



# PENSBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Spring Term 2015 - Newsletter - Number 4

Dear families and children,

Welcome back to school after the half term break, which I hope went well for everyone.

### *Life!*

I am very glad to be back in school and I thank you all for your kind wishes and messages. 'Life' will be continuing to happen and there will be times when I cannot be in school. I will update you on this.

### *Parents Evenings - year 4*

As the parents in year 4 know, 'Life' has been happening to Mrs Thomas too! She is now back in school and very glad to be back. Mrs Thomas will be reorganising the parents evening appointments that were cancelled just before half term. She, or the office will be in touch with you to rearrange these.

### *New Kitchen arrangements*

Today we finally took control of the school kitchen and served the first new school lunches. They looked incredible and the children gasped when they saw what was on offer. To give you a 'taster' .... take a look:



The children now have an extended Deli bar (pictured) and as you can see there is a huge range of fillings to choose from. The picture only shows part of the Deli bar! The main hot meal today was pizza. The pizza was all cooked from scratch and even the tomato sauce base was homemade! Tomorrow the main meal is homemade meatballs. The full menu was put on the school website in the newsletters section just before half term and can be found here or in the 'lunches' section of the website. We are currently offering the 'week 1' menu.

### *Safety online*

Sadly, it seems to be the 'modern' way that more and more children are accessing online sites and forums from a younger age. This places those children at risk. Do you know if your child is safe online? Today Mr Klausen spoke to the whole school in assembly about this problem and he shared with the children the ages you need to be to access certain online sites. For example, did you know that you must be at least 13 years of age to use Instagram? Shockingly, quite a few children in the school are using Instagram. The children seemed quite shocked at some of the age restrictions on these sites. To help you guide your children and keep them safe online, the presentation Mr Klausen gave the children has been added to the school website in the e safety /parents section.



I urge you to look at all the information about e safety on the school website with your child - it will help you to keep them safe.

***Midday Assistants Posts***

A reminder that the closing date for applications for Midday Assistants posts in Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Application forms and job specifications are available from the school office.

***School Uniform***

Over the past few months we have had requests from parents to supply backpacks. This we can now do and they are priced at £8 each. A sample is in the school office for you to view.

Some of the children have asked me several times over the past couple of years, if they can have a school tie - both girls and boys! I am happy to add this as an option if there is demand for it. As this is optional it would mean that your child does not have to wear it if they do not want to! The initial design for a tie is quite expensive so we need to assess if the demand for one exists. If demand is good, the price per tie would be £5 and the tie would be the clip on type...not on an elastic. To help decide if we should go ahead in adding this as an option to the uniform please complete the form below and return it to the school office.

***New Technology***

We have begun the next stage our IT investment for the children. It is hard to keep up with all the changes! Each class now has 5 tablet machines and more will be added to each class set in April. These tablets will be used alongside the laptops and ipads in school to help enhance the children's learning experiences.

***Event Days***

We have a couple of special events coming up shortly. Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March is World Book Day. On this day we are asking the children to come to school dressed as a character from a book...I'm sure the staff will join in too! On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March it is Red Nose Day. The theme this year is 'Make your face funny for money'...so that is what we are asking the children to do. Come to school with the funniest face you can and bring in £1 to donate to Red Nose Day! There will be prizes for those judged to be the best on both these event days - probably of the chocolate variety! It should be a lot of fun!

*and finally,*

You may have noticed that Sainburys are once again offering their 'Active Kids' vouchers at the checkout. We are collecting these in school. They are very useful and help to buy additional PE equipment.

Thank you,



Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher

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**School Uniform -ties!!**

Name of child/ren:.....Class/es:.....

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My child would / would not be interested in having an optional school tie as part of their uniform. (please circle)

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

Date.....

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