



# PENSBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Summer Term 2016 - Newsletter - Number 1

Dear families and children,

### ***PTA Events***

The PTA held a very successful meeting last week and organised a summer Fair. This will be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please come along and support the PTA and school and have a great time (let's hope it warms up a lot for then!). We will need lots of help on the day, so if you can spare 1 hours of the day manning a stall that would be brilliant - we will text out nearer the time so you can let us know this! During the meeting the PTA looked at the equipment they are interested in buying for the playgrounds. Quotes from suppliers are the next step! The latest PTA minutes are the school website for your information.

### ***Pensby and Stanley***

The extension at Stanley is taking shape quickly now and all the steel work is in place. I have a meeting this week to discuss the development of the field for the 2 schools and the re development of the central playground. I will let you know what is planned as soon as I know!

### ***Polling station***

As mentioned in my last newsletter, the school is used by the Local Authority as a polling station. There are two elections this year when this will be required - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May (local councillor elections) and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June (EU referendum). The school will remain open to pupils on both dates and we will lock the hall off so that the elections are separate to the children, as we have done in the past.

### ***Sainsbury's School vouchers***

Thank you for your school vouchers so far. The school voucher giveaway ends on 3<sup>rd</sup> May but you can send any vouchers in to school up to July. We use these to play playground equipment for the children so they are very useful.

### ***Tae Kwondo***

There are still some places left in Mondays Tae Kwondo class. Please contact the school office if you are interested.

### ***Lost property***

The lost property box is bursting with items. Please claim by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April as the contents will be disposed of after that day. The lost property box is located in the main entrance waiting area.

### ***The Queens birthday***

Last week the classes celebrated the Queens Birthday and the school kitchen staff made birthday cake for everybody - it was a real treat!

### ***Road safety***

It is wonderful that many children (usually years 5 and 6) are given the opportunity to walk or cycle to and from school. This first step of independence is very important. It has been noticed that even the



most sensible child in year 5 or 6 can forget the sound advice they have been given by their families on the way to school! This week in assembly, we have been talking to the children about road safety and why they need to listen to the adults who are giving them good advice and clear instructions. Thank you for continuing to guide your children to using roads safely.

### ***Dates for this half term***

These are the main dates for this half term. Further details of these events will be put on the school calendar on the website this week.

Day	Event
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank holiday - school closed all day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	School opens after bank holiday
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	School hall used as polling station. School remains open to children
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	National tests for year 6 children all week
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photographs taken today
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Race for life event and Charity day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens for second half of summer term
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA meeting in school at 7.00pm
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential visit for 3 days
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	PTA summer fair
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports go 'live' online
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Open evening to meet new teachers
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for summer break

### ***Summer??!!***

Despite the cold weather, it is lovely see the summer uniform the children are wearing. I have noticed some very bright shoes and trainers - footwear should be black for all children. It has also been great to see the children applying their own sun cream (on those rare days it is needed!). I watched this happen in reception class last week and it was fun to say the least but the children managed remarkably well!

### ***Nursery places***

Our Nursery is exceptionally full and we only have a few afternoon places at the moment. Nursery numbers appear to be similar for next year so places will quickly be filled. If you have a child who is due to start Nursery or know someone who does, I urge you to apply for a place as soon as possible as places cannot be guaranteed.

*and finally,*

A reminder that at the end of the day, your children should stay with you in the playground. Please do not let them run away from you or climb up the amphitheatre. Thank you.

Thank you,



Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher