

Pensans Post



Autumn term 15/01/2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for supporting your children and our staff to deliver remote learning this week. We have seen many wonderful pieces of work both in and out of school.

As you are aware due to the pandemic we review staffing, provision and our risk assessments every week. This can lead to changes in provision and we will notify you as quickly as we can if this impacts on your child.

We will always follow Public Health England guidance when making decisions regarding the health and safety of children and staff.

I am very proud of the staff at Pensans, they always go the extra mile to ensure that the children's needs are met. Staff in school need to be protected from any unnecessary risk. You can play your part in helping to minimise the risk of COVID transmission to staff and others by following the Government guidance throughout the lockdown. The guidance states that if you are a single parent with children under 18 you can form a support bubble with ONE other family for the whole period of the Lockdown. This includes bringing and collecting your child to and from school.

Please ensure that you keep a 2 metre distance from other adults when you are on our school site and wear a mask or an exemption lanyard.

We are on track to provide vouchers for those eligible for Free School Meals next week. Be assured that we do not use Chartwells and we have been following the Government guidance when providing food from our kitchen.

This is a challenging time for everyone and your circumstances may change over the period of the Lockdown, please always communicate with us and we will do our best to support you.

Have a safe and peaceful weekend

Angela Clay



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 12th February - INSET Day

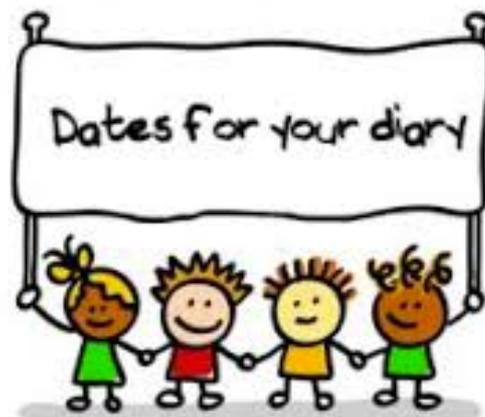
15th-19th February - Half term

2nd-16th April - Easter holidays

3rd May - Bank Holiday

31 May - 4th June - Half term

- * EYFS: Caterpillars, Butterflies & Bumblebees (Y0)
- * Phase 1 / KS1: Green (Y1) & Orange (Y2) & Amber (Y3)
- * Phase 2 / KS2: Cobalt (Y4/5), Violet (Y4/5), Indigo (Y4/5)
- * Phase 3 / KS2: Turquoise (Y6)



Stars of the week



Bumblebees	Roxy-Grace	For managing her personal hygiene and care.
Green	Lilly-Rose	For showing enthusiasm, engagement and hard work with her online learning. Especially her witches house which was planned out with great care and attention to detail.
Orange	Freya	For always being a lovely presence in Orange Class and for always trying her hardest in all that she does.
Cobalt	Elijah	For his amazing attitude to his work. Eli has produced some beautiful work, consistently working hard and driving for excellence! A superstar!
Violet	Lowen	For always challenging himself to do his best in all his work! We have seen so many fantastic pieces of work this week!
Amber	Bella	For her courage, and enthusiasm that she has shown already in her learning! Good luck in your next adventure. Well done Bella!
Indigo	Zeke	For a fantastic first week in school and for producing fantastic work online this week. Well done Zeke!
Turquoise	Sophia	For always being so passionate about our projects and adding her own sparkle of creativity to our learning. Your Hawaiian Cake looked incredible! Thank you for sharing a photo of it with us.



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.

There are still lots of ways to enjoy reading during this lockdown.

It's Epic!

If you have any device that connects to the internet, **Epic Reading** is an amazing place to explore books, videos, audio books, fun craft ideas and activities. It's free between the hours of 7am to 4pm Monday to Friday. Available as an app or via your internet browser, children login via their class code, there is no need to sign up. Ask your teacher or Mrs Crummay if you can't remember yours.

<https://www.getepic.com/sign-in>



Borrowbox

Did you know that we have some books written by our young authors here at school, available for the whole world to read on Borrowbox, the Cornwall Libraries Primary School, virtual library? Being one of the first schools in the county to trial this e' and audio book library has been very exciting. New books are being added all the time, just like our traditional libraries around the county. Every child in school has their own login, just download the app for free and login to Cornwall Libraries Primary School to start borrowing children's audio and e'books. Ask your teacher or Mrs Crummay if you don't remember your login.

<https://www.borrowbox.com/>

Accelerated Reader

It's really exciting that we can still quiz while we are away from school. We know lots of children love the Kahoot quizzes on Seesaw, but did you know you can still quiz on **Renaissance Place** our Accelerated Reader site and earn points towards our targets too! Follow the link below and login with your usual AR login. Good Luck!

<https://ukhosted101.renlearn.co.uk/6699539/>

Virtual School Library

We know how important school libraries are to the whole school community and it's been disappointing that we can't use our library in the usual way at the moment. To recognise this the **Literacy Trust** have launched the **Virtual School Library**, a free resource which aims to give every primary school child in the UK, access to a free e'book or audiobook, an exclusive video and engaging activities from a different beloved children's author or illustrator every week.

Take a look here -

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/>

There are many other places to read online, **Oxford Owls** offers free resources if you sign up. **Amazon** has 100's of free children's books to download to a **Kindle** or a free downloadable Kindle app for other devices and also **ibooks** on some apple devices offer free children's books. **Project Gutenberg** is an interesting site with thousands of free books for adults and children, they are mostly classic type titles from the early 20th century, but for adults it's worth an explore to discover a gem from the past!

If you think your child may be entitled to "Free School Meals" please email Mrs Oliver in reception (messages@pensans.cornwall.sch.uk) This also applies to those having free dinners because they are in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and have "Universal Infant Free School Meals" because of their age. Our school also receives Pupil Premium funding for each child on "Free School Meals".



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**Did you know you can use an Xbox or PlayStation
to browse the internet?**

**Allowing you to view Google Classroom, Seesaw
and other websites?**



Google Classroom

XBOX

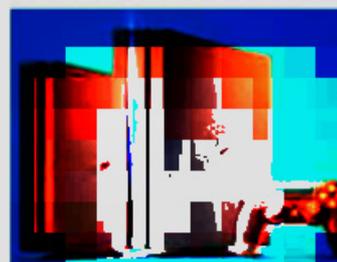
- 1. Go to 'My games and apps'**
- 2. Find 'Microsoft Edge' and select**
- 3. Visit the website**



***You can use the controller to type and select,
and can even plug in a USB keyboard!***

PLAYSTATION 4

- 1. Go to 'Library'**
- 2. Select 'All'**
- 3. Select 'Internet Browser'**
- 4. Visit the website**



You can use your controller to type and select!

