



PENSBY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Greenbank Drive, Pensby, Wirral CH61 5UE
Telephone: 0151 348 4145 Fax: 0151 342 0240
Email: schooloffice@pensby-primary.wirral.sch.uk www.pensby-primary.wirral.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs K Brown

Wednesday 10th January 2018

Spring Term 2017 - Newsletter - Number 1

Dear families and children,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that the Christmas break went well and that Father Christmas was kind to all the children! This spring term has started off feeling very wintry and dark, but lighter days are only a matter of a few weeks away - thank goodness!

Last term was very busy but was possibly the best autumn term I can remember. A highlight was the Christmas performance. Each year I am told how much families have enjoyed the Christmas performance, but all the staff were quite overwhelmed with the positive feedback received about this years performance. It was a very challenging one (historical, multi language based etc) but the enjoyment of the children couldn't be missed and their delighted faces said it all! Thank you all for your support with all the Christmas events. Christmas 2017 is certainly a very special one!

PTA meeting and next 10 year Celebration meeting

My apologies - due to unforeseen circumstances, the PTA meeting and 10 year celebration meeting that were due to be held this Thursday have been cancelled. They have been rescheduled for Tuesday 23rd January with the 10 year celebration being at 5.00pm and the PTA meeting at 7.00pm. Please come along to the PTA meeting if you can. This first meeting will be to explore ideas for this term so it is an opportunity to share ideas and form a great term for the whole community of the school.

Clubs and activities

Tae Kwondo and EYFS Football club start next week. Mrs Shaw's dance, drama and keyboards clubs also start next week. Please check the school office page of the website (from next week), for details of all this term's club.

Behaviour policy

Last term we trialled the behaviour system on SPTO and decided to fully integrate this into our behaviour policy. This policy has been updated to reflect this. The policy in draft form can be downloaded following the link under this newsletter. To make it simpler to find any SPTO references, these have been recorded in blue text. School staff will be discussing the policy and in particular this update, this month. I invite families to take some time to read this updated policy too and let us know your feedback, so that we have a whole school view. Please let me know your views by emailing them to the school office by Friday 26th January. Thank you.



Science Under the stars

Last year, our Federation partner school, Heswall, organised an event called Science Under the Stars. This was a huge event with many exciting activities that families could enjoy. It has been organised once again this year, with a variety of new activities and events. Science Under the Stars takes place on Thursday 25th Jan 4-6pm at Heswall Primary. All the Federation schools pupils are invited to take part in lantern making before the event (Lantern making is on Tuesday 23rd Jan at Heswall - £2 to pay) and families would need to take their own child to and from the lantern making. The children will get to keep their lantern after the event. If your child wishes to take part in the lantern making, you need to email Pensby school office to let us know, and we will then set TUCASI up to accept your payment. There will be a cut off point for this, so please decide as soon as possible and let the school office know.

The poster advertising the event can be downloaded using the link underneath this newsletter. This was a very popular event last year and we anticipate it will be even more popular this year. The roads around the school will be very busy and I recommend that you either walk to the event or park some distance away.

Fitness Fridays!

You may have read last term, that all schools are to receive more PE funding. A condition of the grant premium for all schools is that:

The premium must be used to fund additional and sustainable improvements to the provision of PE and sport, for the benefit of primary-aged pupils, in the 2017 to 2018 academic year, to encourage the development of healthy, active lifestyles.

All schools have to report how they spend the PE grant and do so through their websites. The additional PE funding means that we can continue to develop our PE offer and to do this we are starting 'Fitness Fridays!' Mr Davies, who worked with last year, is returning to school to work each Friday delivering extra curriculum PE and some additional PE clubs out of school hours. All the pupils in the school will benefit from this extra PE and it will be lovely to have Mr Davies back with us!

And finally,

A reminder to keep your emails as this is the way most messages from school will be sent home to you. If you change your email address, don't forget to tell us! We still use text messages for more urgent communication such as bumped heads, cancellation of events at short notice etc. Again, if you have changed your mobile phone number you need to let us know!

Thank you,



Mrs. K Brown - Headteacher