

NEWSLETTER

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WOW – WHAT A WEEK!

What a first week of term we have had with changes and new routines and expectations being put into place. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding this week. I would also like to say thank you to the staff who have just got on brilliantly with dealing with the changes, preparing, sorting resources and delivering education in a very different way to the one we had planned on Monday. What a team we have here at Pondhu!

WHAT LOCKDOWN MEANS FOR OUR SCHOOL

This newsletter is designed to provide you with information and clarify how we will be working moving forward through this lockdown. Please read carefully and contact us on either of the two numbers below for clarification.

DATES

February

15th – 19th Half term

April

1st Last day of term

19th Return from Easter holidays

May

31st – 4th June Half term

July

22nd Last day of term

- Remote learning. Your child completing school work at home is not optional. The Government has set out clear guidelines about what the children should be doing whilst the lockdown is in place. Teachers will be contacting pupils in their classes who have not logged in to Eschools. It really is a simple process and we ask that children make contact daily via a message to their teacher. Work will be set daily for all pupils by their teacher. If you are not sure please message the teacher for help.
- Zoom session with your child's class teacher. On Monday 11th January, each teacher will be running a Zoom session for their class. The logging in details will be shared in the Monday morning notes from the teachers in Eschools. This is the first of what we plan to be an increasing number of sessions. All sessions run by school will be recorded. We are also planning to run a virtual Celebration Assembly for Friday. More details next week.
- Key worker and vulnerable pupils. We have contacted all the pupils in this group this week and you will be sent a booking form each Wednesday to be completed and returned by Friday. Please book for the sessions you will need for the following week.
- Mobile phone data scheme. You will have received information about this pilot scheme this week. If you feel your family would benefit from having the additional data to allow pupils to engage in online learning, please complete the short questionnaire by noon on Monday so we can send off the applications. There is no guarantee that we will be successful but it's definitely worth a try.
- Free school meals vouchers. All eligible families should have received their vouchers this week. If you have any problems please email Mrs Blaber, secretary@pondhu.cornwall.sch.uk who will be able to help.
- ESchools Logins. If your child's password needs resetting please message your child's name to one of the mobiles below and it will be reset to [badger](#). This can then be reset once they have logged in. All other logins can be shared by class teachers. Please message them for help.
- Using Xbox or PlayStation to access Eschools. Mrs Jolliff has produced an easy guide to using these devices to access learning on Eschools. Please find attached.

The school mobile numbers are
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