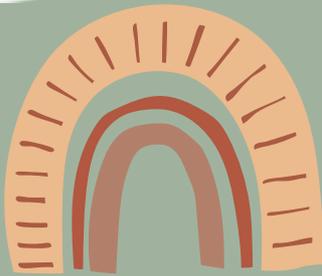


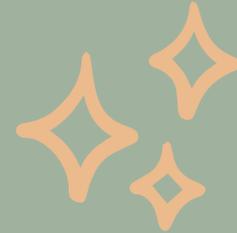


Penketh South Primary School



Newsletter

26/01/24



Thank you to everyone who has completed the parent/carer questionnaire. I will analyse your comments next week and hopefully improve the communication with you all. I hope you all enjoyed attending the reading café with your children this week. It was lovely seeing so many happy faces enjoying reading for pleasure.

Lesley McFarlane from Tell Tales Books commented 'Thank your staff and families for their lovely welcome & fantastic support. It has made such a difference to me.'

Once again, thank you for your continued support,
Miss L Browne
Interim Headteacher

SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER

We hoped that you enjoyed reading the safeguarding newsletter this week. In this regard, can we please try to adhere to the one way system as much as possible, to ensure that the children can enter/leave school in a safe and calm atmosphere. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 29/01/24-Class Photographs
- 30/01/24-Y6 SATS Evening
- 01/02/24-Coffee Morning
- 02/02/24-NSPCC Number Day
- 02/02/24-Y1 Trip to Museum
- 02/02/24-EYFS Stay and Play w/c
- 05/02/24-Y5 Visit to Fablab
- 06/02/24-Young Voices
- 09/02/24 Break up for Half Term
- 19/02/24 School reopens

PE DAYS

Mon- Y1 and Y2 (Full uniform for photos/bring PE kit to change into please)

Tues- Nursery and Reception

Wed- Y3 and Y4

Friday- Y5 and Y6

Reminder- Please ensure that the children wear correct school PE kits for PE lessons, especially footwear. The children should not be wearing jewellery for safety reasons.

Forest School

There will be NO Forest school on Monday for EYFS (29/01/24) due to class photographs being taken on that day. Full uniform to be worn please.



Headteacher's Awards

Every week, I will be presenting the children in each class with certificates for all their hard work in assembly. These are the awards for this week and the previous two weeks.

12/01/24

Nursery- Amber

Reception-Miles

Year 1- Theo

Year 2- Amalie-Rae

Year 3- Ella

Year 4- William

Year 5- Layla

Year 6- Faye

19/01/24

Nursery- Ethan

Reception-Annabelle

Year 1- Kaia

Year 2- Georgie

Year 3- Albie

Year 4- Aimee-Leigh

Year 5- Emilie

Year 6- Thomas

25/01/24

Nursery- Jude

Reception- Charlie

Year 1- Peyton

Year 2- Halle

Year 3- Harry

Year 4- Evie

Year 5- Zach H

Year 6- James

Well done to all these children and the many children, who I have given Headteacher's stickers to this week.

Attendance and Punctuality

As you know, regular attendance and good punctuality at school is vital to help children achieve and get the best possible start in life.

Children who frequently miss school and are regularly late often fall behind.

There is a strong link between good school attendance, punctuality and achieving good results.

We have noticed over the past year or so, an increasing amount of families requesting to take their children out of school for short breaks or holidays which can sometimes be as much as 2 weeks of missed school in one half term. We recognise that holidays out of term time are cheaper.

By Government definition, a child is deemed to be a persistent absentee if their attendance drops below 90%.

Good attendance is seen to be 96% and above.

In order to support us with better attendance, and in turn benefit your child, we ask families to avoid taking day trips, long weekends and family holidays in term time. We also ask that any dentist or doctor's appointments are made outside of the school day, where possible.

If your child is genuinely unwell, then of course they must stay at home to get better, you are the parent and you know your child best as to when they are poorly. But if you are unsure, then send them into school and let the teacher know they are a little under the weather, as on lots of occasions, children rally once they are in the school environment and with friends. We would always contact you to collect your child if they were genuinely too unwell to be in school.

The government has launched its new campaign, 'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts' to improve attendance and punctuality in schools and we will continue to work with our Local Authority Attendance Officer to challenge and support families and ensure children are in school every day and in class on time.