

# Pensans Post



Autumn term 30/09/2016

The Virtue that we are celebrating next week is Helpfulness. Without this Virtue our school and community would simply cease to function! As a team we are committed to helping you and your children feel empowered and inspired; thank you for taking part in learning with your children this week. We look forward to seeing Year 3/4 parents very soon.

Have a great weekend!  
Ms Clay

You are practising *Helpfulness* when you ...

- Notice when someone needs help
- Do a service without being asked
- Give people what they need, not always what they want
- Listen to someone who needs to talk
- Care for your own needs
- Ask for help when you need it

#### Affirmation

*I am helpful. I look for ways to be of service. I care for others and myself. I look for helpful ways to make a difference.*



There is a slight Change to the school dinner menu next week – **Thursday 6th will be fish and chips** followed by **ice cream!** Chicken casserole will be on Friday instead.



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 2!

Do you have any old Super Hero dressing up costumes at home that you would like to donate to our reception classes?



Are you following us on Twitter?



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





**Ballroom dancers wanted!**

Are there any parents / grandparents / friends of grandparents who ballroom dance and may be able to come in and share their skills with the KS1 children in October? Please let us know!

## Is your child's class attendance on track?

Our autumn attendance target is 97%. At 96.12% we are below target this week.

Class	Weekly %	Rank
Butterflies	97.27%	4
Butterflies 2	98.1%	2
Green 	98.15%	1
Lime	97.78%	3
Orange	97.78%	3
Amber	94.38%	8
Magenta	95.14%	7
Violet	92.14%	10
Emerald	96.15%	6
Indigo	96.67%	5
Turquoise	93.75%	9
<b>Whole school</b>	<b>96.12%</b>	

  
Cornwall Music Service Trust have spaces for children interested in learning keyboard / piano. Please visit their website for more details or let Mrs Ciliberto (Amber class) know if you would be interested in a taster session.

<http://cornwallmusicservicetrust.org>

Please could parents refrain from walking up and down the slope that leads to the staff car park. All pedestrians walking to and fro the Fire Station side of school should use the zig-zag path only.

**PLEASE USE  
THE PATH**

## 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	Kyron	For always showing enthusiasm and being helpful in the class.
Butterflies 2	Levi	For showing more resilience with his learning and being friendly to everyone.
Orange	Tilly	For her thirst for knowledge and fantastic scientific questioning.
Lime	Morgan	For his determination and independence when making Goldilock's waterproof cloak.
Green	Rosy	For always working co-operatively in class and for continually striving for perfection.
Violet	Isobel	For determination and creativity in her work, especially her brilliant letter writing.
Amber	Emrys	For always showing great co-operation and willingness to work with all. Emrys is really good at motivating others to do their best.
Magenta	Frankie	For his enthusiasm and co-operation whilst making his board game.
Emerald	Kyan	For a brilliant week practising self-discipline and courage. Really proud of you Kyan!
Turquoise	Ella	For showing excellence in her persuasive letter presentation. Thank You!
Indigo	Aaron	For his excellent, positive attitude towards his classmates and learning this week.

### Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals update

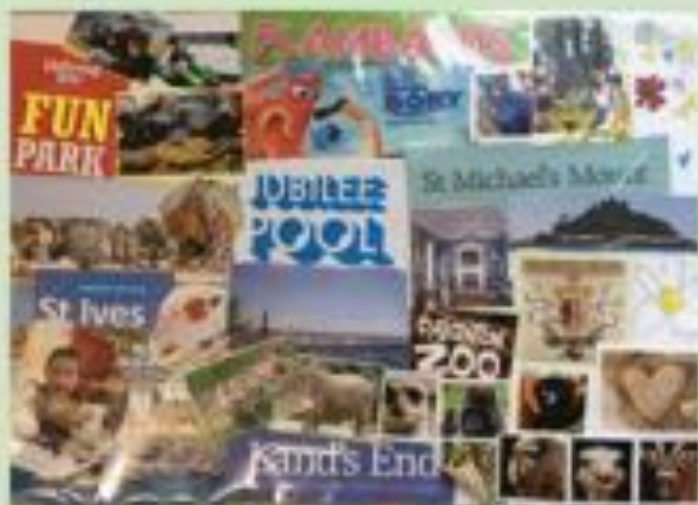
An important reminder to ALL parents but especially those who currently had children in Year 2 or Nursery last term who have moved into Reception class. If you think you may be eligible for **Free School Meals**, please make an application via the county council website. The more parents registered for 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 sharing this with us all.



# CORNWALL TEACHER AWARDS 2017

## VOTE FOR YOUR SPECIAL PERSON!

A celebration to recognise inspirational and outstanding teachers, headteachers, teaching assistants and school support workers who really make a difference to the lives children and young people in Cornwall.

This is your chance to say a big thank you to that special person who you feel deserves recognition for their outstanding dedication and support.

Choose from one of the 15 categories on our website [www.cornwallteacherawards.co.uk](http://www.cornwallteacherawards.co.uk) and simply place your vote.

It's **FREE** to enter online!

You can vote:

- Online
- By email to [info@cornwallteacherawards.co.uk](mailto:info@cornwallteacherawards.co.uk)
- By post to Cornwall Teacher Awards, Office 15, 28 Lemon Street, Truro, TR1 2DD

Deadline December 31st midnight



Cornwall  
Teacher Awards  
2017

The official evening awards ceremony will take place at Truro Cathedral on April 21 2017.

## Dates for your diary

- 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October – Autumn half term
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> January - Christmas holidays
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January - Spring term begins
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – INSET day
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> 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!*