



Friday 2nd July 2021

Newsletter Number 6 – Summer Term 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

This final full newsletter of the term is a very full with lots of information!

Summer Reading Challenge

A reminder that this year the challenge is online once again although there is an opportunity to get physical books as well. The Wild World Heroes Challenge is a celebration of nature and the environment and supported by the WWF (World Wildlife Fund). If you need to visit the library you will need to book a slot via email at libraries@wirral.gov.uk

School term dates for 2021/22

Some time ago I let you know that the term dates for the academic year 2021 to 2022 were on the school website. Since then there has been an update to schools about the Queen's Jubilee. In 2022, Her Majesty the Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old.

Throughout the year, Her Majesty and members of the Royal Family will travel around the country to undertake a variety of engagements to mark this historic occasion culminating with the focal point of the Platinum Jubilee Weekend in June 2022.

An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June, will provide an opportunity for communities and people throughout the United Kingdom to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.

As the celebration weekend falls within most schools holiday time, schools have been instructed to add an additional days holiday day into their calendar. This day for us is Monday 6th June, so extending the celebration weekend so that all families can enjoy it. An updated version of the holiday dates is on the school website. More information on the Jubilee plans can be found at <https://www.royal.uk/platinum-jubilee-central-weekend>

Big Raffle

We have sold 49 tickets for the Big Raffle – so we need to sell more. Our aim is to sell 250 tickets.

This year your PTA has been unable to run most events but have managed some events for the children. Please help your PTA to raise the funds they could not over the past 15 months. Please, please support the PTA so we can do more for YOUR children next academic year by buying a raffle ticket or 2. The flyer below

gives more details of this event and the prizes that could be won! Click on the link below to buy your tickets.

<https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/pensby-primary-school-ch61>

End of year reports

Hopefully, on Tuesday 13th July, your child will bring home their end of year report. A lengthy lockdown has made it a challenge to write these reports so staff have carefully considered progress as the main measure. The report will have an information letter with it to help you understand the contents and judgements. Each child will have a progress judgement for reading, writing and maths. This progress judgement is made for your child against what they have been taught in school since we fully reopened in April. If you wish to add any comments to your child’s report you can do so through Seesaw.

Progress Towards 'End-Of-Year' Age-Related Expectations (based on teacher assessments up to end of Summer Term 2021)			
Progress marker:	√	√	√
What this means for my child:	With additional support, your child has made some progress towards their end of year targets.	Your child has made good progress towards age-related expectations.	Your child has made good progress towards age-related expectations and grasped new concepts with ease

Summer Holiday Club- Military School Education

I have just received amazing news that Military School Education (MSE) will be running summer holiday clubs here at school. The camps are to be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week for 4 weeks. The first week of Monday 26th to Thursday 30th July. Children eligible for Free School Meals can go for free at any time in those 4 weeks and those families will be sent a code to book their place next week. In the meantime for those families who wish to book on and pay for a place the information is:

COMMANDO CAMP AGES 5-12

JUST £20 PER DAY

Monday 26th - Friday 30th July 2021: 9am - 3.30pm
REGISTRATION: 8.30 - 9.00am
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Autumn Term Information!

In September we will be keeping our 'filter in' and 'filter out' system for dropping off your children and collecting them. The times will be changing slightly to with be more in line what they were before the lockdown situation hit school:

Drop off time: 8.40am to 8.55am

Collection time: 3.15 to 3.30pm

As ever please bear in mind that the gates will be locked at 8.55am and 3.30pm so please arrive a couple of minutes before!

In September we want as much stability as possible for the children, especially after 18 months of lockdown. Our class structure in September is:

Mrs Gilleece – year 6 Mrs Wright – year 5 Mrs Toal – year 4 Miss Grant – year 3

Mrs Beggs – year 2 (Tues to Fri) Mrs Spencer (Monday) Mrs Johnston – year 1

Mrs Embery – Reception Mrs Williams – Nursery

We warmly welcome Mrs Johnston to our Pensby home as year 1 teacher. Mr Klausen will hopefully return to school at some point during the academic year and I will update you on that as the year progresses. In the meantime it has been lovely to have Mr Klausen visit and say hello to us all. I know he is very grateful for the many lovely messages he has received from the school community.

From September (all being well with bubbles and COVID restrictions!) our classroom support staff will be working slightly differently for some of the class sessions. Each class still has a very high level of general support, but all support staff will be working on delivering intervention programmes and pre teaching sessions to ensure all children are able to access learning successfully and make accelerated progress. We want every child in our school to get the best teaching and support so we are very excited to be able to offer this new structure.

Sports events

Despite not being able to invite families in, or hold a whole school/key stage sports day, we have a day of sports events planned for each class. Monday 5th July is the day when the classes compete. Updates of the events will be posted on Seesaw and Twitter!

Ice Lolly sales

The last day for ice lolly sales is Wednesday 14th July for delivery on Friday 16th July. Thank you for making this a superb after school treat which has raised over £400 for the PTA.

Uniform Expectations

A reminder that we expect all pupils to be dressed in the correct uniform in September and this is:

White polo shirt (polo shirts with school emblems are available from our supplier www.gooddies.co.uk).

Plain polo shirts can also be worn and are available from many retail outlets)

School tie (optional)

Black trousers, shorts or skirts

Burgundy Sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo- these are available from our supplier

www.gooddies.co.uk.

Black footwear this can be trainers but they must be totally black. No exceptions!

Breakfast and After School Club

With more people still working from home, attendance at our breakfast and after school club has reduced. This has meant we have needed to reduce our staffing in order to ensure costs and income match. From September places in these clubs will be limited to 18 pupils in each session each day. Once a session is full

it will be full! Please make sure you book your places through Parent Mail in good time to avoid disappointment.

Family First Magazine

The DFE and Public Health England have asked all school leaders to share this publication with families:

Here is your free e-copy of the UK's best family magazine, packed full of information to help keep your children busy & entertained during the school summer holidays- Enjoy!

Please click on the link below:

https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_issue_8_final010721



End of term and Start of new school year

The last day for pupils this term is **Tuesday 20th July**. Pupils return to school on **Thursday 2nd September**.

Summer contact

I will write to you again just before we return to school on Thursday 2nd September and update you on any changes to school life due to COVID. This will include advice on if children can bring book bags, water bottles etc. to school each day. We are all hoping very much that life in school is more 'normal' for pupils in September!

And finally,

We wish Mrs Sibthorp a very happy retirement – we know she will be popping in to say hello!

And to all our families we hope you have a very happy and relaxing summer break!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K Brown". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'K'.

Mrs K Brown - Headteacher