyone everyday.
Orange	Sharna	For wowing Mrs Bailey and Mrs Hallett in her reading. Keep striving for excellence.
Lime	Luke	For his fantastic reading and demonstrating great patience while waiting for his group.
Green	Jamie	For using many virtues but for shining in confidence!
Violet	Max	For perseverance and determination in his maths this week.
Amber	Mia	For showing the virtue of great patience and tolerance when working in her group on her game. Mia was extremely helpful with the rest of the group.
Magenta	Maisie	For her joy and enthusiasm in PE and our circuit challenge – fabulous push-ups!
Emerald	Isabel	For helpfulness to all the class combined with a lovely smiley manner
Turquoise	Ignas	For your enthusiasm, co-operation and excellence during our jive sessions. Amazing!
Indigo	Alfie	For his relentlessly positive outlook and never-say-die attitude – he is an inspiration!

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 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.



**Pensans children showing the virtue of
'Creativity' over the summer Holidays.
Thank you for bringing in your creative ideas**





Ladybirds and Butterflies would like to thank all the parents who came to their topic launch – ‘What Makes Me Special?’. In Ladybirds they made paper plate faces with their children...



...In Butterflies there was glitter, sequins, stickers, superheroes and photos being enthusiastically stuck on the boxes to make them as individual as the children.

Over the weekend the children and adults chose things to go in their boxes and this week in small group time the children have shared what's in the box. It's been a very special way to find out about the children's passions and interests.

Some **advance warning** that we will be inviting the Ladybird and Butterflies parents back in for a quiz the children will be making at 9am Thursday 20th October. Thanks - from the Foundation Stage!



Message for parents about measles

You may be aware that measles is circulating in many areas across the country; there continues to be cases in many parts of the South West. Transmission is occurring most in areas with a lower uptake of MMR vaccine; in particular parts of Devon, Somerset and Dorset. The majority of cases are of secondary school age but people of all ages are being affected. Following an outbreak in South Devon in the summer we continue to see the majority of our cases in Devon.

Measles is a highly infectious viral illness spread through coughing and sneezing and close personal contact. Most people feel very unwell but do recover completely from measles, however, on rare occasions there can be serious complications.

The first stage of measles includes a runny nose, conjunctivitis (red eyes), a cough and an increasing fever that comes and goes. A rash appears on day 3 or 4 while the individual is still feverish and miserable.

Anyone with suspected measles should be excluded from school or work until five days after the rash first appears.

MMR vaccine offers a high level of protection against measles. The first dose should be given at 12 months of age and the second with the pre-school booster, but if these have been missed it is never too late to have them. Two doses are required to provide a high level of protection. This is important for the protection of the individual and also to protect those who cannot be immunised because of age, pregnancy or an underlying medical condition causing immunosuppression. For these vulnerable people, measles can be a particularly serious disease.

If you are unsure whether your child/children have been fully immunised, you can check with your GP surgery and make an appointment to receive any doses of MMR vaccine they may have missed to ensure they have the 2 doses to provide protection against measles and also rubella and mumps.

MMR is also beneficial if given within 72 hours of exposure to the virus.

If your children do have signs or symptoms of measles, please contact your GP to seek medical advice. Please telephone the GP surgery before visiting and tell the receptionist that the person may have measles so that the surgery can ensure that arrangements are made to avoid exposing other patients to a potential infection.

Further information is available from NHS Choices:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Information about the MMR vaccine can be found by visiting

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/mmr-vaccine.aspx>

Dates for your diary

- **Tues 11th October** – Phase 2 parents learn alongside morning – 9.15am – 10.30am
- **Thursday 20th October** – EYFS quiz for parents @ 9am
- **24th – 28th October** – Autumn half term
- **3rd/4th November** – Parents Consultations Evenings
- **21st December – 4th January** – Christmas holidays
- **Thursday 5th January** – Spring term begins
- **Friday 10th February** – 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!