



NEWSLETTER

Friday 24th February 2023

Good afternoon everyone,

We have had a great first week back at school. The children have been working hard and have shown me some fantastic learning this week.

YEAR 5 SCIENCE

Year 5 have enjoyed another exciting afternoon making helicopters to test air resistance. They made a set of three helicopters of different sizes and looked at whether the length of the rotor blade affected the time it took to drop to the floor.



PHONICS WORKSHOP – Reception & Year 1

On Monday 6th March, Reception and Year 1 will be holding a phonics workshop in their classrooms at 3:15pm whereby parents/carers are invited to stay for up to 1 hour with their child.

DIARY DATES

March

1st March – Y6
World Book Day
2nd March 2023 –
School Closed
Teachers Strike
3rd March – R to Y5
World Book Day
3rd March – Bake
Sale
6th March - R & Y1
Phonics Workshop
8th March – Coffee
morning
15th and 16th March
– School Closed
Teachers Strike
17th March – Comic
Relief Day
23rd March – Easter
Disco
Friday 31st March –
End of term

April

Mon 17th April –
Term begins

May

Mon 29th May –
Friday 2nd June –
Half term

July

Friday 21st July –
End of term



Star Learners



This week we have some great star learners!

Reception – Milly
Year 1 – Siena
Year 2 – Connor H
Year 3 – Locryn
Year 4 – Tommy
Year 5 – Antoni
Year 6 – Lexi

Our star learners this week have been chosen for increased participation and their enthusiasm and engagement in learning. They have shown determination to improve in all areas of their learning. They have done well with their maths work and have always tried to be their best.

Congratulations! Great job everyone!

ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Montessori

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Attenborough

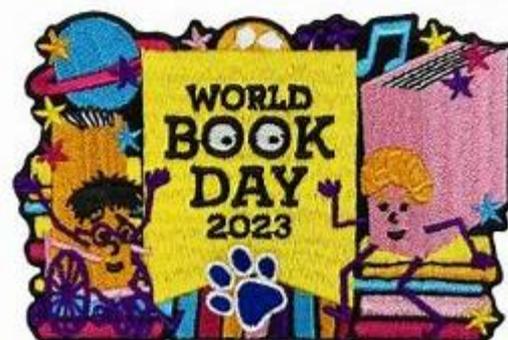
Attendance this week

Montessori (R) – 98.2%
Anning (Y1) – 88.2%
Jemison (Y2) – 90%
Attenborough (Y3) – 96.1%
Thunberg (Y4) – 95%
Rashford (Y5) – 92.6%
Owens (Y6) – 93.8%
Whole school – 92.7%

WORLD BOOK DAY

Children will be able to dress up as book characters or in non-uniform to celebrate World Book Day.

Year 6 will be celebrating on Wednesday 1st March as they are at a Languages Day on Friday 3rd March. The rest of the school will be celebrating on Friday 3rd March.



PONDHU COFFEE MORNING

The next coffee morning will be on Wednesday 8th March 9.30 to 10.30.



Hello! I'm Beth and I am St Austell's family worker with Cornwall Neighbourhood's for Change. I'm looking forward to meeting you at the coffee morning and chatting with you about all of the support we can offer. If I don't know the answer personally I can usually put you in contact with someone who does! So please feel free to ask me anything adult education and training, job search, crisis support, childcare, SEND, or cost of living related.

Bake Sale

Bake Sale – Friday 3rd March

FOPS have organised a Bake Sale which will take place in the Bike Sheds (under cover in the juniors playground) after school next Friday. Various cakes will be available to purchase so please can you pop some loose change into your children's pockets if you would like them to buy a cake or two or bring some money with you when you come to collect from school.



Comic Relief – Red Nose Day

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day – Friday 17th March

Rather than buying red noses for Comic Relief, the School Parliament have come up with the idea of everyone coming into school wearing something funny (or even just non-uniform) and bringing in a donation. Something funny could be a bow tie, a painted red nose, a clown outfit, odd socks, an item of clothing worn back-to-front or anything that will raise a smile. We look forward to seeing some of the ideas.



EASTER DISCO

Easter School Disco – Thursday 23rd March

The newly formed FOPS have organised an Easter Disco for all of the children at Pondhu School however the classes and times will be broken down as follows:

Reception & Year 1 – 3:15-4:00pm

Years 2,3 & 4 – 4:00-5:00pm

Years 5 & 6 – 5:00-6:00pm

The cost will be £2 per child which will include a cone of goodies and a drink.



Easter Raffle



Tickets for the Easter Raffle will be going on sale next week, before and after school at the school gates. The tickets will cost £1 a strip for the chance to win either an amazing Chocolate Hamper, a scrummy Easter Cake or a Malteser Easter Egg. The tickets will be drawn the week before the Easter holiday and the winner informed by the School Office.

Upcoming events

Monday 27th February – Parent representative group meeting 9.00 am

Wednesday 1st March – Y6 World Book Day

Wednesday 1st March – Y4 Trip

Thursday 2nd March - Teachers strike day – School closed

Friday 2nd March – Y6 Languages Day at Penrice

Friday 2nd March – Reception – Y5 World Book Day

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Clift



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