



Friday 27th November 2020

Newsletter Number 10 – Autumn Term 2020

Dear families,

Latest update on School life...

I know that newsletters usually come out at the beginning of the week but this one couldn't wait for next week! In fact I can't remember an autumn term where we have had 10 newsletters. That reflects what a busy term it has been and how much information has needed to be shared.

Coronavirus has been 'circling' the school for such a long time and it was inevitable that at some point we would have to close a bubble. Seeing this happen in so many local schools over the weeks (often several times in the same school) was not pleasant, but it certainly helped us prepare for our turn!

When a bubble closes we immediately revert to our home/school platform of Seesaw. I have to say that the year 2 families were amazing yesterday with engaging on Seesaw with Mr Klausen. Mr Klausen was 'Seesawed out' by the end of the day! We have to provide anyone isolating with school work each day, but we know that this is not easy for families, especially as many adults will be trying to work from home themselves. We thank you for the efforts you are making and don't want any family to worry if they are finding this challenging.

Families of children in class bubbles isolating will get an email asking them if their child has access to a suitable device to use e.g. laptop or tablet. If the answer is no, they can request a school tablet is sent home. Additionally we are awaiting delivery of SIM cards with data loaded that can also be requested, but these have yet to arrive.

PTA meeting and events

The PTA meeting on Tuesday was very exciting with the various school events being discussed and organised. Film Night goes ahead on Thursday 3rd December (year 2 will have theirs when they return!). The booking for this event closes tomorrow (27th November) at 10am.

PLEASE DO NOT MISS THIS DEADLINE – NO ADDITIONAL PLACES WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THIS DATE

The family Lanterns event is completely sold out on Monday 14th and there are only about 10 slots left on Tuesday 15th December (this was at the time of writing this newsletter, so there could be less). Please book quickly if you haven't already done so!

Looking for a school place - Welcome to Pensby Primary School

At this time of year we would usually show lots of families around the school, in preparation for their children starting in Reception class. Obviously we can't do this due to COVID. Instead we have a Welcome

video on the school website. Go to the 'School Info' tab and select 'Headteacher's Welcome' and the video is at the bottom. Please direct anyone who needs this to this location. Thank you.

Tier 3 news

From 2nd December the area moves into Tier 2. A useful Tier 2 information poster is below. Please continue to wear your face masks when accessing the school site. Thank you.


HM Government


TIER 2

HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY 	BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS 	RETAIL 	WORK AND BUSINESS 
<p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	<p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	<p>Open.</p>	<p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION 	INDOOR LEISURE 	ACCOMMODATION 	PERSONAL CARE 
<p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	<p>Open.</p>	<p>Open.</p>	<p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS 	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS 	ENTERTAINMENT 	PLACES OF WORSHIP 
<p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	<p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	<p>Open.</p>	<p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING 	EXERCISE 	RESIDENTIAL CARE 	LARGE EVENTS 
<p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	<p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	<p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	<p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

gov.uk/coronavirus

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

[Get a test and stay at home](#)

For more information and detailed guidance visit: gov.uk/coronavirus





Christmas Cards

Thank you for placing your orders for Christmas cards, labels, mugs etc. This was incredibly popular new opportunity and we will repeat it again next year.

Catering Staff Vacancy

A reminder from the last newsletter - This post is Monday to Friday 10.45am to 1.15pm - a total of 12.5 hours. Details of this post are the same as the last one advertised and will be emailed to you on request. Please contact the school office on schooloffice@pensbyprimaryschool.org for details. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 2nd December at 12pm.

Round Table Santa Sleigh

The Round Table Santa Sleigh should take place in December in the Pensby area. Our night is Wednesday 9th December. We start at about 5.45pm, have a magical workout then flop down at home by about 9pm!! We are not allowed to knock on doors or collect money this year – it is all about a nice community event bringing a smile to all and having a great walk if you are helping! If you can come along and join us, you will experience the most incredible night of the year. You can email in to the school office to let us know, or post on the PTA Facebook page. The more people who come along the better!

The route and estimated times are detailed below:



The hospice is running their Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling Scheme again this year in order to raise vital funds for the Hospice and helping towards the £4 million pounds running costs. Here are the details to book your tree collection:



Wirral Hospice St John's
Charity Christmas Tree Collection

Leave the effort of recycling your Christmas tree to us!

We welcome donations* in return for collecting your real Christmas tree.

Postcodes we cover:
CH41 | CH42 | CH43
CH44 | CH45 | CH46
CH47 | CH48 | CH49
CH60 | CH61 | CH62
CH63 | CH64

Our volunteers will be out from Fri 15 Jan 2021 until all the trees are collected in!

Trees must be pre-registered before 5pm on Sun 10 Jan 2021.

www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

The booking system is run by:
JUST-HELPING

*after costs, JustHelping pass 90% of the monies to Wirral Hospice St John's (Reg. Charity No. 510643) & 10% will be donated to other small local charities

Perfume offer for families and the school

We have all had a very kind offer from one of our lovely mums – Katie. She says:

I am aware of the current situation with the pandemic and understand that schools cannot do as much fundraising as they normally do. This is a great strain on the school.

I sell FM Fragrance's which is high street brands of perfume/aftershave but for the fraction of the price. The only difference is that the perfume comes in a bottle.

I personally use this perfume on a daily basis and it smells the same as the top brands. There is a huge variety to pick from.

I would need the orders in by the 10th December to insure they are here in time for Christmas. I am willing to do this for the school during December and January. Any profit I will be giving straight to the school and this will hopefully help the children in the school.

*I can be contacted on 07885764620 and my email address is kate17_921@outlook.com
Please be aware if I may not reply during the day time (email or leave a message) as I work as a nurse on nights, but I will get back to you as soon as I can.*

I Hope this helps the school out in a way during this difficult time. And thank you for keeping our children safe.

There is an extensive list of fragrances so this will be sent out to you in another email – or this newsletter will be about 10 pages long!

Please email your order details to Katie on the email provided and she will advise you about payment.

Thank you for this very thoughtful offer, Katie!

Exchanging Christmas cards

We would still like the children to experience getting a Christmas card from their friends. This year we will need to keep this exchange within the class bubbles. The children can bring their cards into school each day from Monday. They need to put ALL the cards in a container in the classroom (their class teacher will show them where this is). The last day for putting cards in the class container is Friday 11th December. On Tuesday 15th December the class teachers will distribute the cards to the class and the children will bring them home that day.

Last day closing time

The last day of the term is **Friday 18th December**. As a special treat for all, pick up time will be from 1.45pm to 2.30pm. **School will close at 2.30pm.**

Thank you!



Mrs. K Brown, Headteacher