



PENSBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear families and children,

Online reports

You will probably have noticed when you login to your child's online report, a new 'Behaviour tab' has appeared. We are trialling this new way of communicating pupil behaviour with a few families in each class. If you are one of them a member of staff will contact you about this. Hopefully this new tab will be helpful to staff and families and we can then roll it out to everyone.

PTA meeting

The last PTA meeting was so well attended - thank you to everyone who came along. The summer fair was discussed - this will be held on Saturday 8th July 12.00 to 2.00pm. The Father's Day sale will also take place again this year - for £1.50 your child can purchase a Father's Day gift on Thursday 15th June. We are also doing 'Bag to School' again. It has been some time since we have done this. A collection bag will be sent home that has instructions on it! Bag to School bags will be collected on Thursday 15th June, but can be brought into school from Monday 12th June. The PTA minutes are on the school website.

Polling station

A reminder that the general election is on Thursday 8th June and school will be closed to pupils that day.

Sainsbury's School vouchers

Thank you for your school vouchers so far. Vouchers are not being given out in stores anymore, but can be sent into school until the end of June.

Nursery places/ 30 hours

From September in our Nursery, we will continue to offer the 15 hour entitlement offer and will also offer the 30 hour extended entitlement offer. If you wish to apply for a 30 hour place you need to register with HMRC and provide us with your eligibility code and NI number. Details of how to do this are on <http://www.gov.uk> We have a Nursery meeting on Tuesday 6th June at 5.00pm for ALL Nursery pupils in September and will explain more to you then about all aspects of Nursery for the children, including this 30 hour offer. If you know of anyone who may be eligible for a Nursery place next year please pass on this information to them.

Year 6 SATS and Charity day

Huge congratulations to our year 6 pupils, who did their SATS exams last week. The tests were very challenging but our children were determined and worked to their very best. We really were impressed. Last Friday afternoon they had a celebration day - and the year 6 class page shows the fun they got up to!



On Friday 26th May, the children in year 6 will be holding a charity day to raise money for charity. This year the children have chosen 4 charities they wish to support - Cancer Research, Autism Together, Claire House Children's Hospice and MacDonald House at Alder Hey Hospital. Some examples of what will be happening include Isaac having his head shaved for Cancer Research on that day if he raises £100 - what a very wonderful gesture - if every child gave him 50p he will have to do it! Josh has organized his Cancer Research stall again - so bring in some money for that too. As the children are supporting 4 charities this year we need to raise even more money - so save up your change and send it in with your child on that day! The whole school can come to school in non-uniform that day. Further details will be published on every class page on the school website.

Year 5 and year 6 meetings

We have 2 very important meetings coming up for families of pupils in years 5 and 6. Both take place on Thursday 25th May. At 5.30pm, year 5 families are invited to an information evening about the secondary school application process and 11+ arrangements in Wirral. Any parents in year 4 who are considering 11+ for their child may also wish to come along to that meeting and would be welcome. The meeting will last no longer than 30 minutes.

At 6.00pm, families of year 6 are invited to attend an information meeting about our residential visit to Oaklands.

South Deeside Primary Schools Federation

I'm delighted to tell you, that our soft Federation schools (Irby, Barnston, Thingwall., Gayton and Heswall) have agreed a collective name that we can use when working together. Our Federation name is **South Deeside Primary Schools Federation (SDPSF)**. We are very excited about this and the next step is to design a collective logo that we can use when we write to our families or wider colleagues, as a collective of schools. All 6 schools are running a competition for the pupils to design the logo for the SDPSF using the logos from the 6 schools. There will be prize for the KS1 and KS2 winner in each school as well as a prize for the overall winner.

Lost Property

The lost property box is once again overflowing! All items will be disposed of at half term. Please come and look through the box in the main entrance before any belongings of yours disappear!

Parking

Today I received an email from a resident in Penmon Drive informing me that a parent/guardian of the school parked across their drive this morning - they sent a picture that clearly shows very inconsiderate and selfish parking that restricts their access:



It astounds me that despite all my pleas to park carefully and considerately, a very small number of people choose not to do so, so causing distress to our neighbours and additional workload for the school, that takes our time away from the children. The children suffer because of this and it can be avoided. I have today emailed for the parking enforcement offer to come and issue parking fines.

And finally,

School finishes for half term on Friday 26th May - have a great week!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Brown'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher