



# NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2016

## DATES

### September

27<sup>th</sup> FOPS AGM

### October

24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Half term

31<sup>st</sup> INSET day

### December

16<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

### January 2017

3<sup>rd</sup> First day of term

### February

13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Half term

20<sup>th</sup> INSET day

### March

31<sup>st</sup> Last day of term

### April

18<sup>th</sup> First day of term

### May

1<sup>st</sup> Bank holiday

29<sup>th</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June half term

### June

5<sup>th</sup> INSET day

### July

25<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

## STAR LEARNERS

Congratulations to our star learners Josh, Jasmin, Evie, Merlin, Tanis, Philippa, Gracie, Jasmine and Noah this week. You have shown your determination to be resilient and successful learners.



## SCHOOL PARLIAMENT

Following a busy couple of weeks of elections, speeches and voting I am now very pleased to announce that the School Parliament members have been elected. Congratulations to all the members.

## HOUSE CAPTAINS



The House Captains for this academic year have also been selected by their class and staff. Congratulations to Bill, Josh, Georgia, Summer, Abbie, Harry, Jak and Niamh.

I am confident these pupils will take on this additional responsibility and I am looking forward to working with them on a number of projects this year.

## GOVERNOR UPDATE

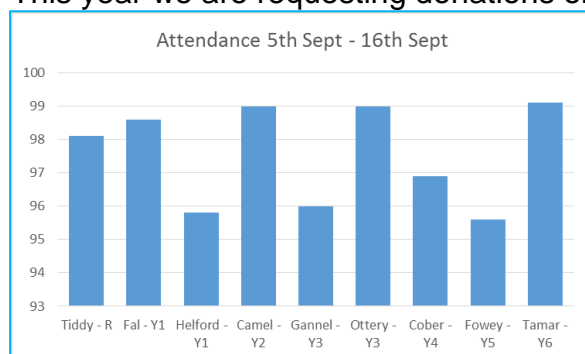
At the first meeting for this academic year, held on Wednesday, I can now announce that Mr Leaity was re-elected our Chair and Mrs Heyward and Mr Gardiner as joint Vice Chairs for the forthcoming year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the governors for the time, skill and commitment they give to ensure our school continues to be a successful and exciting place for the children to learn.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

The school harvest festival takes place next Wednesday. This year we are requesting donations of food packets and tins which will be passed to the Food Bank. If you wish to contribute please send in any tins or packets on Wednesday morning. Thank you for your support.

## ATTENDANCE

Three classes have made an impressive start to the term achieving 99% in the first two weeks. Well done to Rivers Camel, Ottery and Tamar.



## **LONDON TRIP**

Just a reminder that deposits must be paid by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September, please contact the office for information.

## **PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES**

Towards the end of last term I circulated a questionnaire about our school. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete these and return them. Thank you also to Mrs Holbrook for collating all the responses.

I am delighted that the very large majority of you were extremely positive and I thank you for recognising the skills, commitment and hard work that goes into making Pondhu the place that it is. There is a summary of results and comments available on the school website for you to read.

## **FRIENDS OF PONDHU (FOPS) UPDATE**

The FOPS Summer Fayre took place last Friday. Thank you to everyone who donated goods or prizes and to the parents, staff and friends who helped make the evening a success. The total raised was just over £500.

The FOPS AGM takes place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15am. This year FOPS really needs some new committee members to help organise the range of events over the year. Please come along on Tuesday and find out how you can help.

*Mrs D Tregellas*

