



# PENSBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Autumn Term 2017 - Newsletter - Number 2

Dear families and children,

### **Appeal from Gayton Primary**

Many thanks for your support for Gayton pupil Lucy Moroney. The Federation schools (and other Wirral schools) saw tremendous efforts by all involved. At Pensby you raised £265. Mr Whitehill, the Headteacher of Gayton Primary sends his thanks on behalf of the family.

### **Field development**

I attended a meeting last week, where dates were finally given for the field development. This will begin in the new year. I was quite shocked as to the extent of the works as the Local Authority are not only going to reinstate the field to the quality it should be, but the smaller grassed area by the top playground is also to be improved. The project will last several months but will leave us with a stunning field that is costing an incredibly high amount of money. Just after half term, when we celebrate our fireworks evening (see dates below), we will notice that much of the central playground has been cordoned off. This is so that the central sensory garden can be constructed. This will be constructed on the tarmac area where the hill used to be (apologies to new families who won't have seen the old hill!). This is great news because it means once the sensory garden is finished our children don't actually lose any playground space. Although the sensory garden belongs to Stanley School, our children will be able to use it on occasion and the PTA can then start to put into operation their very ambitious plans for developing our playground space!

### **Clubs and activities**

Details of all clubs and activities for this term are on the 'School Office' page on the website. The forms to request a place can also be found there.

### **New class meetings**

Our new class meetings were last week. Many families were not represented and this was disappointing to the teaching staff. Details of what was discussed have been placed on the class pages of the school website, so if you could not attend you can make sure you are up to dates with the teachers expectations this year.

### **Nursery**

You may not be aware that our school nursery is operating the 30 hour childcare offer that has been advertised in the media. This has proved to be very popular and we anticipate that our Nursery facility may well be full by the end of the year.

### **Radio advert**

You will be hearing the names of the 6 South Deeside Primary Schools Federation schools (SDPSF), on an radio advert in Wirral run buildings such as Europa Pools. We have been very lucky to have been chosen as a leading provider in the North West for School Direct Associate Teacher training. The radio



adverts are part of 'Gov Radio'. So if you are in a Wirral Public building and you hear our schools name on the radio, you will know why!

### ***School Uniform***

A reminder that footwear for school should be black. Some pupils who wear trainers, have other colours on the trainers and they are not suitable as part of our school uniform. Help your child to understand the importance of rules and of being proud of dressing for the school workplace, by ensuring their whole school uniform is correct. Also, school uniform should be ordered directly with the supplier at [www.goodies.co.uk](http://www.goodies.co.uk) If your child is eligible for Free School Meals you will be aware that you order your uniform through TUCASI and receive a 50% discount. If you think you are eligible for Free School Meals please contact the school office who will help you with this.

### ***Toast and milk***

A reminder that toast payments through TUCASI need to be made in good time - before 11.00am on the day before you want your child to have toast. Milk orders are made through 'School Milk' (see office page on website for details) and must be paid on the Thursday for your child to have milk the following week.

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

The school team and PTA have tried to set as many whole school event dates for the term as they can. Some are to be confirmed nearer the time.

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October - parents evenings 3.30pm to 6.00pm
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October - PTA neon disco - details to be put on website
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November PTA fireworks night - details to be put on website
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December PTA film night - details to be put on website
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Xmas performance dress rehearsal and afternoon performance - times TBC
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December xmas performance in afternoon and evening - times TBC
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December - PTA children's xmas fair and Nursery carols - details to be put on website
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December children's xmas lunch - TBC
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December staff xmas lunch - TBC

Hopefully this early warning of dates will enable you to plan your own Christmas diary. Further details and confirmations will be placed on the school website and you will receive a text reminder when they are placed there.

*And finally,*

Well done to many year 6 children who sat their 11+ test yesterday - they were amazing!

Thank you,



Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher