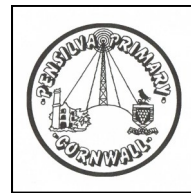


# Pensilva Primary School Newsletter

To Live, To Love, To Learn

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## Friday 10th March 2023

It has been another busy week at Pensilva. There has been the SongFest performance at Launceston Town Hall and the cross-country season is drawing to a close. See below for more details. We are delighted to announce that Emilia and Noah have qualified for the county cross-country championships in Newquay. This is a huge honour for both them and the school; we wish them both well in their race later in the month.

Last week, we had our half termly meeting with the Education Welfare Officer who monitors attendance within the school. Overall, school attendance is around 94%, with many children having attendance levels above 98%. A huge thank you to families who have supported the school in achieving this. As I'm sure you will agree, attendance is hugely important. If your child is not in school, we can't teach them and they can't learn. As such, here are a few reminders regarding attendance.

- Please remember that school opens for children at 8.45 and the doors will close at 8.55 so that learning can begin. Anybody arriving after this time will be marked as late on the register.
- Please contact the school every day to inform us of the reasons for any absences.
- According to law, the school cannot authorize term time holidays apart from in exceptional circumstances.

We do absolutely understand the many issues relating to school attendance: including illness and unforeseen emergencies. If we can help with absolutely anything to support, then please do not hesitate to get in touch. And of course, we remain utterly grateful for your ongoing support. It takes a village to raise a child and we are grateful for the support that the school community offers.

Thank you!

Matt Davies

### Songfest

On Wednesday, the choir went to Launceston Town Hall to take part in this year's Songfest. It was an amazing opportunity to sing with 6 other primary schools and being accompanied by a live band.

They were absolutely fantastic and sang with confidence in front of an audience of over 100 parents and carers. Issy, introduced one of the songs called Song of Sirens about Odysseus being tied to the mast of his ship and blocking his ears with wax so that he could listen to the enchanting song of the sirens without being lured to his death. We are very proud of the choir, as I am sure any parents that came to watch them are also.



## Attendance

Wrens	97.78%	Doves	98.41%	Puffins	95.37%	Buzzards	96.67%
Whole school	97.17%						

## Dates for your



13th March—Parents Evening  
 15th March—Parents Evening  
 20th March—Class photographs  
 20th March—PSA Film Night  
 29th March—Whole school trip to Paignton Zoo  
 31st March—Last day of term  
 31st March—Easter Service at 2pm Millennium House  
 3rd—14th April—Easter holiday  
 17th April—Children return to school  
 1st May—Bank holiday. School closed  
 8th May—Bank holiday. School closed  
 26th May—Last day of term  
 29th May—2nd June—Half term  
 5th June—Children return to school  
 8th June—Sports Day  
 15th June—Reserve Sports Day  
 9th and 12th June—INSET days. School closed  
 3rd—7th July—Year 6 residential to Barton Hall  
 21st July—last day of term  
 24th and 25th July—INSET days. School closed

The fifth and final race of the cross-country season took place last Friday at Bake Lakes. A dry but tough course this time! We entered a number of children into each category and they all did very well! The results were as follows:

### Year 3/4 girls

3rd—Emilia K  
 11th—Kensa B  
 12th—Ailla M  
 93rd—Charlotte S  
 100th—Beatrice S  
 101st—Vanessa B

### Year 3/4 boys

83rd—Jacob H  
 90th—Harrison B  
 96th—Kai B

### Year 5/6 girls

53rd—Alice P  
 86th—Isla O  
 93rd—Issy B  
 96th—Grace R  
 100th—Ruby H  
 112th—Scarlett M  
 113th—Layla A

### Year 5/6 boys

4th—Noah K  
 38th—Thomas S  
 46th—Leo M

