



Monday 19th October 2020

Newsletter Number 7 – Autumn Term 2020

Dear families,

Latest update on School life...

We have spent the last two weeks looking at how each class can use the central atrium to develop opportunities for groups work for the children. This has gone really well and the atrium is now carefully managed with class bubbles distanced, but it is buzzing again!

I must take this opportunity to thank all the adults in our school community for their support in wearing masks. I am very aware that many local schools do not have the full support of their communities and this is causing some distress. That is not the case in Pensby! Our glasses may steam up but we have our masks on! Thank you.

Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal collection boxes have arrived in school and there is now one in each class. The children can bring in any change from home and fill up their class box. Staff will make sure the children wash their hands thoroughly after handling the coins. It's a great way to get rid of loose change and a good excuse to find what has rolled down the sides of the sofa!!!

Catering Staff Vacancy

We have a vacancy in our school catering team for a catering assistant. This position is for 2 hour each day of the week. Please contact the school office for details of how to apply through email schooloffice@pensbyprimaryschool.org .

Adult electric bikes and scooters on site

I have noticed a number of adults arriving at school on bikes, electric bikes and electric scooters. This is absolutely fine. However, some adults have been seen riding these vehicles on the school site. An adult on one of these machines colliding with a child would result in a terrible accident. As we ask all children to walk their scooters and bicycles onto and off the site, it is important that all adults lead in modelling this expectation. Therefore, all adults need to push their bikes and scooters whilst on the school site to avoid harming the children. Thank you.

Changes after half term

After half term we will be changing how the children bring their reading books to and from school. We ask that each Wednesday book bags come into school. These will be stored by the staff until Friday when the children will change their books. The book bags will then go home on the Friday. They may also have some other activities in them for the children to do.

We will be looking at the local COVID infection rates quite closely after term and if they are lower, we can then allow the children to bring their own water bottles to school once again. We will let you know when this will be.

Family in Need

Many of you will remember Lilia who was in our year 6 class last year. Lilia and her sister (Talyse) lived with their mother Stephanie. Very sadly, their mother died during the summer and with no other family the girls are being fostered by one of our lovely Pensby Primary Families. The girls have very little and a lifetime ahead of them. A Just Giving page has been set up by their foster family to help raise funds to support these two lovely girls now and into the future. The link to this page is:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/joanne-dunne-1?utm_term=jEyJzV3B7&fbclid=IwAR257Z_0zYJGorNodsO7WOezE-eicqOjaHo7tTH35OEo1swf7lw1U0j7eco



The PTA has decided that the proceeds from the Firework Disco will be given to Lilia and Talyse. A lovely gesture.

Our thoughts are with these two lovely young girls at such a testing and desperately sad time in their life.

PTA Christmas cards, lanterns and Firework disco!

I am so grateful to our PTA for their determination in giving the children happy memories in school despite the COVID restrictions. A reminder that you will have had several reminders emailed to you about the contact details you want attached to your child's Christmas Card artwork – this is so that the company can contact you with order details. The link to pay for the Christmas lanterns is also on Parent Mail (the children will bring their lanterns home for Christmas).

Seesaw family comment and Parents Evening appointments

At some point in this week, all families will receive a direct message through Seesaw giving information on how your child has settled back into school. You can also go into Parent Mail and book a 10 minute telephone call after half term if you wish to discuss any aspects of your child's school experience further.

Parking and Road Safety issues

I am often told about driving and road safety issues around the site. If you witness anything that concerns you, you need to report this to Wirral Borough Council or the police if necessary. The more of our families who do this, the more targeted support will be placed in our area to safeguard our children. Alternatively you can email into the school office and we will pass your email on to Wirral Borough Council, giving your contact details.

PTA meeting

The next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 21st October at 7.00pm via zoom. The link to that meeting is: Kate Brown is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: PTA meeting

Time: Oct 21, 2020 07:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88938640154?pwd=R1QwZ3JmT3BKMjdGZEdZRnJta1JnZz09>

Meeting ID: 889 3864 0154

Passcode: 099382

Half term

School closes to pupils on Thursday 22nd October. Friday 23rd October is an INSET day. School reopens on Monday 2nd November at 8.30am for pupils.

Have a restful half term break - Keep safe, keep well,



Mrs. K Brown, Headteacher