



NEWSLETTER

Friday 16th September 2022

We have had a super week in school this week. It was fantastic to see so many of you attend our first parent forum of the year. I hope you found the evening useful learning more about our reading journey at Pondhu and talking to your children's teachers about what they will be learning this term.

If you were unable to attend we will be sending out a topic web so that you can see what the children are learning in school this term.

At Pondhu, we invest in different online packages to support your children with their learning at home.

Read, Write, Inc



If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 please make use of the Read Write Inc Virtual classroom. If you need any help with this speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Parekh, who will be happy to help you.

You will need your child's e schools log-in so please contact the office to get this if you need to.

More information can be found on the school website
<https://pondhu.eschools.co.uk/website>

We also subscribe to the Read, Write, Inc eBook library, which you can access through the Oxford Owl website using your child's login details.

You will also find additional eBooks in the Oxford Owl eBook Library and RWI eBooks selection.



DIARY DATES

September

19th September
SCHOOL IS CLOSED

22nd September Y5
Polkerris

October

19th and 20th
October Parents
evenings

21st October end of
term

November

7th November term
starts

10th November
nasal flu
immunisations

December

20th December end
of term

We hope you enjoy using these resources at home and can support your child on their reading journey.



When your child has completed the RWI programme they will begin on their Accelerated Reader journey. Then they will be able to access MYon at home which is an online library of books which they can read and take quizzes on. You can access MYon at www.myon.co.uk/index.html

If you do not have your child's login, (they were sent out before the half-term holiday) please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to help.

Any books that children read on MYon at home automatically add to their accelerated reader word count.

Numbots

Children in Year 1 and Year 2 can access Numbots online at <https://numbots.com>

Username and passwords were sent out last year however if you need another copy, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Reception children will also be able to access Numbots once it has been introduced to them in school.



Numbots is a program which will help your children to learn their number bonds and recall their addition and subtraction facts.

Times Tables Rock Stars



Children in Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 can practise their times tables at home online at <https://ttrockstars.com>



Star Learners



This week our star learners have been chosen for showing that they can follow our second golden rule and be gentle.

Reception – Oscar
Year 1 – Noah
Year 2 - Jesse
Year 3 – Jacob
Year 4 – Lucy
Year 5 – Tommie-Lee
Year 6 – Summer

The children have all been kind and gentle. They have been fantastic role models and shown great resilience. They have been enthusiastic learners and worked hard.

GREAT JOB everyone!

ATTENDANCE

The school doors now open at 8.30 in the morning and between 8.30 and 8.45 staff hear the children read. It would be great if you could arrive as close to 8.30 as you can in the mornings so that we can maximise the opportunities for staff to hear your child read.

At Pondhu, we are working hard to improve our school attendance. Please make sure that you contact school if your child is unwell. If we do not know why a child is not in school, we have to record this as unauthorised absence.

Please note:

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £60 if paid within 21 days or £120 if paid after this but within 28 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may result in legal action. Absence not authorised by the school may result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court.

Attendance this week

Montessori (R) – 95.5%
Anning (Y1) – 90.4%
Jemison (Y2) – 98.1%
Attenborough (Y3) – 92.9%
Thunberg (Y4) – 87.6%
Rashford (Y5) – 93.2%
Owens (Y6) – 95%

Obviously we want to ensure children are in school as much as possible, so that they are able to learn effectively and reach their potential, preparing them the best we can for their secondary education.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

In line with the government's announcement that Monday 19th September will be a public holiday, Pondhu school will be closed.

The children will return to school on Tuesday 20th September. Pondhu Primary School would like to convey its condolences and deepest sympathy to the Royal Family on the sad loss of Queen Elizabeth II.



END OF DAY COLLECTION

When collecting your child at the end of the school day, please can you wait in either the field or the junior playground and not the walkways outside the children's classrooms. Also, can you ensure that your child knows who is collecting them and where they will be collected from.

AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

Your child will be coming home with an Autumn Term Clubs letter today, please can you ensure that the return slip is completed for every club that you wish your child to attend and returned to either the classroom or office by Monday morning.

CAPT SEASICK'S ROYAL APPOINTMENT

Cate Merrin will be coming into school on Tuesday 11th October to read her new book 'Capt Seasick's Royal Appointment' to everyone. She will be visiting each class throughout the day then staying after school has finished to read to parents/carers and sign copies of her book.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 22nd September – Y5 Surfing and Sailing at Polkerris

Have a lovely weekend everyone. See you all back in school on Tuesday.

Mrs Rachel Clift



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