



NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th July 2024

Good afternoon everyone,

We have had another busy week at Pondhu. On Thursday our new Reception came and joined us for another 'Stay and Play'. We are looking forward to them joining us in September.

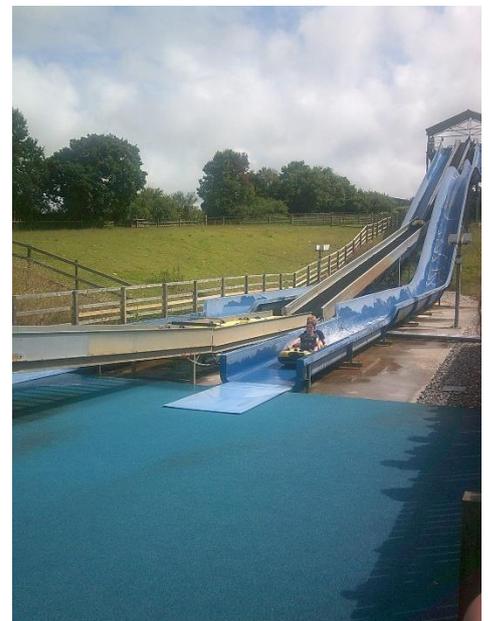
On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of accompanying Y6 on their leavers trip to Camel Creek. The children were an absolute credit to the school and had a wonderful day. A huge thanks to Mrs Jolliff, the Year 6 team and the children for working so hard on fundraising for this event.

DIARY DATES

23rd July Y6 Graduation 6:30pm
25th July Y6 BBQ 3:30pm
26th July End of Term 1:15pm

SEPTEMBER

Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th
Non-pupil training days
Thursday 5th Sept – Children
return to school



SUMMER FAIR



What a fantastic Summer Fair we had on Wednesday. A huge thankyou to the FOPS for organising this great event. Thank you also to all the parents who came and helped on a stall. We raised an amazing £1250 which will be used to support events for the children in school.

Last year they supported with the Key Stage 2 cinema trip and have also paid a large amount towards the Year 6 hoodies.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

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August will see the changes to the National Penalty Notice Framework come into force. Specifically, the changes are:

1. A new national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for which a penalty notice must be considered. A penalty fine can be issued for any combination of unauthorised absences over a 10- week rolling period. They can be consecutive or non-consecutive and can span over two terms.
2. An increase in the penalty fine from £60 to £80 if paid in 21 days. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.
3. If a 2nd penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.
4. If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will need to consider options available to them to improve attendance. This will include a consideration to prosecute under section 444 of the Education Act 1996.
5. The current penalty notice warning letter used for unauthorised absence (not holiday) will be changed to a Notice to Improve.

Please be aware of these changes when you are booking your holidays. Below is a reminder of next years term dates.

Term Dates for 2024-2025

Autumn term 1 2024: Thursday 5th September - Thursday 17th October 2024

Autumn term 2 2024: Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December 2024

Spring term 1 2025: Monday 6th January - Friday 14th February 2025

Spring term 2 2025: Monday 24th February - Friday 4th April 2025

Summer term 1 2025: Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 23rd May 2025

Summer term 2 2025: Monday 2nd June - Friday 25th July 2025.

Non pupil days Monday 2nd September, Tuesday 3rd September, Wednesday 4th September, Friday 18th October, Friday 20th June, Monday 23rd June



Star Learners



The children have been superb this week and they have been chosen for a variety of reasons.

Reception – Bella for being a fantastic, independent learner and a kind friend

Year 1 – Ty for working more independently

Year 2 – Eloise for always trying her best in every lesson

Year 3 – Jack for constant effort with all of his learning

Year 4 – Bailey for her hard work and perseverance in DT

Year 5 – Devi for working hard in every lesson

Year 6 – John for a great attitude towards their performance and trying his best

CONGRATULATIONS everyone!

BRITISH VALUES CHAMPIONS

Reception – Frankie for being respectful to everyone

Year 1 – Oscar for being respectful towards his peers

Year 2 – Maia for always showing kindness and tolerance to others

Year 3 – Amber for individual liberty

Year 4 – Max for his tolerance and understanding when working with others

Year 5 – Quinn for being a kind and respectful friend

Year 6 – All of Year 6 for their respect and tolerance towards other members of the public on their trip



Well done to our British values champions!

END OF TERM

Just a reminder that we break up on Friday 26th July at 1.15pm. There will be no after school club on that day.

CLUBS REMINDER

There will be no clubs during the last week.

ATTENDANCE

EYFS/KS1 ARIAL



WINNER - Nightingale

KS2 ALFIE



WINNER - Attenborough

Attendance this week

Montessori (R) – 96.3%

Anning (Y1) – 97.8%

Nightingale (Y2) – 98%

Attenborough (Y3) – 99.1%

Hawking (Y4) – 88.8%

Owens (Y5) – 95.9%

Einstein (Y6) – 98.1%

Whole school – 95.4%

Read Write Inc Virtual Classroom



Please find this week's Virtual Classroom video links in the document attached to this newsletter. These links enable children in Reception to Year 3 to practise their reading skills with you at home. They directly link to the skills they have been learning during their daily Read Write Inc sessions. You should be able to just click on the hyperlinks within the document and be taken straight to a video clip. Please set aside 10 minutes to watch films with your child each week, find a quiet space for your child to watch the film on a laptop, phone or tablet and praise your child as they join in with the lesson. Please see the diary dates for the upcoming parent information sessions where you can find out more information about Read Write Inc.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 23rd July Y6 Graduation 6:30pm

Wednesday 24th July Y6 Polkerris

Thursday 25th July Y6 BBQ 3:30pm

Friday 26th July End of Term 1:15pm

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Clift