



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020

## **Newsletter Number 1 – spring term 2020**

Dear families,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that you have all had a good break and are set up for the new school year and 2020! Last term was incredibly busy, but so many wonderful things happened. The end of term performances of Aladdin, were an absolute triumph and allowed the children not only to show their talents, but to enjoy a substantial and challenging performance. As I said at the time, the effort by the staff and in particular Mrs Shaw is to be highly commended. I have so much admiration for the staff, who chose a really difficult performance to do, but did it because they knew the children would enjoy it, learn from it and be given a lasting memory they could cherish.

I must take this opportunity to thank the PTA for the many, many events they organised for the children last term like most schools now, our core of PTA 'helpers' is actually quite small. This makes it much harder for events to be organised but the PTA have been determined to give as much as they can to the children. Their hard work helped to make Christmas extra special for your children. It is amazing that they provided a number of free events for all the children – the visits to Chester Zoo and the Christmas disco. We are incredibly fortunate that this small core of PTA members does so much for the children. Please let them know how grateful you are by continuing to support events and do your bit to help now and again.

### **Miss Bennett**

Lovely Miss Bennett has been at Pensby for quite a few years now and has supported children throughout the school. She has secured a new position at West Kirby Residential School and her last day in Pensby will be Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February. We are very sad to see her go, but know that this new post will give her so many opportunities to learn and develop her already excellent skills. Good luck Miss Bennett.

### **Parent communication meeting**

This week on Wednesday 16th January we were due to hold our next parent communication meeting. However, due to some staffing issues we need to change this and the meeting will now be held on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 5.30pm to 6.15pm** in school. It is just over a year since we held the first communication meeting and many aspects were discussed. Moving this meeting will hopefully give you a little more time to consider what you would like to share at the meeting – how is Parent Mail operating for you? What do you think of the number emails and texts you receive from school? Where is communication best between school and home? What do we need to improve for you? Please come along and share your views in an open and honest meeting where your voice is the most important one to be heard. The afterschool club will look after children for you from 5.30 to 6.15pm – please let the school office know if you need to use this facility.

### **This terms events and PTA meetings**

If you haven't helped run a PTA event – make this the year you come along to one meeting and do your bit! The next

PTA meeting is on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00am and at 6.00pm**. The 9.00am meeting will have a crèche available for younger children. We'd really like a good turnout at both meetings so we can talk about ideas for this term and the summer term and think about the goals for the PTA as we move forwards.

So far this term, the PTA and I have arranged the following events:

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	year 6 cake sale
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	year 5 cake sale
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	year 4 cake sale
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	year 3 cake sale
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	year 2 cake sale
HALF TERM BREAK	
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	year 1 cake sale
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	year EYFS cake sale

The PTA facebook page has recently detailed a gift amnesty that would be really useful. Details are:



And finally,

A reminder that the school office email has changed to [schooloffice@pensbyprimaryschool.org](mailto:schooloffice@pensbyprimaryschool.org) We are in the process of getting this updated on school documents.

Mrs K. Brown, Headteacher