



Pondhu Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs D Tregellas B.Ed
Assistant Headteacher: Mrs S Parekh & Mr N Cooper
Penwinnick Road, St Austell, Cornwall, PL25 5DS
T: 01726 74550
E: secretary@pondhu.cornwall.sch.uk
www.eschools.pondhu.co.uk

NEWSLETTER

DATES

January

8th Admissions meeting
9am
12th FOPS 1.30pm
14th Parent Forum 3.15
and 6.00pm

February

3rd Full governing board
meeting 5pm
5th Admissions meeting
15th – 19th half term
22nd School closed Inset
day.
29th Premises committee
8.30am
Finance committee
9.30am
Personnel committee
10.30am

March

4th Admissions meeting
16th Full governing board
meeting 5pm
22nd & 23rd Parent
consultation evenings
24th Last day of term

April

11th Back to school
15th Admissions meeting
Finance meeting 1.15pm
21st Parent's Forum
27th Full governing board
meeting 5pm

May

2nd Bank holiday
6th Admissions meeting
30th May – 3rd June half
term

June

6th Inset day school
closed
10th Admissions meeting

July

1st Admissions meeting
6th Full governing board
meeting 5pm
22nd Last day of term.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

8th January 2016

It was lovely to welcome all the children back to school this week.

Thank you for helping to make the transition to the new school times so smooth. I would like to remind everyone that there is free parking available in the Co-op Car Park, the Council Offices, please park respectfully and leave disabled spaces free and behind Pondhu House. It is often just as quick to park and walk than to drive into school.

STAR LEARNERS

This term we will be celebrating Star Learners. The children chosen each week will have impressed their teachers by their positive attitudes and determination to master some new learning. This 'can do' approach is to be celebrated and encouraged so parents and carers will continue to be invited to join our celebration assemblies on Friday mornings if your child is selected as the Star Learner.

This week's Star Learners are Chloe, Chloe, Amelia, Ricky, Reece, Dylan, Ruby, Bradley and Tomas.

PARENT'S FORUM

Next Thursday 14th January will be our termly Parent's Forum meetings. There will be an interesting selection of items and information this term including a presentation by some of our 'Staff Safe' Mentors, the children will be telling us about their roles in school. Mr Cooper will be outlining the Behaviour System used in school – this is in response to a request from parents and finally Mrs Parekh will be sharing our work towards becoming a Makaton Friendly School. There will also be the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to find out about what the children will be learning this term and ways you can get involved with and support their learning. There will be a children's room at both meetings so please attend whichever is most convenient for you. The first meeting will be at the slightly earlier time of 3.15pm and the second at 6.00pm.

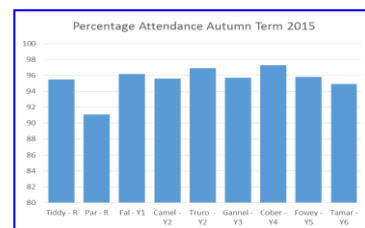
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school clubs start next week but please remember there will be no clubs on Thursday as the Parent's Forum takes place. The children are expected to attend for the whole term and to explain any non-attendance to the adult leading the club.

ATTENDANCE

Mrs Heyward attended the final assembly at the end of last term and awarded 100% attendance awards to fifty four pupils. Well done to all the children.

Last term River Cober, Year 4, was the class with the highest attendance – well done!



FOPS NEWS

The Christmas Fayre was a great success and thank you to FOPS for organising this event and to everyone who attended. A total of £1181.45 was raised which is a record!

December 100 club winners were 1st: M Mennear 2nd: K Leaity 3rd: R Proctor.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th January at 1.30pm in school. Please come along if you are able to help prepare for the next event which will be the Valentine's Disco.

LEG-IT TO LAPLAND

Near the end of last term the school took part in the Leg – it to Lapland challenge and everyone was encouraged to walk or wheel for two weeks. In total the school recorded a total of 4870 miles. This fantastic effort was a tiny margin short (a fraction of a mile) of the winning entry for Cornwall. In recognition of this amazing effort Sustrans have awarded our school some scooters. I am sure these will be put to good use!

Mrs D Tregellas