

Pensans Post



Summer term 26/04/2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Easter Break. The Summer term is always exciting and this year is no exception. Many classes have been out and about this week and their outstanding behaviour has been noticed and commented on by the general public.

Our Literary Festival will be taking place during the week beginning 1st July- we will confirm the date in next week's newsletter and give more information about how you can get involved. Sport's Days are scheduled for June (as detailed in the calendar below) with plenty of time for rescheduling if the weather is unkind to us!

Years 2 and 6 will be taking part in SATs in May - this will be their opportunity to use the Virtues of enthusiasm, resilience and determination to demonstrate their skills in Reading, Mathematics and SPAG.

For Year 6 it will be their final term with us and their chance to shine in many areas of school life. Shona Pye will be developing the 'Playground Buddy' system with the help of Pupil Parliament and training volunteers to help build children's social skills. Year 6 Camp is always an exciting learning experience for children and staff - we continue to see the best qualities of Year 6 children during camp.

We always welcome your support in school - please talk to your child's teacher if you would like to offer your time and skills.

Have a good weekend

Angela Clay

Summer term dates for your diary

Swimming this half term: Bumblebees (Mondays) Cobalt / Amber (Thursdays)
Lime / Green (Fridays)

Thursday 5th May - Bag2School collection @ 9am

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May - Summer term clubs start this week

Monday 13th May to Friday 17th May - KS2 SATs week

Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May - Half term

Monday 3rd June - INSET day

Thursday 6th June - Phase 2 Royal Cornwall Trip

Monday 10th June - Phase 2 and 3 Sports Day

Tuesday 11th June - Phase 1 Sports Day

Monday 17th June - Phase 1 to Minack

Friday 21st June - Reception Sports Day

Monday 24th June to Friday 5th July - no swimming for 2 weeks due to pool maintenance

Wednesday 17th July to Friday 19th July - Year 6 Camp

Wednesday 24th July to Thursday 25th July - Nursery Closed

Thursday 25th July - Last day of summer term





Is your child's class attendance on track? Our Summer attendance target is 97%. We are at 95.73% attendance this week - less than our target.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Bumblebees	95.6%	5
Orange	97.62%	2
Green	100%	1
Lime	93.92%	8
Violet	92.94%	9
Amber	96%	4
Cobalt	96.7%	3
Emerald	95.57%	6
Indigo	94.51%	7
Turquoise	94.51%	7
Whole School	95.73%	



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OPTIMISM

Optimism is a positive, cheerful outlook. We are hopeful even when others have lost faith. We believe that good has the power to prevail over destruction. We do not allow ourselves to be victimised by setbacks or losses. We embrace challenges with confidence. We are solvers, not complainers. During dark times, we look ahead with a vision of what is possible. We trust that everything works together for good. Nothing destroys our hope.



School Dinners

Week commencing 29/04/2019 is week 1. School menus and their weeks are on our school website.



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



Bumblebees	Keegan	For showing kindness when helping the younger nursery children.
Orange		Announced in assembly on Monday
Lime		Announced in assembly on Monday
Green		Announced in assembly on Monday
Cobalt	Jack	For his eagerness and knowledge about bees on our Trengwainton trip.
Violet	The whole of Violet Class	For their outstanding behaviour, attitude and maturity during our launch day trip.
Amber	Lola	For always going for excellence. Lola worked really hard on her bee poetry stations this week.
Turquoise	Angela, Izzy and Olivia	For their out of this world Dr Who themed spelling game! Such fun!
Indigo	The whole of Indigo Class	For your perseverance, hard work and dedication as we practice all of the maths methods, reading skills and SPAG knowledge that we've learnt so far! Well done!
Emerald	Cody	For starting the new term with a fantastic and positive attitude.

**THIS WEEKS
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BILLY MASON
0.54 SECONDS**



This term, money owed from outstanding payment items will be moved into a new payment item called 'Overdue payments' so that ParentPay accounts are more streamlined. Please can all parents and carers check their ParentPay accounts and ensure that all outstanding amounts are settled eg for swimming sessions and dinners.

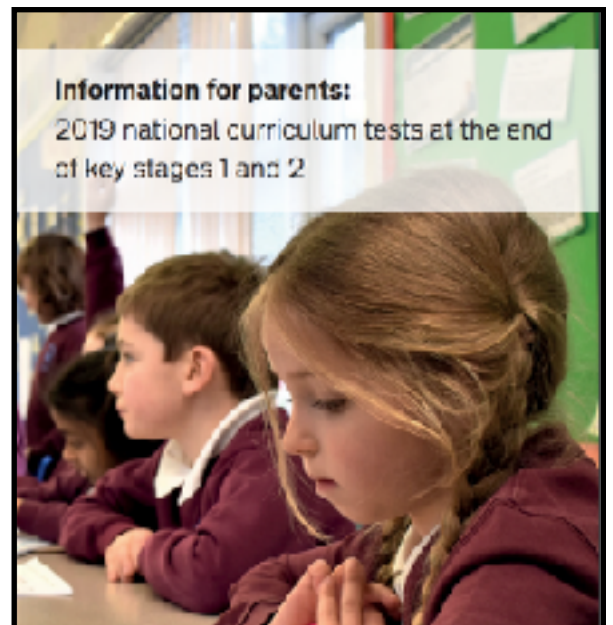
All meals, swimming sessions and breakfast / PARC clubs need to be paid for in advance. As you are aware, Pensans is a "No Debt" school to avoid debts accumulating and the impact this has on families and the school. Please contact the office staff or headteacher if you have any queries.



Year 2 and Year 6 parents may be interested in the link below about the information for parents about the national curriculum tests their children will be taking in May. It provides information about:

- the purpose of the tests
- how parents can best support their children
- how results will be reported

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>



Key stage 1 tests – year 2 pupils

Your child's teacher is responsible for judging the standards your child is meeting in English reading, English writing, mathematics and science, by the end of key stage 1. To help inform these judgements, pupils sit national curriculum tests in English and mathematics, commonly called SATs. They may also sit an optional test in English grammar, punctuation and spelling.

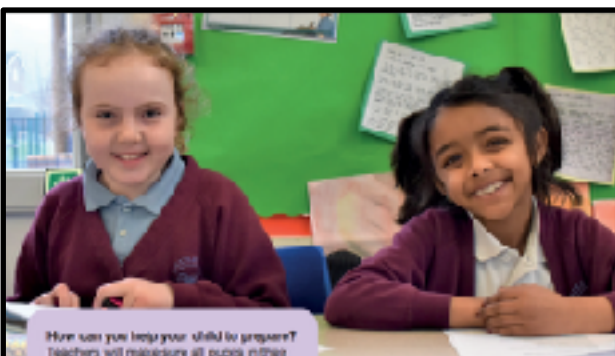
The tests are a tool for teachers to help them measure your child's performance and identify their needs as they move into key stage 2. They also allow teachers to see how your child is performing against national expected standards.

The tests can be taken any time during May and they are not strictly timed. Pupils may not even know they are taking them as many teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities.

Subject	Test paper
English reading	Short text and questions Long text with separate questions
Mathematics	Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning
English grammar, punctuation and spelling (optional test)	Spelling Punctuation and grammar (including vocabulary)

Teachers will use the results from these tests, along with the work your child has done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how your child is progressing at the end of key stage 1.

These teacher assessment judgements will be reported to you by the end of the summer term.



How can you help your child to prepare? Teachers will introduce all public third class are prepared by the tests. There's nothing specifically test-related that you should do to prepare your child.

You should follow the general advice teachers give about supporting your child's education throughout the year.

What do the tests look like?
You can look at [past papers](#) by clicking on the hyperlink in the advertising email at [www.jcu.edu.au/SAE](#).

Further information

Our third teacher will be able to answer any questions you may have about the tests and testing assessment instruments.

For more details you can visit www.gov.uk/ukia or watch our short videos for parents about the tests at key stage 1 and key stage 2.

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Information for parents: 60% national curriculum tests at the end of key stages 1 and 2
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This document is available for download at www.pewresearch.org/pubs/2013/01

Key stage 2 tests – year 5 pupils

If you have a child in year 5, at the end of key stage 2, they will take national curriculum tests in English grammar, punctuation and spelling, English reading and mathematics.

The tests help measure the progress pupils have made and identify if they need additional support in a certain area. The tests are also used to assess schools' performance and to produce national performance data.

The key stage 2 tests will be taken or not done unless your child is absent, in which case they may be able to take them up to 5 school days afterwards.

Date	Subject	Test paper
Monday 10 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling	Punctuation and grammar (including evaluative) Spelling
Tuesday 14 May	English reading	English reading
Wednesday 15 May	Mathematics	Arithmetic Mathematical reasoning
Thursday 16 May	Mathematics	Mathematical reasoning

At the end of the summer, larvae should receive feed results for:

- English grammar, punctuation and spelling
- English reading
- mathematics

Teacher answer:

As there is no test for English writing, this will be reported as a teacher assessment judgement. This is a judgement teachers will make, based on your child's work at the end of key stage 2. You will also receive a teacher assessment judgement for science.

Please remember that we offer before and after school clubs for Pensans children.



Breakfast Club opens at 8am and costs £1.50 per session (free to Pupil Premium) and includes a varying breakfast menu. No booking necessary.

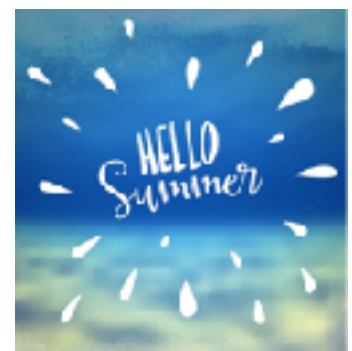
PARC (after-school club) - Open from 3:15pm until 6pm (5pm Fridays) Bookings and pre-payments via ParentPay are necessary. Please ask for details at school reception.



Phase one have had a great time on their project launch trips this week. They had a trip to St Ives on the train and after lots of fun on the beach and had a picnic lunch before heading back to school. They also had an exciting boat trip over to the Mount and an interesting town trail around Penzance. We are sure that these experiences will fire their sense of adventure and give them ideas to include in their future writing!



Phase two class had a great time at Trengwainton this week learning about how important bees are to our planet - thank you to Gareth and the whole team!



Regular reading impacts a child's success at school.
If not addressed early the educational gap widens...

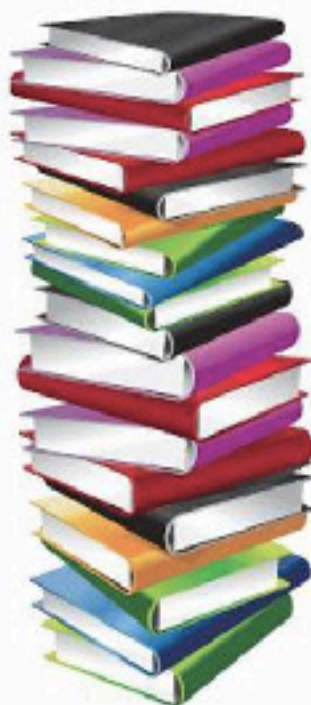
Child A



Reads **20 minutes**
per day

3,600 minutes
per school year

1,800,000 words
per school year



Scores in the
90th percentile

Child B



Reads **5 minutes**
per day

900 minutes
per school year

282,000 words
per school year



Scores in the
50th percentile

Child C



Reads **1 minute**
per day

180 minutes
per school year

8,000 words
per school year



Scores in the
10th percentile

Standardised Test Scores

By the end of grade 6, Child A will have read the equivalent of 60 school days, Child B will have read for 12 school days and Child C will have read for 3 days. Nagy and Herman, 1987.