



**Pondhu**  
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# NEWSLETTER

26<sup>th</sup> February 2016

## DATES

### February

29<sup>th</sup> Premises committee  
8.30am  
Finance committee  
9.30am  
Personnel committee  
10.30am

### March

3<sup>rd</sup> St Piran's Day lunch  
4<sup>th</sup> Admissions meeting  
9<sup>th</sup> Curriculum committee  
9am.  
16<sup>th</sup> Full Governing Board  
meeting 5pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Sports Relief  
22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Parent  
consultation evenings  
24<sup>th</sup> Last day of term

### April

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

### May

6<sup>th</sup> Admissions panel 9am  
9<sup>th</sup> SATS week for Y6

30<sup>th</sup> May – 6<sup>th</sup> June Half  
term

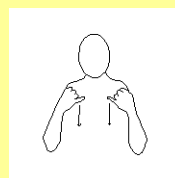
## STAR LEARNERS

This week's Star Learners are Sharlie, Tobey, Jordan, Daniel, Taylor, Savannah, Lucas, Cadan and Lily. Thank you for your commitment to be successful learners.

## MAKATON FRIENDLY SCHOOL AWARD

We received some excellent news just before half term – Pondhu has been successful in achieving the Makaton Friendly School Status. Thank you to everyone who has been learning to sign. We will continue to have new signs each week. This week's signs are for 'ill' and 'hurt'.

### MAKATON FRIENDLY SCHOOL Our new signs this week



Ill



Hurt

## TALKING HOMEWORK

Being able to talk confidently, share ideas clearly and listen to the views and opinions of others are important oracy skills (speaking and listening) that are part of the National Curriculum. This week all the children have been set a 'Talking Homework' and this involves you, the parents, carers and wider family. The task is to discuss together the following question.

**If you were an animal what would it be and why?**

Next week in school we have scheduled specific times when children and adults will be discussing this question. Please support your children by discussing what they might say and sharing your ideas with them.

## FOPS VALENTINE'S DISCO

Thank you once again to FOPS for organising the disco. A total of 176 children (53 from Foundation stage, 55 from Y1 & 2 and 68 from Y3 – 6) attended and the profit was £253.66.

## MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

Today your child will be bringing home a slip concerning Mother's Day gifts. FOPS will be in school selling the gifts on Wednesday next week for £1 each. Your child is asked to return the slip with the correct money attached on Monday.

## ST PIRAN'S DAY LUNCH

On Thursday there will be a special menu to mark St Piran's Day. You will have already returned your booking form for the pasty lunch, but any last minute requests to the office on Monday please.

## STREET DANCE CLUB

Unfortunately Alice is not able to be in school next week so there will be no competition team training on Tuesday at 4.15pm. Both the other club sessions will run as usual and thank you to Mrs Campbell for leading these sessions.

## ATTENDANCE

River Truro Year 2 has the highest attendance in the week before half term, they achieved 96.9%.

*Mrs D Tregellas*

