Pondhu Primary School

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Friday 8th April

Happy Easter everyone! It certainly has been a busy term and I have enjoyed getting to know all the children, staff and families at Pondhu. This term we have introduced lots of new things including Class dojo, Numbots, Times Tables Rock Stars, The Write Stuff (new writing scheme) and Jigsaw (a scheme of work for PSHE). The staff and children have worked incredibly hard this term on the new initiatives and they deserve to be recognised for their efforts. I am certainly proud of everyone in the school community and they all deserve a well-earned holiday.

THE WRITE STUFF

Our new writing scheme 'The Write Stuff' is proving to be a great success. Children in Y1 – Y6 have been taking part in Experience Lessons and Sentence Stacking lessons, all building up to an Independent Write where the children have

written an innovation of the text they have been studying. The children are learning lots of new and exciting vocabulary and we are already seeing a positive impact on their writing.





DIARY DATES

April

9th – 24th Easter Holidays 25th Return to school **May**

2nd Bank holiday 27th Last day of term **June**

6th Jubilee Bank holiday 7th Return to school **July**

26th Last day of term (finish at 1.30 p.m.) Please keep checking the diary dates as they do sometimes need to be changed.

Attendance this week River Tiddy (R) – 86.7 River Fal (Y1) – 89.6 River Camel (Y2) – 94.5 River Gannel (Y3) – 83.3 River Cober (Y4) – 95.9 River Fowey (Y5) – 95.9 River Tamar (Y6RM) – 87.3 River Valency (Y6HH) – 85.9

<u>JIGSAW</u>

Across the school, we are now using the Jigsaw programme to help deliver quality PSHE lessons to all of our pupils. We began our Jigsaw journey at the beginning of this half-term by introducing the Jigsaw Friends, which have proved to be very popular with all the children.

This half-term we have been following the 'Celebrating Difference' unit and are in the process of creating a celebration of work from all age groups.



CLASS DOJO

Today sees the end of our second round of class dojos. The children will receive their certificates on the first Monday back after the Easter holidays.







Star Learners

Well done to our star learners this week. They have shown positivity and a determination to succeed this week. Some children have been brave and really tried to work more independently. They have also consistently worked hard, resulting in some outstanding achievements being made. Fantastic work everyone – keep it up!

Congratulations to Rhiannon-Rose, Francis, Caleb, Riley, Lila, Ruby, Feleesha and Evie May!

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS



Over the Easter holidays, Mrs Jolliff will be running another competition for the most improved players in each year group. There will be certificates and prizes for the winners. She will be looking at people who have improved their accuracy, number of correct answers and studio speed. Good luck and have fun playing!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 25th April – Year 3 Swimming all week Monday 25th April – Poltair PE event Wednesday 27th April – Year 5 Sailing Thursday 28th April – Swimming gala training @ Tywardreath school

READING RAFFLE WINNERS

Each half term, we have 3 winners for the Reading Raffle (every time your child reads 5 times during the week, their name is placed into the draw). Congratulations to:

Year 6T Josh B, Josh H, Tyler

Year 6V Noah, Riley, Esme

Year 5

- Year 3 Flint, Austeja, Elaina
- Year 2 Leon, Daniel, Marley
- Benjamin, Summer, Dexter Year 1 Sophia, Valencia, Allan



Year 4 Corren, Roseannah, Finley

Voting Voice



I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday! Stay safe and enjoy the sunshine.

Mrs Rachel Clift

