



Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## **Newsletter Number 2 – Summer Term 2021**

Dear Parents and carers,

### ***Next week – Bank Holiday and Local Election Day***

Next week Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is a bank holiday so school will be closed to pupils on that day. On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May the school is open to pupils and will also be used as a Local Election polling station. We use the hall for this event and the rest of the school is secured and not accessible to voters. On that day, breakfast and after school club arrangements will be different. Families using the facility on that day will receive an email explaining where to drop off and pick up on that day.

### ***Wirral Mental Health Newsletter***

#### ***PTA Meeting***

Last week, we held a PTA meeting on Zoom that was attended by few, but a lot was organised. The minutes of the meeting are on the school website. This terms planned events are:

***Class bingo and games*** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May directly after school, finishing at 6pm. Price will be £5, the price was agreed to be £5 because of the amount of items on offer. The children will enjoy a night of bingo, with prizes available for all classes; there will also be hotdogs and chips supplied, plus an ice lolly.

***End of week Ice Lolly treat!*** – Ice lolly sales are to start from 21<sup>st</sup> May and will be held on each Friday as an end of week event. These will be sold via Parentmail and will be available for adults too. Lollies will be handed to the children in class as they leave school at the end of the day

***Sponsored event*** – some kind of sports event will be organised at the end of term.

***End of term disco*** – Date to be finalised but July is best. Classroom disco will cost £4.50 and price includes sweets and drinks.

#### ***Parent Governor Posts***

We have possibly 3 parent governor posts that will be available shortly. This is due to some restructuring of the governing body. The role of the parent governor is often misunderstood so here at Pensby, our Governors will take the time to speak to you about this and be clear about our expectations and the amount of work and time you would be committing to the school – yes it is time consuming and all governors are expected to contribute quite a lot!

This role contributes to the work of the governing body in raising standards of achievement for all pupils. You would be contributing to providing strategic direction for the school. At times you will need to offer

sensitive challenge to ensure a progressive improvement in standards across the school. Governors are accountable for the strategic direction and the performance of the school. Therefore they have a responsibility to work collaboratively with other members of the governing body, the staff and pupils of the school, the school's wider community and, where they are representatives to their particular constituency, (parents, staff, teachers, etc.) Although some governors may represent particular constituencies, they are not delegates of that group and should reflect the best interests of the school as a whole in all decisions. Governors carry accountability to the public and should expect to be scrutinised. They are expected to act with objectivity and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias. They should act with openness, honesty and at all times show integrity in everything they do.

The role includes:

- Attending four whole governing body meetings per annum (two in the autumn term and one per term) and termly meetings of subcommittees. In addition, other subcommittees and meetings as required noting that some of these meetings will be evenings
- Prepare for meetings by reading papers beforehand and take their fair share of work/responsibilities
- Get to know the school: its needs, strengths and areas for development
- Work as a member of a team
- Speak, act and vote in the best interests of the school as one perceives them
- Represent the perspectives of constituencies, where appropriate
- Respect all governing body decisions and to support them in public
- Become familiar with the rules of school governance
- Act within the framework of the policies of the governing body and legal requirements
- Take responsibility for and participate in training and development opportunities appropriate
- Follow guidance from the Department for Education (DFE) which suggests commitment will be between ten to twenty days maximum per year

If you are interested in the role, you could spend some time considering this by looking at the following information:

<https://www.nga.org.uk/Governance-Recruitment/Be-a-school-governor-or-trustee.aspx>

<https://schoolgovernors.thekeyssupport.com/the-governing-body/constitution-and-membership/governing-body-constitution/parent-governor-trustee-roles-and-responsibilities/>

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/Parents/Have-a-say-as-a-parent-governor>

If you do decide that you would like to be nominated for the role of a school governor, you will need to prepare a written statement of no more than 200 words to let the school community know all about you. You will also need to be nominated for the role. All this needs to be done using the Pensby Parent Governor Nomination form which is under this newsletter. The forms must be returned fully completed to the School Office by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 12.00pm. No nominations will be accepted after this time. Further information about elections for the roles will then be emailed to families in the week of 18<sup>th</sup> May.

### ***Pupil COVID tests***

Now that the transmission rates of COVID have greatly reduced, the DFE guidance on the requirement for pupil testing with symptoms has changed. The three main symptoms of COVID-19 are a high temperature, a persistent cough or a loss of smell or taste. If you experience any of these symptoms you should self-

isolate and get tested. There is no longer a requirement to isolate and get tested for the other wider symptoms.

***MSE half term holiday camp!***

An email was sent home with details of the MSE half term camp. This was a very popular event over the Easter break and is back by popular demand. Details of how to book places (you can book 1 day or more) are on the poster, a copy of which is at the end of this newsletter.

*And finally,*

Our year 2 families are aware of this information - Mr Klausen is not in school at the moment and will not be here for some time as he is unwell. I know that like all the staff you will be thinking of him at this time and wishing him well.

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

Mrs K Brown - Headteacher

# COMMANDO CAMP

**AGES 5-12**

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June (Inclusive):

9am - 3.30pm

**REGISTRATION:** 8.30 - 9.00am

**COLLECTION:** 3 - 3.30pm

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