



# PENSBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Spring Term 2015 - Newsletter - Number 2

Dear families and children,

### ***Dates for the Spring Term 2015***

After incredibly busy terms last year, we head into a slightly quieter term! Dates for your calendar are:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring Term parents evening	3.30pm to 6.30pm
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Children's Valentines Disco	3.30pm to 4.15pm (Reception, year 1 and year 2) 4.30pm to 5.30pm (years 3,4,5 and 6)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	School closes for half term	3.30pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	School reopens for second half of Spring Term	8.40am
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Spring Term parents evening	3.30pm to 6.30pm
Week of 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Book Week	Events and times to follow
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Red nose day	Events and times to follow
Week of 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Hat competition	Events and times to follow
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	School closes for Easter Break	3.30pm

All school events are placed on the school website calendar. The school website can be found at [www.pensbyprimaryschool.org](http://www.pensbyprimaryschool.org) You can tell an event is on the calendar when the date is blue and underlined. A red date means the event has happened. Click on a date highlighted in blue and this will open a tab showing the events of the day. If there is more than one event on a particular day, you can click on each event to reveal notes about that event. In addition to this, each class has its own class page. You can find this at the top of the Home Page in the 'classes' tab. As the weeks go by the teachers will add information for you so please log on!

### ***e-safety***

Have you looked at our e-safety pages on the school website? In the last newsletter I let you know about the very good information you can use from these pages to protect your children. The year 6 children have had additional e-safety workshops last week and although they had had them in year 5, we were surprised at how much they had forgotten. This will be true for the younger children still. The e-safety pages on the website will help to deliver this safety message to the children again - please spend some time with your children and look at this information.

### ***Parents Evenings***

We have set the dates for this terms parents evenings. Attached is the form for you to request your appointment times. Please note that this form should be returned to the school office by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.



***Emergency use of salbutamol inhalers in school***

From 1st October 2014 the Human Medicines (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2014 will allow schools to obtain, without a prescription, salbutamol inhalers and spacers, if they wish, for use in emergencies. This will be for any pupil diagnosed with asthma, or who has been prescribed an inhaler as reliever medication. The inhaler can be used if the pupil's own prescribed inhaler is not available (for example, because it is lost, broken, or empty).

It is very important to ensure your child always has their own salbutamol inhaler and spacer in school and the presence of the emergency inhaler does not replace the need to provide this.

Please note that most children with well controlled asthma should rarely need to use salbutamol and can lead a full and active life. Children needing to use salbutamol more than two or three times per week, when they are well, are not as well controlled as they should be and have a higher risk of asthma attack. In this case it is important to see their GP to ensure they are on the right preventative treatment. This could prevent an unnecessary and traumatic trip to hospital for a child and potentially save their life.

The emergency salbutamol inhaler should only be used by children, for whom written parental consent for use of the emergency inhaler has been given, who have either been diagnosed with asthma and prescribed an inhaler, or who have been prescribed an inhaler as reliever medication for occasional symptoms or emergencies.

**In the unlikely event that your child has an asthma attack and they do not have an inhaler in school we need your written consent to administer an emergency inhaler.**

Please complete the form below and return it school by *Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January if your child falls into the category as described above.*

*and finally,*

Miss Grant is working with the children again, to teach them to sign to this years 'sign to sing' song. More information on this can be found at <http://www.sign2sing.org.uk> Thanks to Miss Grant for organising this.

Thank you,



Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher

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**Emergency Use of salbutamol inhalers in school**

Name of child:.....Class:.....

I give permission that in the event of an emergency, and no inhaler being available, an emergency salbutamol inhaler can be used by my child in school.

Signed:..... name .....

Date.....

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