Pondhu Primary School

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Friday 8th July

Good afternoon everyone,

We have had another busy week in school and enjoyed welcoming our new Reception children for their first visit to school on Monday. Teachers spent the day with their new classes for next year and Year 6 children also visited Penrice and Poltair. Everyone seemed to have a great day!

The Y3/4 children have had a fantastic time at camp Kernow this week.



YEAR 2 - GO ACTIVE

As part of the 'Go-Active' scheme, all of the Year 2 children took part in a variety of activities including Street Surfing, Urban Polo and Rocket Ball, it certainly looked like they enjoyed every minute of it.



DIARY DATES

July

11th July Y5 Brannel Transition Day 13th - 14th July Parents evenings 25th July Y6 BBQ 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.

September 5th September Children return to school



Y6 SAT RESULTS

We have had our Year 6 SAT results in this week and are incredibly proud of all of the children. They have worked very hard this year to make up for the time out of school during the lockdowns. There has been a great improvement in the school results compared to the last SATs in 2019.

| | 2019 | 2022 |
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| Reading | 29% | 58% |
| Writing | 52% | 66% |
| Maths | 23% | 63% |
| Reading, Writing and Maths combined | 16% | 53% |

Attendance this week River Tiddy (R) – 90% River Fal (Y1) – 92.2% River Camel (Y2) – 91% River Gannel (Y3) – 83.9% River Cober (Y4) – 93.2% River Fowey (Y5) – 97% River Tamar (Y6RM) – 89.7% River Valency (Y6HH) – 91.1%







Congratulations to all our star learners this week. At camp, they have been amazing campers, helped others and challenged themselves. In school, they have shown consistently good behaviour, been brave and persevered. They have contributed positively in lessons, shown great effort and resilience. They have had great ideas for their writing and worked hard in assessment week. Well done to Maci-Jane, Arie, Savannah, Ugne, Ellie, Maddox, Noah and Nicole!

REMINDER PARENTS EVENINGS

On Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July we will be holding parents' evenings in school. They will run from 3.15 – 6.00pm. It will be an opportunity for you to look at your child's work and talk to their teacher about their attainment and progress. You should have already received information about how to book your appointment on e-schools. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL ENTITLEMENT

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal whereby children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 are entitled to Free School Meals if their parent/carers are in receipt of selected government benefits such as Universal Credit. Attached are 2 posters which explain in more detail.

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all those that purchased a book recently from the Book Fair that we held in the School Hall, you bought a total of £510 worth of books which is amazing. This has enabled us to fill our Reading Raffle prize box with brand new books for the children to win.

SCHOOL UNIFORM PURCHASE

The School Office are now unable to order any external purchases of school uniform however you still have until the 15th July to submit your orders for school jumpers, fleeces and pondhu polo shirts.

SITE SAFETY

As you may be aware, there are several people camping near our school site at the moment. We are working with the local council and police to ensure that our site remains safe as there have been reports of inappropriate comments made to some of our pupils. However, we have also found out that a number of our pupils have been making offensive and inappropriate comments to the people camping and have thrown stones at the tents. We have spoken to pupils in school about ensuring they are kind and respectful to others and keep themselves and others safe and I encourage you to speak to them as well. Can we remind you that pupils should not be on the school site before 8:30am. If they are near school, they must not be using the council office land to play on. If you have any concerns, please come and speak to us. Thank you for your support in this matter.

AFTERT SCHOOL CLUBS

Next week will be the last week of the current after school clubs so please remember to pick your child up at normal school finishing time from the 18th July onwards. For those that do Netball, there will be no Netball practice this coming Monday either.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 11th July – Brannel transition day Year 5 Wednesday 13th July – Year 6 Valency sailing at Polkerris Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July – Parents evenings Friday 15th July – Playground mentor training

As we approach the end of term, I would like to remind you of the new timings of the school day in September.

Gates and classroom doors will open at 8.30 am. The children will go straight into classrooms instead of waiting on the playground or ball court. The school day will start at 8.45 am. If the children arrive after this they will need to go through the school office. Children will be marked as unauthorised late after 9.00 am.

The school day ends at 3.15 pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and 3.20 pm for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. This is bringing us in line with government expectations of 32.5 hours of education per week.

We are all excited about the additional learning time which the children will have for the Foundation subjects next year.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rachel Clift

Weekly Activities are held at St Austell Tennis Club

We aim to be total inclusive and have active tennis players from 8-80!!

July 17 is our open day for all tennis participants-please come along, all that is needed is a pair of sports shoes/trainers, we can supply the rest of the equipment.

Find out more from our website go to https://www.staustelltennisclub.co.uk

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

During the whole school assembly this week, the children were told about the reading challenge that starts on the 9th July. All libraries across Cornwall are participating in this year's Summer Reading Challenge which is a great way for children to enjoy reading over the Summer period. Please see the attached poster which explains everything.



THE BIG BUG HUNT



The Big Bug Hunt will take place from $8^{th} - 14^{th}$ August, please find attached a poster which explains everything – definitely worth taking part as there are prizes to be won.