



PENSBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear families and children,

Welcome back to school! It does seem like a very long time since we have been here. This morning, it was wonderful to see all the children again (haven't they grown!?) and catch up on all your news.

Playground markings

Those of you who dropped off this morning, will have seen some of the new playground markings that have been added during the summer break. Playground markings have been placed all around the school and they have been very well received by the children. They start at the pedestrian gate with coloured footsteps that lead to Wraparound, Early Years and the library door - so you can now tell anyone new collecting your child which colour footprints to follow! The top playground has not yet had its marking completed as the building work at Stanley ran on and the playground area was very gritty. This is now cleared and in the next couple of weeks the markings will go on and we can add the new seating for the children up there as well. All of this has been funded by the PTA and will benefit every child in the school. Many thanks for the PTA for agreeing to fund this important addition for the children and to all the families who have supported the PTA in raising the funds to do so.

Class meetings for families

On Wednesday 14th September, each class teacher will hold meetings where they will explain to you how their class operates. In the meeting they will give you information that you will need to help your child. The meetings take place at 3.00pm and 5.00pm and last for 30 minutes only. Please come along.

Website

A reminder that our website is a key communication tool and the office page and class pages are particularly important for families to check/access. You do not need a password to access the website.

www.pensbyprimaryschool.org

Roald Dahl Cinema Visit

Families in years 2,3,4,5 and 6, were sent a text at the weekend informing them of a visit to the Light Cinema to watch the BFG on Friday 16th September. We are joining pupils from Irby Primary, Thingwall Primary and Barnston Primary. Roald Dahl would have been 100 years old this month so a celebration is in order! All the staff and children from the schools need to dress as a Roald Dahl character and prizes will be given. The cost of the trip is £7.50 (£4.00 for pupils claiming Free School Meals). To give your permission for the trip you can login in to TUCASI and your payment will confirm your permission.

Update on building work

The extension at Stanley is almost there - the children return tomorrow! Then the job of restoring the outside areas begins and we have been told the field will be reinstated. The next stage is the development of the playground area in the middle of the school. The 'Tellytubby' hill was removed in the summer and it has left a huge playground area. Landscape architects have now been given the go ahead to redesign this area to give Stanley children some more outside space and give Pensby children a better



playground area as well. The removal of the hill has given both schools a massive amount of space so we are very excited to see what is planned. The picture below shows the new extension and the enormous playground!



Parking

From tomorrow Stanley school will have more children and additional staffing joining them, which means our site car parks will be even busier. We cannot allow families access to the car park and some get very upset when they are told they cannot do this. We staff the pedestrian gate at 8.40am so giving families a generous 15 minute window to bring their children in. This means we can allow a steady amount of traffic into the site to use the drop off point. In the morning, we open the barrier to parents for drop off from cars at 8.40am and in the evening we open the barrier at 3.45pm ready for the arrival of any users of the site when the children have left. Please do not leave vehicles in drop off point during the morning drop off for any reason.

The yellow lines at the entrance and exit to the site have very strict parking notices. Last term, 7 cars received a ticket for parking on these lines at the incorrect time and the fine is £70. The parking enforcement officers will be returning to the site again this term.

Please can I ask you to explain to any grandparents, child minders or any drivers who come to school on your behalf, the above information. I know that you will want to help keep all the children safe by following our car parking processes. Thank you.

and finally,

As well as our new families, we welcome Mr Davies and Mr Glendenning to our staff this year. Pensby is a lovely school to be in and we hope you will all be very happy here.

Thank you,

Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher