

PENSILVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

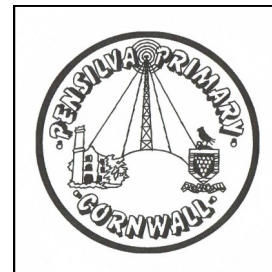
NEWSLETTER

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To Live, To Love, To Learn

Merry Christmas

What a busy and exciting final week of term we have had! Parties, three performances of "It's a Nativity" and three performances of "Aladdin Trouble" and two discos. Also, our school choir gave an excellent performance when they sang in the church. We have ended our term today with National Christmas Jumper Day - and staff and pupils are looking wonderfully festive. We would like to say a big thank you for all the support and we hope that everyone has a fantastic Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year! See you in the new term, when our topic will be **Hollywood!**

School Choir

Once again, our school choir brought festive joy with their beautiful voices as they sang a selection of Christmas Carols. We look forward to what they will bring next year.



Pensilva School Choir
performing Thursday 15th Dec



Christmas Performances

What a fantastic treat we had at the Christmas performances - oh yes we did!

As well as reliably embarrassing my children with my enthusiastic audience participation at panto, I love a traditional nativity. This year's winning combination of KS1 classic story of no room at the inn and the KS2 joke-packed **Aladdin Trouble** was an absolute pleasure to behold. Everyone can be justly proud of themselves for their contribution to the fantastic productions we were lucky enough to see. Each and every child was well worthy of the thunderous applause and encores that were given. Though we might be a little biased to our own child's talent, there were some outstanding performances (intentional or not!) that were a delight to see, definitely stars in the making. A big thank you to all those involved in making these productions happen which allow those moments of magic to happen. Very impressive to see were some of the best costumes in all the years I've watched, and a special mention for the magnificent Star of Bethlehem. Evidently, we are fortunate to have very talented adults as well as children at Pensilva.

It never ceases to amaze me how drama allows previously hidden strengths of a pupil to shine. To watch children growing in confidence in front of our very eyes was fantastic. To have that confidence to stand up in public is a life skill that comes with everyone's support, so thanks to you for enabling your children to participate in these performances — helping to rehearse, costume requests, ticket donations—it is all very much appreciated. Performing in front of an audience isn't everyone's cup of tea but the experience gained can be invaluable in their futures.

My last thank you (with a link worthy of a huge panto groan) is to the happy band of PSA volunteers who served a most welcome cup of tea, and all the other treats. They're dusting off their disco outfits as I type to host yet another entertaining event for us. The generosity of their efforts and your support of those events, raise funds for some incredible 'extras' that enrich our school. If you should ever want to get a little more involved you'll be sure of a warm welcome.

On behalf of the governing body, best wishes for a wonderful Christmas holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back for the Spring term of 2016/17 on Tuesday 3rd of January.



EYFS & KS1

KS2



Note From the Kitchen

The Menu for Thursday 3rd January is as follows, Pork or Veggie Sausages and Chips, peas or Baked beans, Ice Cream Pot.

Useful Websites

With Christmas so close this is a time when families often enjoy watching films together, and there maybe a computer game, dvd and book or 2 inside a few stockings next week. As parents it's often difficult for us to know what is suitable for our children before we buy the product. www.common sense media.org is a very useful site that gives a helping hand when deciding if something is age appropriate for our children, with reviews and suggested age bands.

Results for the weekly reading challenge (children have to read at least four times to an adult outside school).

Loveny 54%
Warleggan 42%
Tamar 47%
Lynher 100%
Well done to Lynher!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone from all the Teachers and staff. See you all on 3rd January 2017 for the start of the Spring Term.

Attendance and lateness

12–16th Dec

Attendances : 97.2%

Authorised absences: 2.6%

Unauthorised absences: 0.2%

Tiddy 96%
Loveny 97.7%
Warleggan 97%
Tamar 96.9
Lynher 97.8%

(Figures may not total 100% due to rounding)

Congratulations to Lynher for having the best attendance for the week.
Please ensure that your children arrive on time as we start promptly at 8.55am.



03-01-16 Spring Term begins
15-01-17 Application deadline for a Reception school place starting September
10-02-17 Non Pupil Day. School closed
13-02-17 Half Term

13 to 16-03-17 Year 6 London Trip
31-03-17 Last Day of Term
18-04-17 Summer Term begins
01-05-17 Bank Holiday. School closed
26-05-17 Last Day of Term
29-05-17 Half Term
09-06-17 Non Pupil Day. School closed
26-07-17 Last Day of Term