# Pensilva Primary School Newsletter

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## Friday 16th September 2022

#### Wrens class

Wrens had an amazing week! They have been making biscuit people and decorating them. We mixed together all of our ingredients and then rolled them out and cut them to make our people. We used sweets and chocolates to decorate them.



We have also been looking at our body parts. We drew around each other and labelled the body parts.

#### **Doves class**

Doves made some finger puppets to use during a role play activity in English today, which gave their fine motor skills a cutting and sticking workout when they arrived in class this morning! The role play was in the form of 'hot seating interviews'. This enabled them to practice asking questions and to gain a deeper understanding of the characters in Little Red Riding Hood. They learnt that a lovely dog, called Victor, can help them ask questions about vocabulary when reading texts. In science Year 1 learnt how to classify common animals whilst Year 2 noticed how different animal species are born and how they change into adults.

## Puffins class

Puffin Class have had their first violin lesson this week. We learnt how to hold the violin and we listened carefully to each of the four strings being played to recognise the high and low pitch.



A violin is a 4 stringed instrument, played by drawing a bow across the strings. The bow is usually about 75 cm long and is made from hundreds of horse hairs. The hairs have to be loosened regularly to stop them from becoming damaged, and also rubbed with pine resin.

## **Buzzards class**

Buzzards have been continuing their work exploring autobiographies and biographies this week alongside some tricky grammar work with tenses! In maths they have been reading and writing numbers. In memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II they have spent time exploring this current event and the significant details of her long reign and responded with a range of tasks such as designing special coins to commemorate her life.



## Harvest

We will be holding a whole school Harvest celebration this year at Millennium House at 2pm on Tuesday 11th October. All parents/carers are invited to attend. Children will be walked to Millennium House in their classes by teachers and staff. Once the Harvest celebration has finished, you are welcome to take your children home. For any parents/carers unable to attend the service, the children will be taken back to school for collection at 3.15pm or to attend afterschool club (which will be running).

We will be collecting donations in aid of harvest for the Liskeard food bank. Can donations please be bought into school by Tuesday 11th October. They are looking for the following;

- LONG LIFE MILK AND COFFEE
- TINNED FISH/HAM/POTATOES/FRUIT
- LAUNDRY POWDER/LIQUID/WASHING UP LIQUID
- JAM, MARMITE, HONEY AND SMALL SPONGE PUDDINGS
- PACKS OF SMALL INDIVIDUAL FRUIT JUICES
- MULTIPACK CRISPS FOR CHILDREN'S LUNCH BOXES

## Dates for your

19th September—Bank Holiday—school closed for the state funeral of Queen Elizabeth II 21st September—Puffins class parent/carer information session at 2.50pm in Puffins classroom 22nd September—Buzzards class parent/carer information session at 2.50pm in Puffins classroom 3rd October—Individual and sibling photographs 4th October—Flu Immunisations 6th October—Year 1 hearing screening 11th October—Harvest Festival at Millennium House 2pm 21st October—Last day of term 24th—28th October—Half term 31st October—Children return to school 22nd November—Year 4 bikeability 23rd—25th November—Year 6 bikeability 29th November—Wrens and Doves class trip to the Plymouth Theatre Royal 16th December—Last day of term 19th December—2nd January—Christmas holiday 3rd January—Children return to school

#### Attendance

Wrens	95.33%	Doves	97.67%	Puffins	97.69%	Buzzards 92.45%	
After school clubs—starting week commencing 20th September 2022							
Monday							
Choir				5– 4pm with C. Max 10.	Mrs Noblett	. KS2 only. Start date	
Maths Club				3.15-4pm with Mrs Sissons. Year 5 and 6 only			
			Tue	sday			
Football club			3.15	3.15-4pm with Mrs Palfrey. Years 5-6. Max 12.			
			Thu	rsday			
Playground to 5km				3.15-4.15pm with Mr Jones. All years but must be accompanied by a parent/carer			
			Frida	ay			
Art club				3.15-4pm with Mrs Clinick. Years Reception—6. Max 12 (not running on 21/10/22)			
Please email secretary@pensilva.cornwall.sch.uk if you would like to sign your child/ren up to any of the above clubs.							

There will be a menu change on Tuesday 20th September to the vegetarian option. It will be pizza rather than vegetarian lasagne. The main option remains the same and jacket potatoes will be available.