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Dear Parents and Children,

I hope you all had a good weekend, and apologies for not being on the gate as regularly as normal last week. As you know, I do 2 jobs, and am not always in Pendeen, but can ALWAYS be contacted by e-mail at head@pendeen.tpacademytrust.org

Parents Evenings – We know our children and families very well, which is vital in helping us meet the needs of all of our children. One key method is via face to face or telephone parents evenings. A huge thank-you for 100% attendance at our parents evenings last week, either in person or by telephone. We hugely appreciate the time and commitment to the school and our children from parents and all of our wonderful teachers.

Teacher Strikes - As you will be aware, the National Education Union ([NEU](#)) recently balloted it's members who voted to take strike action nationally on the following days:

Wednesday 15th March AND Thursday 16th March

As things stand at the date of this newsletter, **Pendeen School will be closed to children on the days above.** Other staff who are not in the NEU are not legally allowed to strike and will be working on the days above. The Department for Education has asked that schools prioritise being open for children who are vulnerable or have key worker parents - please contact me if you believe your child falls into these categories so we can make suitable arrangements.

Pendeen Parent Teacher Association – First (post covid) meeting of the reformed Pendeen PAT at 3.30 on Monday 13th March in Teyr class. Please just turn up and we'll take it from there.

Passionate about Parenting - Course at Sennen Community Centre on Wednesday 29th March 9.30-2.30. Drinks provided but bring some lunch. Parents can book direct with Sennen@tpacademytrust.org or via ringing Sennen School on 01736 871392.

Sports Events –

Football Team – v Ludgvan at Home on Thursday 9th March

Girls team football v Nancledra and Mousehole from 2.30 – 3.30 on Friday 10th March.

Next Round of the Cup Competition v Alverton, again at home – date to be confirmed.

ALL MATCHES ARE AT HOME AND ON THE GRASS PITCH SO CHILDREN WILL NEED BOOTS.

E-Safety Newsletter – As a parent of school age children I know and empathise how hard it can be to keep children safe online. To help with conversations with your children, it may be helpful to know that to use TikTok you must be over 13 years of age. Some of the videos on TikTok may not be appropriate for your child to view and there is also the risk of strangers contacting your child.

[Link to all of our e-safety newsletters](#)

WhatsApp – There have been some issues in Peswara class today, related, apparently, to a WhatsApp group chat outside of school which some of the children are using to communicate. I have spoken with several children and Mr Sumerfield and our suggestion is to check your child's devices and if they have a WhatsApp account to delete it – the age limit is 16. As always please see me with any questions or concerns.

Cape Cornwall Super Saturday - Years 4, 5 & 6 Saturday 18th March 2023 10.00 - 12.30. An e-mail has been sent to all parents in Teyr and Peswara. Please note, that for Pendeen, Y3 children and families can also visit. To sign up please click on the link <https://bit.ly/3ZaM4Fe>

Marie Curie and Comic Relief – We raised £71.20 for Marie Curie, many thanks. We have made the decision, for many reasons and hopefully helpful to families to not sell items for comic relief this year. Donations can still be made directly via <https://donation.comicrelief.com/cart/1YsYOwm2pHZgBUhWr8ZL13>

Behaviour Monitoring and Policy – As part of our trust (TPAT), we get support and monitoring. Behaviour Lead Tina Leack spent a day with us on 22nd February and reported, amongst other very positive findings: "Children at Pendeen care about each other, staff make them feel safe because their responses are predictable. Behaviour Lead Tina Leack observed and experienced good manners, empathy and kindness between adults and children all day." Following the visit, we are making some changes to our behaviour policy, and adding the following procedures on occasions where a child is not following school rules:

Warnings:

1. Non-verbal indication
2. Verbal reminder of what the child should be doing (rather than highlighting what they are doing wrong)
3. Second verbal reminder which will include language similar to below "Please can you as your behaviour is impacting on other children in this way If the behaviour does not improve you will be moved to class"
4. Move to paired room. This can be flexible and based on the needs, age and relationships of the children – for example we may not want a child to go to a class where they have a sibling. Parents will be informed via e-mail when a child has spent some time in a paired class.
5. If behaviour continues in paired class, or continues when back in their own class, the child will be sent to Chris Wilson or Chris Summerfield if Chris Wilson not in school. At this point, parents will be asked to meet with Chris Wilson / Chris Summerfield and the class teacher at the end of the day or as soon as possible.
6. If there is physical or verbal harm to another child or member of staff then the child will be sent straight to Chris Wilson or Chris Summerfield.

The amended policy can be found [here](#).

Have a great week.
Chris Wilson