



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st July

Welcome to the last newsletter of this school year. What a great year we have had! We had a fantastic Ofsted inspection in April and were thrilled with the report. Over the last term, we have completed many statutory assessments. As a school, we have improved our results in all of these assessments from previous years.

Last week, we received our Year 6 SAT results which were incredible and a testament to the hard work put in by the Year 6 children and their teachers over the last 4 years. They were the best results we have ever had! As you can see below our results were above the national standard across the board. We are very proud of all of the children!

## DIARY DATES

### **September**

1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September

staff training days

5<sup>th</sup> September -

Children return to school

	Pondhu Expected standard	National comparison	Greater Depth Standard
Reading	77%	73%	40%
Writing	80%	71%	13%
Maths	77%	73%	27%
Combined Reading, Writing and Maths	67%	59%	

## READING RAFFLE WINNERS

Children earn raffle tickets for reading 5 times a week.



Year 1 – Jackson & Luna

Year 2 – Evie & James

Year 3 – Francis & Jordan

Year 4 – Charlie & Savannah

Year 5 – Antoni & Poppy

Year 6 – Ben & John





# Star Learners of the Year



Well done to our star learners of the year. They will be bringing home this years' trophy to keep.

Reception : Rwby for making amazing progress, enjoying her learning and being such an enthusiastic and positive member of the class.

Year 1 : Evie for making amazing progress in every subject. She is a kind, helpful, sensible member of the class and is a brilliant role model to others.

Year 2 : Hunter for exceptional progress with communication and learning.

Year 3 : Charlie for being an outstanding role model and everything you would wish for in a Pondhu pupil!

Year 4 : Flint for always trying his best and for being kind and helpful to everyone.

Year 5 : Owen for always being kind and helpful and showing increased confidence in his learning.

Year 6 : Sophie for working incredibly hard all year, an impressing us with her friendly and positive approach to everything.



## 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

### PIPER BELCHAM

Piper is a great member of the school. She is a great role model to other children as she works hard and is constantly looking for ways in which she can improve. Piper is a good friend to others, always ready to help others in whatever way she can. She has also been a brilliant member of parliament, taking this role seriously and making sure that the views of her class are heard.

## KS2

### AIDAN TEECE

Aidan has had a fantastic year this year in terms of the contributions that he has made to school life. He has been an excellent prime minister for our school parliament- carrying out all of his duties expertly and with confidence. Whenever we have had a visitor to the school, Aidan has spoken well and really conveyed all of the many strengths that Pondhu Primary School has. In class, he has consistently worked hard and contributed to learning and class discussions thoughtfully and insightfully. He has also been a role model to others when out and about on Year 6 class trips – always acting in a polite and considerate manner.

## YEAR 6 – END OF YEAR AWARDS

A final farewell to all of the current Year 6 – wishing you all the very best for your next adventures in Year 7. Congratulations to the Year 6 Award winners:



## Year 5/6 London Trip

Last week, we took 32 children in Year 5 and 6 to London. We had a fantastic time and visited the Houses of Parliament, where we met our local MP Steve Double for a question and answer session. The children looked around the House of commons and House of Lords and even visited Westminster Hall where the queen lay in state.



We also visited the Natural History museum, the British museum, the Science museum and the Imperial War museum. The children particularly enjoyed our trip to the theatre to watch 'Matilda' the musical. It was superb and the children were mesmerised.



# Pondhu's got talent

Yesterday we had some fantastic entertainment with our Pondhu's got talent competition. There were some amazing entries from every class and we were so impressed with the confidence the children showed in front of the whole school.

The winners were:

## **Key Stage 1**

Gold	Piper & Georgie
Silver	Arthur
Bronze	Henry

## **Key Stage 2**


Gold	Claire
Silver	Summer, Eden and Liam
Bronze	Lola

Thank you to everyone who took part and the effort they all made to practise their performances.



## **Spelling Day Results**


We are very pleased that two classes at Pondhu won the CELT Spelling competition for the amount of games played on Spelling Shed! They have been rewarded with ice lollies!

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### **CELT Spelling Results - Winning Classes**

<b>YEAR 2</b>	Jemison (Pondhu)
<b>YEAR 3 &amp; 4</b>	Carlyon Bay (Carclaze)
<b>YEAR 5 &amp; 6</b>	Rashford (Pondhu)

Your class will receive an ice-cream treat to congratulate you on your team effort!





**WELCOME TO MRS GORVETT!**  
**(Pondhu's new parent support advisor)**

Hi,

My name is Wendy Gorvett and I am lucky enough to be the Parent Support Advisor here at Pondhu Primary School. Prior to working at Pondhu, my background was working within the Housing and Homelessness Team at Cornwall Council. I was a Senior Family Worker for 10 years with the Early Help Team and I worked for 3 years as a Parent Support Advisor in another local primary school. Some of you may recognize me from when you have attended the parenting programmes as I was also a Parenting Worker.



As your Parent Support Advisor, I would like to support you and your children to get the best from school. If you are struggling with your child's behavior, routines or any other concerns then please don't hesitate to contact me, either when I am on gate duty or via email [wcalvesbert@pon.celtrust.org](mailto:wcalvesbert@pon.celtrust.org).

**STAFF LEAVERS**

Mrs Bunt leaves Pondhu today after 12 years. We thank her for her dedication and hard work over the years and wish her well in her new job at Lostwithiel.

Mrs Povey is also leaving us to take up a new job at Lostwithiel. We will be sad to see her leave but wish her well in her new job. Good luck Mrs Povey!

Mr Greenhalgh, Mrs Marston and Ms Clarke will also be leaving us and we thank them for all the support they have given to the children.

We would also like to say a huge 'farewell' to Lloyd the Lollipop Man. Thank you for keeping our children safe whilst crossing the road for the past 12 years and being a kind, smiley face every morning and afternoon – we will miss you.

**STAFF JOINERS**

In September there will be a new addition to our staff team. Mr Dingle will be teaching our Year 5 Owens class and will be part of the Senior Leadership Team. In September, we will be joined by Mrs. Karen Dickens as our new school Hub SENCO.

## ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS

Here are the class winners for the whole years' attendance.



EYFS / KS1 ARIAL

1 <sup>st</sup>	Reception 93.36%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 2 91.7%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 1 90.85%



KS2 ALFIE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 95.33%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 5 95.09%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 93.99%
4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 92.25%

## COMPETITION TIME

### Summer Holidays Rock

We want to make the summer holidays rock and come back to school in September in blazing glory!

Over the holidays there will be Numbots and Times Tables Rockstars competitions for 'The most coins earned' and 'The most improved'. Mrs Jolliff has certificates and prizes ready to give out in the first week back to our winners.

Who's going to take the crown as Pondhu's numbots champion? Who's going to be the Times Tables Rockstars superstar?



## Keep reading over summer!

Let's keep children reading to ensure they don't fall behind over the summer break. To help your child to continue to practise their reading skills over the summer holidays, you can support them in the following ways:

- Sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge at St. Austell Library. If your child reads six books over the summer, they can earn a certificate and a voucher for a free swim!

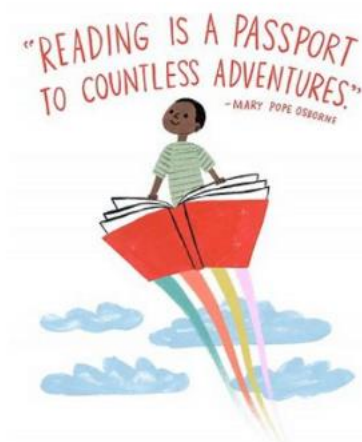


- If your child is going into Y1 or Y2, enable them to watch the Read Write Inc Virtual Classroom film clips. See the attached VC document to find the links for the clips that are most suitable for your child.

- Use myON to access thousands of e-books. Your child will have individual login details in their reading record. The website you need is:  
<https://www.myon.co.uk/login/index.html>



- Read to your child every day. Being read to develops children's comprehension and love of reading.





## **Term Dates for the Academic Year 2023-2024**

Here are the term dates for the next academic year.

### **Autumn Term 2023**

Friday 1st September 2023 & Monday 4 September 2023 – Staff Inset Days (Students not required to attend)

Tuesday 5th September 2023 – Term Begins

Monday 16th October 2023 to Friday 27th October 2023 – Half Term

Friday 15th December 2023 – End of Term (Last day before Christmas Holidays)

### **Spring Term 2024**

Monday 8th January 2024 – Term Begins

Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024 – Half Term

Thursday 28th March 2024 – End of Term (Last day)

### **Summer Term 2024**

Monday 15th April 2024 – Term Begins

Monday 6th May 2024 – Early May Bank Holiday

Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31st May 2024 – Half Term

Friday 26th July 2024 – End of Term (Last day)

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

Mrs Rachel Clift