



Wednesday 9th December 2020

Newsletter Number 11 – Autumn Term 2020

Dear families,

Latest update on School life...

We welcomed year 2 back to school on Monday. It was great to have them back. Having one class not in school was a very strange experience and we all felt a bit adrift. It just shows that, like a jigsaw, we need each other around to create that perfect 'Pensby' ethos!

I must congratulate the families of the year 2 children, who engaged tremendously well in their home learning. Home learning is big ask for families who still have the pressures of getting other children to schools and going to work as well. So thank you year 2 families from all the staff for all you did for your children.

PTA Lanterns Event

The event is now fully booked on both nights. We are very excited about this amazing evening and can't wait to see the children's faces when they meet Santa! Those families who have booked will have an arrival slot – the school office will be emailing you to remind you of this arrival time. Please only arrive in that time slot window and head for the main entrance. Part of the event is outside, so depending on the weather please dress accordingly!

PTA film night

We managed to have our film night – albeit within class bubbles. It is always a lovely night and the hot dogs and chips go down almost as well as playtime in the dark! Thank you to the many staff who supported this event and to the PTA for organising it.

Christmas Concert treat

On Thursday 10th December, the class bubbles will be filmed performing some Christmas songs that they have been rehearsing for quite some time. This will be compiled into a video that will be uploaded onto the school website for everyone to enjoy. As soon as the video is on the website we will let you know.

Christmas Cards/Calendars etc.

The orders for these items have arrived in school. They look brilliant! The admin team are emailing families in batches to let them know when they can collect these items from the main reception – this is so we can keep everyone socially distanced and safe. Please wait until you get your email to come in and collect. Thank you!

Midday Assistant Staff Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Midday Assistant on our team. This is for one hour a day and we can offer this flexibility as 5 days or less. If you wish to apply for the post please complete the application form being

emailed out with this newsletter and return it via email to the school office by 2.30pm on Thursday 17th December. Thank you.

Round Table Santa Sleigh

The Round Table Santa Sleigh has been touring the local area this week. Tonight it is the turn of Pensby Primary to support this event and the route and estimated times are detailed below:



This is the street route in detail – do come out and wave to Santa;

START 6:00pm

Somerset Rd, Wirral CH61 6XW, towards Devonshire Rd

Turn right onto Devonshire Rd

Turn left onto Bridgenorth Rd

Turn left onto Woodfield Rd

Turn right onto Somerset Rd

Turn right onto Dorset Dr

Turn right onto Devon Dr

Turn left onto Bridgenorth Rd

Turn left onto Ridgewood Dr

Turn right onto Haddon Dr

Turn left onto Ridgewood Dr

Turn right onto Somerset Rd

Turn right onto Kenilworth Dr

Turn right onto Chatsworth Rd

Turn left onto Ridgewood Dr

Turn left onto Ridgfield Rd

Turn right onto Ridgemere Rd

Turn left onto Ridgewood Dr

Turn left onto Pensby Rd/B5138

Turn left onto Antons Rd

Turn left onto Cornelius Dr

Turn right onto Exmoor Cl
Make a U-turn
Turn left onto Cornelius Dr
Turn left onto King's Dr
Turn left onto Oaklea Rd
Turn left onto Marlston Ave
END Marlston Ave, Wirral CH61 3XU

Exchanging Christmas cards

A reminder from the last newsletter - this year the children can exchange their Christmas cards within their class bubble. 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. Year 2 has slightly different dates for this and Mr Klausen will let you know these dates.

COVID Symptom free testing in Wirral

Anyone who lives or works in Wirral and does not have Covid-19 symptoms is eligible for symptom-free testing at the following sites:

- Floral Pavilion, New Brighton
- Birkenhead Market
- Greasby Library
- Eastham Library

The testing will be for those without symptoms. Please, do your bit and get tested for Wirral.

For more information, FAQs and opening times visit: www.wirral.gov.uk/test

Positive COVID tests – what to do

If you, or anyone in your household has a positive COVID test result, you must email in to the school office to let us know schooloffice@pensbyprimaryschool.org This email is checked daily for any emails with the subject 'COVID results'. Thank you.

Parking update

The police have become very interested in the parking issues around the school, particularly when drivers park on the yellow lines or over residents driveways. I now have a link police officer that I can now send registration details and photographs to. These offenses will then be officially logged by the police and the drivers contacted directly. You can support our proactive neighbours and continue to make parking safe around the site for our children, by passing car registration details and photographs into school via the school office email. These will be gladly passed on by us to the police!

End of term

We have had quite a few enquiries if children can bring in cards/gifts for their class bubble staff. This can be done on Friday 18th December and we thank you for this kind thought.

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 to pupils at 2.30pm.**

January opening dates and times

Monday 4th January is an INSET day and school is closed to pupils. School opens for pupils on **Tuesday 5th January at 8.40am.**

Please note that in January we will continue to do our filter in and out system for children arriving at and leaving school, but the times will be:

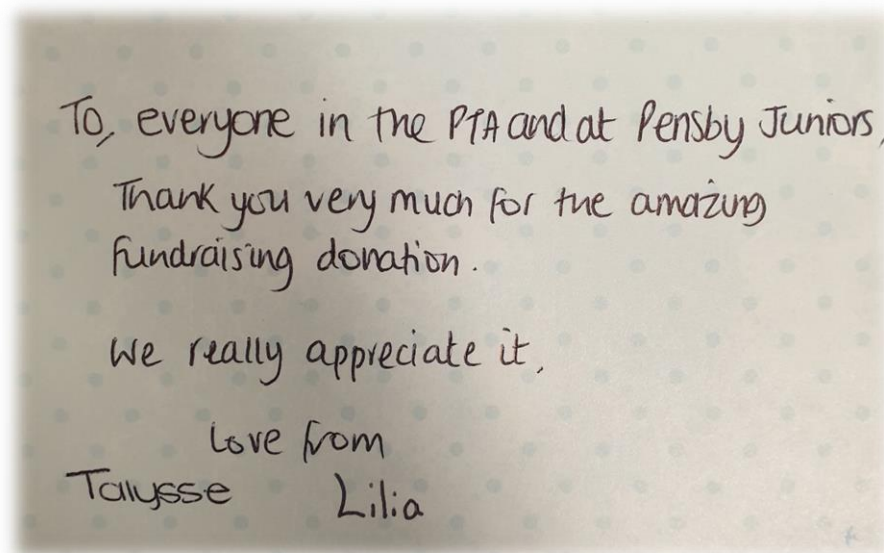
Arrival slot for pupils – 8.40am to 9.00am

Departure slot for pupils – 3.10pm to 3.30pm

Please note that the gates will be locked promptly at 9.00am and 3.30pm.

Thank you from Lilia and Talyese

We received a lovely card from Lilia and Talyese:



And finally,

It has been quite a year - quite a term! None of us could have predicted what 2020 would bring! On behalf of the staff I thank you for your support and understanding in these difficult times. We wish you the happiest Christmas possible and hope that 2021 is much kinder for us all.

Happy Christmas,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "K Brown".

Mrs. K Brown, Headteacher