

Pensans Post

Autumn term 04/12/2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas is now definitely on the horizon and as you know we will not be able to celebrate with you in the traditional way this year.

Many children will want to bring in **Christmas Cards for their friends**. To do this safely we will need children to bring in their cards for friends in their own bubble by **Friday 11th December**. The cards will be kept in their own Bubble post box until Thursday 17th December when they will be safely distributed.



Thursday 17th December is also our **Christmas Dinner Day**

and the children can wear **Christmas Jumpers**. This year children will not be able to wear any Christmas Head Gear such as Deely Boppers etc as these are often shared throughout the day moving between children!

On the 17th December each class will make a short Christmas film which will be shared on the SeeSaw online platform and our website.

This year our PTA have enabled us to give the children access to online learning, playtime resources and other equipment. They usually fundraise at the Summer and Christmas Fairs which haven't been possible this year. Despite this the PTA will be supporting us to have a Grotto so that children will get to safely visit Santa.

The only fundraising that the PTA can do this Christmas is via **Class Christmas Photos**. The photos will be taken on **Friday 11th December** and children can wear Christmas Jumpers on that day also. Unfortunately we will not be able to show you the photos before you buy them - we will of course do our best to make sure that everyone is looking fabulous! You will be able to order a photo which will cost £2.00 - this money will help the PTA to keep helping us.

Please remember to vote for our window in what was Steckfensters in Chapel Street to **help us win the prize for our children**. You can scan the QR code to vote for us either on Steckfensters window or near your Bubble entrance at school.

Have a safe and peaceful weekend, Angela Clay

FREE SCHOOL MEAL



SUPERMARKET
VOUCHERS

Christmas Free School Meal Vouchers

Last week we advised parents that all families with benefits related Free School Meal eligibility will be emailed supermarket vouchers to the value of £30 per child for the two week Christmas holiday period. Eligible families will be sent emails with Tesco vouchers on the 9th December. Look out for an email from schoolvouchers.com in your Inbox / Junk email etc and follow the simple instructions.

There is a lot of support available to parents on the school vouchers website including a video and guide below:

<https://youtu.be/l2hZg2O17Cs>.

<https://help.schoolvouchers.com/hc/en-gb/articles/360015110178-How-to-access-your-voucher-step-by-step-instructions->

Trust

You are practicing Trust

when you...

- Believe there is some good in everything that happens
- Look for the lessons in painful experiences
- Let trust take away your worries
- Know that your best is good enough
- Trust others unless you have good reasons not to
- Don't nag, worry, or try to take control

Affirmation

I am trusting. I have no need to control others.

I release fear and worry.

I feel at peace and know I am not alone.

Trust is having faith in someone or something. It is a positive attitude about life. You are confident that the right thing will happen without trying to control it or make it happen. Even when difficult things happen, trust helps us to find the gift or lesson in it.

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School Dinners

Week commencing 07/12/2020 is week 1. Weekly menus are on our school website.

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

We are holding our school **Christmas dinner** on Thursday 17th December. It will be a little different to last year and in classrooms instead of in the school hall. If you would like your child to have a Christmas School Dinner on the 17th December you must **pre-book one by Monday 7th December** using an online form, (one form per child please). The link is on the school website in the newsletter section and will be emailed to all parents with the newsletter today.

<https://forms.gle/pa7KitYpyMGBdJyJ8>



Dinners cost £2.30 and must be paid in advance via ParentPay unless your child is eligible for Free School Meals OR in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and benefits from Universal Infant Free School Meals. Please note that there will be no other alternative meals that day, so home packed lunches will need to be sent in for any children not choosing to have a Christmas Dinner. The menu on that day will be roast turkey, roast potatoes, vegetables and all the trimmings OR quorn vegan roast, roast potatoes, vegetables and veggie gravy and festive pudding.

Children also have the option to wear a **Christmassy jumper** with their school uniform to school on that day if they would like to.

As part of recognising outstanding learning behaviours, we will be celebrating the children who have achieved **BLUE** each week. Well done to everyone who achieved it this week!



Blue:

I produce **outstanding** work.
 I have **worked my hardest** and the adults around me recognise that I have made a **great effort**.
 I have been a **fantastic friend** to others, helping out when I was needed.
 I continue to make all of the **right choices** in my learning and behaviours.
 I show **care and consideration** for others and my school.

Class	Well done for achieving blue this week!
Bumblebees	Alfie and Finnley
Green	Kerensa and Sid
Orange	Kajus and Aida May
Violet	James and Harry
Amber	Alexa and Kyran
Cobalt	Eliza and Eigirdas
Indigo	Jodie and Kyra
Turquoise	Kaden and Jack

Children going home after lunch on Wednesday - collection times

Unless you have applied for a Wednesday afternoon place for your child, please collect them after their lunches at the times below at their normal pick up place.

EYFS Caterpillars / Butterflies / Bumblebees	Phase 1 Green / Orange / Amber	Phase 2 Cobalt / Violet / Indigo	Phase 3 Turquoise	Families
12:45pm	12:40pm	12:30pm	12:20pm	12:50pm

For more details about Wednesday afternoons and how to apply if you meet the criteria check our website's newsletter page - see 23rd July.



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	Andreya	For being confident and trying new things.
Orange	William	For having pride in everything he does and for always trying his best.
Green	Corbin	For working very hard on his scarecrow story and making fantastic choices all the time.
Cobalt	Ebony	For her amazing positive attitude towards all of her work . Ebony gives 100% and is producing such lovely work. I love seeing all the work that she brings in from home too! Keep it up Ebony, you star!
Violet	Danielle	For her fantastic learning attitude and consistent blue presentation in all her work. She has also been a very helpful and kind class member.
Amber	Mia	For her clarity and confidence when explaining her maths understanding using the column method.
Indigo	Ellis	For writing a fantastic story this week and scoring really well in his STAR test.
Turquoise	Izzy	For her courage, determination and taking herself out of her comfort zone to try new things in all areas of her learning.



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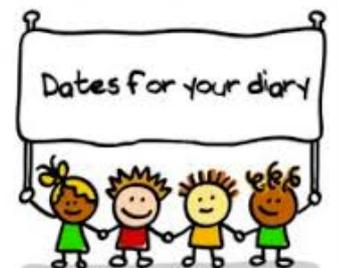
Keep up-to-date with all of the exciting things that are going on @pensansschool (Twitter) and @pensans.primary (Facebook)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 7th December** - Deadline for pre-booking school Christmas Dinners (see page 2)
- Wednesday 9th December** - Christmas FSM vouchers emailed to eligible parents
- Friday 11th December** - Deadline for Christmas cards to be brought into school
- Friday 11th December** - PTA's Christmas jumper and Christmas class photo day - please send in £2 to order your child's class photo
- Thursday 17th December** - School Christmas Jumper and Dinner day
- 21st December to 1st January** - Christmas holidays
- 4th January 2021** - INSET Day, no school

- * 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)



YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

Visit www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test

or call 119