Pensilva Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 12th May 2023

A huge congratulations this week goes to our Year 6 children, who have completed their SATs assessments this week. This week has been a chance for them to shine by showing off how much they have learnt in their 7 years at primary school. I could not be prouder of the way they have approached this week. They have been a credit to themselves as usual.

Of course, a huge thanks goes to the countless adults who have made this week happen, especially Mrs Sissions and the Buzzards class team. A special thanks also goes to Ellie who has made a cooked breakfast for the year 6 children each morning this week. What a treat!

Also, this week we have had our half termly visit from the Education Welfare Officer. Our attendance is still at 94% overall - a huge thank you for all your support in achieving this. It goes without saying that the more a child is in school, the more opportunity they have to learn.

We have however noted a sharp increase in the number of requests for term time absences. Government rules dictate that these can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absences may result in a penalty notice being issued by Cornwall Council. This equates to £60 per parent for each child. I would urge you to consider arranging any holidays during school holidays in order to avoid possible penalty notices and, more importantly, for your child's education. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

As a write this, the sun is well and truly shining. I hope that it stays this way over the weekend so we can all enjoy the weekend. We deserve it after the washout of the bank holiday weekends!

Matt Davies

175 days to spend on family time, 175 non school days a year visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments 10 days absence days in each year 19 days absence 29 days absence 190 Half a term missed School days 38 days absence 180 in each year days of 47 days absence 161 152 education 143 days of days of education education 95% 100% 90% 85% 80% GOOD WORRYING SERIOUS CONCERN Not fair on your child Best chance of success Gets your child off to a flying start Court action



The year 6 children will soon be selling ice-creams to raise funds to put towards their leaver activities. This half term (Tuesday 23rd and Thursday 25th May) will be after school but this will change after half term. After half term, it will be every Tuesday breaktime and after school on a Thursday (except sports day or the week of 3rd July)

Ice-creams and ice poles/pops/lollies will all be 50p each.

Dates for your

25th April—23rd May—Puffins class swimming (every Tuesday)
26th May—Non-school uniform. £1 voluntary donation to the PSA
26th May—Last day of term
29th May—2nd June—Half term
5th June—Children return to school

6th June—18th July (every Tuesday except 4th July) - Buzzards class swimming

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

14th July—Year 6 Woodlands trip

20th July-Non-school uniform. £1 voluntary donation to the PSA

21st July—Year 6 leavers assembly
21st July—last day of term
24th and 25th July—INSET days. School closed
26th July—3rd September—Summer holiday

4th September—Start of the Autumn term 4th September—INSET Day. School closed 5th September—Children return to school



£5 per child per film - including a Hot Dog, Pop **Corn and a Drink**

Book and pay at School reception

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Attendance

90% 99.07% **Puffins** Wrens Doves 93.48% Buzzards 97.5%

Whole school 95.5%