



Pondhu
Primary School

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NEWSLETTER

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DATES

February

15th – 19th half term
22nd School closed Inset day.
29th Premises committee 8.30am
Finance committee 9.30am
Personnel committee 10.30am

March

4th Admissions meeting
16th Full governing board meeting 5pm
22nd & 23rd Parent consultation evenings
24th Last day of term

April

11th Back to school
15th Admissions meeting 9am
21st Parents Forum meetings
27th Full Governing Board meeting 5pm

May

6th Admissions panel 9am
9th SATS week for Y6

30th May – 6th June Half term

STAR LEARNERS

This week's Star Learners are William, Nanci, Macey, Mia, Maisi, Agnesa, Beth, Harry and Emily. Congratulations to you all.

E-SAFETY WEEK

This week has been national e-safety week and the children have been working on a range of activities and Mr Cooper led a whole school assembly to remind them of how to be safe on line. Years 5 and 6 worked with Pirate FM and produced some radio adverts and these will be uploaded to the school website soon after half term. Also on the school website is a copy of the latest E-Safety Newsletter which has a very useful parent's page. I have copied one section concerning children's screen time onto the back of this newsletter. You can download the whole document from the website by clicking on the link at the bottom of the home page.



FOPS VALENTINE'S DISCO



Thank you to FOPS for organising the disco. The children all had a great time. Special thanks to Mrs Retallick who, once again, provided the disco.

SPORTS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Summer, Abigail, Charlie and Josh who have qualified for the Mid Cornwall Cross Country finals. They have beaten a large and competitive field to qualify. We wish them every success.

NEW GOVERNOR

I am pleased to announce that we have a new member of our Governing Board - Mrs Deborah Ward. This means that our Governing Board is full and I would like to thank Mrs Ward for her commitment to this aspect of school life.



HALF TERM

Next week is half term. We are looking forward to school starting again on Tuesday 23rd February.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Year 2, River Truro, who achieved 100% attendance last week.

Mrs D Tregellas

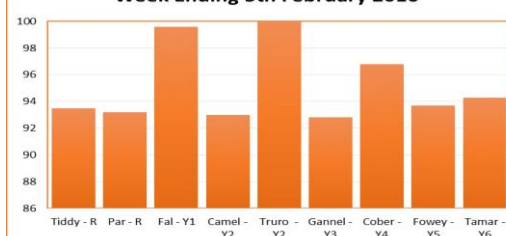
MAKATON FRIENDLY SCHOOL

Our new sign this week

happy



Percentage Attendance
Week Ending 5th February 2016



Consider the following advice from Webwise for setting 'Screen Time'.

1. Agree a clear set of rules with your child on screen time in the home. Talk to your child on when you think it is appropriate and inappropriate to use screens. Agree times when screens are allowed and not allowed in the home. For example dinner time, homework time and bed time.
2. Do as you say. Modelling behaviour is THE most powerful way you can influence your child's behaviour.
3. Restrict the use of computers/devices in the bedroom. Depending on the age of your child you may want to set a curfew or ban devices from the bedroom completely.
4. Buy an alarm clock for your child's bedroom and charge their phones in your room at night time. This can be a helpful way of giving them a break from the internet.
5. Try not to rely on screens too much to keep the kids amused. It can be easy to encourage kids to pick up the tablet or play a game on the computer to keep them occupied. This only confuses rules on screen time, try and stick to the agreed rules with your child and remember to set a good example.
6. Chat to your child about what they do online and encourage them to use their screen time for learning and education.
7. Pick one evening a week where you do a family activity together, whether it's movie night, games night. Doing activities together as a family will help implement screen time guidelines and offer fun alternatives.
8. Don't have screens always on in the background. Turn off TVs and Computers when not in use, these can be distracting for kids if they are trying to participate in another activity.
9. Finally, join in, why not set some time aside to play your child's favourite computer game and discover the online world together.



<http://www.webwise.ie/parents/screen-time-advice-for-parents/>

Just a few of the comments from Year 5 & 6 following their time with the Pirate FM safety crew...

I have learnt a lot today about how the internet is important and how careful I should be.

That was making us learn serious things in a fun way.

I enjoyed everything about it and now I know more about internet safety.

Amazing, I loved it! I want to be a Pirate FM worker when I'm older.