



Friday 5th February 2021

Newsletter Number 2 – Spring Term 2021

Dear families,

Latest update on School life...

Thank you for your thoughts and wishes for our two members of staff who contracted Coronavirus a few weeks ago. It was a shock for all of us. The virus is very tricky and one member of staff is still quite ill, although recovering. It really does focus us on protecting each other and in particular keeping school pupil numbers and staff numbers as low as we can to try to stop transmission through contact. Despite our very best efforts, this week 2 pupils in separate classes were diagnosed with Coronavirus. They have had symptoms and felt poorly too. It is all most concerning and so we all need to keep being vigilant and follow guidelines, remembering that approximately 1 in 3 people who have coronavirus have no symptoms and could be spreading it without realising it.

Remember - 'Hands. Face. Space.'

- *hands – wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds*
- *face – wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet*
- *space – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings)*

Home learning

Huge thanks to all those families at home who are supporting their children and doing all they can with home learning. We know how hard this is and applaud you for the efforts you are making. Thank you for keeping in touch with the class staff through Seesaw – we miss the children and their families very much. Families can only be asked to do their best in these difficult circumstances!

'Reading Eggs'

The staff are very grateful to the PTA and the families of the school for funding half the cost of "Reading Eggs". This resource was tested out by a couple of classes in the school and at home and the feedback from the families and the children was that it was a fabulous resource. The school could not afford it without this support so we are extremely grateful to the PTA to agreeing to part it and to the families who have helped raise these funds.

PTA School Lottery

Our school Lottery is just about the only way to support the children of the school at the moment! The Lottery has been set up for some time now and we thank the many families who have bought tickets (£1 per week). The Lottery specifically makes a difference for our children. It is a fantastic way to bring together families, teachers and the wider community in partnership with the school and at the same time

give something back. The funds raised are used to support purchases that benefit every child, such as Reading Eggs.

This month there is the opportunity to win a 'Robot Prize Bundle' containing a Landxcape Robotic Lawnmower and a Eufy BoostIQ RoboVac Cleaner. Enter the draw to play by 20th February and you will automatically be entered into the draw.



Go to the website to sign up; <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/pensby-primary-school>

Class Events

The recent class Zoom events have proved to be very enjoyable for staff and children. It is so good to see the excitement of the children when they see each other. The day we are all back together really cannot come quickly enough! Today is 'topsy turvey' day with children at home wearing uniform and children in school in non-uniform – fantastic! Earlier this week, the children in Key Stage 2 enjoyed a whole key stage fitness session online led by Steve – that was brilliant!

The staff will continue to find ways to 'get the children' together whenever they can and plan events that can be enjoyed whether they are in school or at home. Thank you to all the staff for doing these events and to all the children for joining in whether they were at home or in school.

And finally,

School finishes for half term on Friday 12th February and we reopen for the current pupils in school and those at home on Monday 22nd February.

Keep safe and well,

Mrs. K Brown, Headteacher