



Newsletter 15 09/12/22

Dear Parents and Children,

I hope everyone is getting excited about the looming big day – Christmas in Pendeen School is always a very special occasion, and the younger children certainly looked wonderful in their costumes this morning. **PLEASE CAN YOU ASK THAT YOU CLAIM YOUR TICKETS FOR PERFORMANCES WITH URGENCY AS WE WILL DISTRIBUTE SPARES TO FAMILIES WHO ARE REQUESTING THEM FROM MONDAY 12th DECEMBER.**

End and Start of Term – School finishes at 3.15 on Friday 16th December and re-starts at the normal time. Gates open at 8.45 on Wednesday 4th January.

Clubs – Breakfast club, after school clubs and wrap around care will run as normal next week. Breakfast club and wrap around care will run in the first week back, with other clubs beginning in the week of 9th January. A club letter will be sent out on Wednesday 4th January.

Strep A and other health issues – The governing body is in the process of agreeing a new attendance policy, which will be sent to parents in the Spring term. In the meantime, please follow guidance sent yesterday, summarised below:

Good hand and respiratory hygiene are important for stopping the spread of many bugs. By teaching children how to wash their hands properly with soap for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up or reducing infections.

If you feel that your child seems seriously unwell, you should trust your own judgement.

Health officials say you should contact NHS 111 or your GP if:

- *Your child is getting worse*
- *Your child is feeding or eating much less than normal*
- *Your child has had a dry nappy for 12 hours or more, or shows other signs of dehydration*
- *Your baby is under 3 months old and has a temperature of 38C, or is older than 3 months and has a temperature of 39C or higher*
- *Your baby feels hotter than usual when you touch their back or chest, or feels sweaty*
- *Your child is very tired or irritable*
- *In more serious cases, you should call 999 or go to A&E if:*
- *Your child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking in under their ribs*
- *There are pauses when your child breathes*
- *Your child's skin, tongue or lips are blue*
- *Your child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake*

Latest updates can be found here:

[UK Health Security Agency - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

A letter will come on the final day of term giving you your child's attendance for the academic year so far. As always, please see me with any questions or concerns, but above all, please keep your children safe.

Entering the school in the morning – Please can I ask that all parents enter the school via the green door next to the field each morning and exit via your preferred method. This is to ensure that I, or another member of staff, can meet and greet each and every child and parent.

London Trip – We have 4 spare places for our trip to London and are now offering them to children in Year 3 – all of whom will have received a letter today.

SEND reviews – Thanks very much to all parents who attended their child's SEND reviews – it was great to have 100% attendance. Please see me if you think your child may have a special educational need, or an undiagnosed disability.

Cornwall Garden Services (CGS) – A huge thank-you to CGS for their very kind donation of gravel to help us maintain the path at the side of the playground.

Christmas Performances – Please see Rose in the office for a (free) ticket to our performances, again in the Church. We are limited to 85 tickets and maximum of 3 per family.

Performances are:

13/12/22 Nessa and Kynsa – Christmas Performance in Church 1.50pm entrance, 2.00pm start– all parents invited – **please see Rose in the office for a free ticket**

14/12/22 Teyr and Peswara – Christmas Performance in Church 1.50pm entrance, 2.00pm start – all parents invited **please see Rose in the office for a free ticket**

Other Christmas Events

12/12/22 Special visitor to collect children's Christmas letters (transported by air, may be some impact on noise for local residents at approximately 10.15 – 10.45pm)

12/12/22 Nessa and Kynsa – Special Event (Free of charge), children return between 3.45 and 4.15pm

15/12/22 - Christmas Dinner in school (no parents please)

16/12/22 – Teyr and Peswara Special Event (Free of charge), children return by 3.15pm

Enjoy the weekend.

Chris Wilson