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Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Good afternoon everyone,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this school year. What a final week we have had! On Monday, we had an amazing Rocksteady concert. We certainly have some budding musicians.

On Tuesday evening, the children in Year 6 celebrated their graduation. It was a huge success. Thank you to all the parents and staff who attended making memories for the children they will never forget.

We celebrated our Year 6 award winners who were:

Academic Achievement - Rylie Allen and Oskar Riches Academic Progress – Leon Chen, Poppy Cook, **Brooke Eldridge and Martin Kerridge** Contribution to school life – Elliot Bone, Antoni Pszczolkowski, Ellie Thacker and Owen Palmer

**Carol Jennings Award – Roseannah Betteridge** Star learner of the Year – Rylie Allen Pupil of the Year – Jack Rance









#### **DIARY DATES**

#### SEPTEMBER

Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th

### YEAR 6

Year 6 have been enjoying a fantastic last week and on Wednesday spent the day at Polkerris paddle boarding and playing on the beach. The children showed resilience and bravery paddling out to the pontoon and standing up on their paddle boards. They were even jumping off the boards. They also worked as teams to create dams and bridges in the sand and played football.











# PONDHU'S GOT TALENT

On Thursday, the whole school celebrated 'Pondhu's Got Talent' and there really was some amazing talent on show.

Our winners were:

KS1

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ethan Thomas
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Arthur Moore and Albie Orton
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Autumn Johnson and Preslie Puckey

KS2

 $\mathbf{1}^{st}$  Poppy Cook and Brooke Eldridge

2<sup>nd</sup> Ruby Lenton, Orla Akinsanya, Eloise Martin and Kyla Hales

3<sup>rd</sup> Summer Hensby and Allison Edwards







### **STAFF LEAVERS**

Today we are saying goodbye to Mrs Rowe, Miss Welch, Miss Blight, Mrs Bowden and Mrs Adams. We would like to thank them all for their hard work and dedication. We wish them all the best for their future endeavours. As you can see, Miss Rowe is graduating with the Year 6 children as she has worked with them throughout KS2.





The children who have been chosen by their teachers as star learner for the year have been incredible this year for a variety of reasons. Well done to everyone!

Reception – Theo Khamkhieo

- Year 1 Penny Smith
- Year 2 Maia Baranescu
- Year 3 Piper Belcham
- Year 4 Finley Cockayne
- Year 5 Devi Ranjith
- Year 6 Rylie Allen

## **CONGRATULATIONS** everyone!

### **RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 BEACH TRIP**

Last week Reception and Year 1 went on a trip to Pentewan. We got the coach to the Pentewan Trail and walked along the river and through the woods to the beach. We had lots of fun building sandcastles, dipping our toes in the sea and having a picnic. On our way to get the coach back to school, we went to the park on the beach to have some more fun. The children were brilliantly behaved throughout.











# ATTENDANCE UPDATE

August will see the changes to the National Penalty Notice Framework come into force. Specifically, the changes are:

1. A new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for which a penalty notice must be considered. A penalty fine can be issued for any combination of unauthorised absences over a 10- week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms.

2. An increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

3. If a 2nd penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

4. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider options available to them to improve attendance. This will include a consideration to prosecute under section 444 of the Education Act 1996.

5. The current penalty notice warning letter used for unauthorised absence (not holiday) will be changed to a Notice to Improve.

Please be aware of these changes when you are booking your holidays. Below is a reminder of next years term dates.

#### Term Dates for 2024-2025

Autumn term 1 2024: Thursday 5th September - Thursday 17th October 2024 Autumn term 2 2024: Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December 2024 Spring term 1 2025: Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February 2025 Spring term 2 2025: Monday 24th February - Friday 4th April 2025 Summer term 1 2025: Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 23rd May 2025 Summer term 2 2025: Monday 2nd June - Friday 25th July 2025.

Non pupil days Monday 2nd September, Tuesday 3rd September, Wednesday 4th September, Friday 18th October, Friday 20th June, Monday 23rd June

### **READING RAFFLE WINNERS**

Children earn raffle tickets for reading 5 times a week.



Reception – Jayden and Freya Year 1 – Brogan and Holli-Rae

- Year 2 Rocco and Arlo
- Year 3 Faith and Piper
- Year 4 Finley and Lola
- Year 5 Austeja and Devi
- Year 6 Jamie and Leon



### CAROL JENNINGS MEMORIAL AWARD

Today we are celebrating two children who have been nominated for the Carole Jennings Memorial Award (one in Key Stage 1 and one in Key Stage 2). This award is presented once a year to two outstanding children. This year our winners are:

### KS1

### **OLIVIA ZUR**

This award goes to someone who has shown courage and dedication to learning and had made amazing progress with her learning throughout Year 2. She doesn't let any distractions affect her desire to do her nest and always comes to school with a smile on her face.

#### KS2

### **ROSEANNAH BETTERIDGE**

Roseannah is such a kind and caring pupil to not only humans but plants and animals as well. She is kind and helpful to everyone and can always be relied upon in times of need. Roseannah has to be especially commended for her fundraising activities for the Year 6 leavers trip to Camel Creek. Roseannah came up with the amazing idea to plant some seeds and grow them herself so that she could sell them to raise funds. The plants were amazing and such a success. She didn't stop there in her quest. She also decided to sell milkshakes and these were again a huge success. Roseannah raised over £80! Roseannah is also a determined and resilient learner. She tries her best in all that she does and shows that hard work can lead to success. We are incredibly proud of you Roseannah.

### **ATTENDANCE**

### **ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS**

Here are the class winners for the whole year's attendance.



EYFS/KS1 ARIAL

1<sup>st</sup> Year 1 with 93.6%

2<sup>nd</sup> Year 2 with 93.3%

3<sup>rd</sup> Reception with 93.2%



KS2 ALFIE

- 1<sup>st</sup> Year 4 with 95.5%
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 with 95%
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 3 with 94.8%
- 4<sup>th</sup> Year 5 with 94.6%

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Return to school

I hope that you all have a lovely summer holiday. Enjoy the break and stay safe!

Mrs Rachel Clift