Pondhu Primary School

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Friday 13th May

Good afternoon everyone,

We have had a great week at Pondhu. The staff and I are very proud of our Year 6 children in River Tamar and River Valency. They have worked incredibly hard on their SATs this week and applied themselves to the tests really well. I think a highlight of the week was definitely the SATs breakfast for the children! We look forward to the results coming out in July. Next week is SATs week for Year 2 and I am sure they will follow in the footsteps of the year sixes and do their best.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Monday 16th May we will be having class photos and team photos. Please make sure that your children are in the correct school uniform.



SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming sessions will continue daily throughout the Summer Term. Please see the timetable below for each class so that you know when your child is swimming.

| Week beginning | Time | Class |
|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 16-5-22 | 1.30 - 2.30 | Year 5 |
| 23-5-22 | 1.30 – 2.30 | Year 6 Valency |
| 7-6-22 | 1.30 - 2.30 | Year 6 Tamar |
| 13-6-22 | 10.00 - 11.00 | Year 2 |
| 20-6-22 | 10.00 - 11.00 | Year 1 |
| 27-6-22 | 10.00 - 11.00 | Reception |



DIARY DATES

May

16th May class / team photos 16th – 20th May **Y2 SATs** 27th Jubilee Day (Last day of term) **June**

6th Jubilee Bank holiday 7th Return to school 13th – 17th June Y5/6 camp at Bishops Forum

July

1st July Sports Day 6th – 8th July Y3/4 camp at Camp Kernow 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) – 94.1% River Fal (Y1) – 94.6% River Camel (Y2) – 95.2% River Gannel (Y3) – 91.4% River Cober (Y4) – 98.3% River Fowey (Y5) – 95.2% River Tamar (Y6RM) – 98.3% River Valency (Y6HH) – 96.1%



Star Learners



Congratulations to our star learners this week. The year 6 teachers are incredibly proud of their whole classes for showing determination, resilience and an outstanding attitude towards their SATs this week. Our star learners have all shown a great attitude towards their learning, they have also been helpful, demonstrated resilience and improved things such as handwriting and swimming.

Well done to Jago, Ebony, Charlie, Lincoln, Damian, Keagan and the whole of Year 6!

School Day 2022/23

From September 2022, we are making changes to our school day to come in line with the government requirements of a 32.5 hour school week. Therefore, the morning register will be taken at 8.45am instead of 9.00am. This means that children will still be able to arrive at school from 8.30am but will go straight to the classrooms and learning will start at 8.45am.

The school day will finish at 3.15 pm for Reception and Key Stage 1 and 3.20 pm for Key Stage 2. We will still have a 5 minute stagger to the end of the school day in order to help you pick up your children from different classrooms.

If you have any queries or questions about this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

HELPERS IN SCHOOL

We are looking for volunteers to come and hear children read and practise their sounds. If you are interested, please speak to the school office.



SPORTS REPORT

This week a group of Year 5 pupils took part in a bowls session at St Austell Bowling Club. The children picked up the technique quickly, and thoroughly enjoyed learning a new skill.

With Year 4 swimming, and Year 5 sailing, paddleboarding and kayaking we've also been busy on and in the water this week. Well done for all of the hard work that has gone into developing those skills further.

Finally, we have a Rugby League team competing after school today in a tournament at Poltair. Best of luck to the team - we'll let you know how they got on next week. Mr Martin (PE/Sports coordinator)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 16th May – Class and team photos Monday 16th May – 20th May - Year 5 swimming Wednesday 18th May – Year 6 Tamar Polkerris sailing

CENSUS DAY MENU

As it is census day on Thursday 19th May, we would like to encourage as many children as possible to participate in school dinners therefore the menu for that day is slightly different. Along with a choice of either beefburger, chicken sandwich or veggie burger with chips or wedges, tomato pasta will still be available but there will be no jacket potatoes.



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rachel Clift



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