



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## Newsletter Number 2 – Autumn Term 2021

Dear families,

Thank you helping your children (and the staff) to settle back into school life. Experiencing the school coming 'back to life' with children mixing, sitting in groups, singing and dancing has been such a privilege and joy for us all to see. Thank you as well, for being so supportive and following the new COVID guidelines for self-isolation and testing. This is a challenge for you to organise but has helped to pick up positive cases as well as get children back into school quickly, when they test negative. A reminder that regardless of age or vaccination status, anyone who develops any of the three main COVID-19 symptoms (see below) must get a PCR test as soon as possible and isolate until the result is available. People who get a positive PCR test must continue to isolate as usual.

You can take a PCR test at one of our testing centres [in Birkenhead, Bebington, Liscard and Heswall](#) or request one to be delivered to your home [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

### ***What should I do if my child develops COVID-19 symptoms?***

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- fever (temperature of 37.8°C or higher)
- loss of or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

#### **ACCESSING COVID-19 TESTING IN WIRRAL**

PCR tests can be booked at any of the DHSC run sites that operate Monday – Sunday 8am – 8pm. To find your nearest PCR testing centre in Wirral visit: [www.wirral.gov.uk/test](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/test)

Details of how to access local testing can be found at: [www.wirral.gov.uk/test](http://www.wirral.gov.uk/test)

PCR tests for home delivery can also be ordered by calling 119.

### ***Arrival and pick times***

A reminder of how our 'filter in' and 'filter out' system for dropping off the children and collecting them operates. You can arrive between the filter in/out times below;

**Drop off time: 8.40am to 8.55am**

**Collection time: 3.15 to 3.30pm**

**The gates will be locked at 8.55am and 3.30pm so please arrive a couple of minutes before to avoid being locked in!**

### ***Use of the drop off area***

This area remains for drop off only. You MUST NOT leave your car in the drop off to walk children into school. A member of staff will usually be on duty in that area and will monitor its usage and they will move vehicles on. As always there will be a member of staff at the gate during drop off and collection times to supervise children.

### ***Pupil Flu Nasal spray programme***

Hopefully, you received an email with information about Wirral's flu vaccination programme. This email detailed how the consent process will be organised this year. Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September is the day the pupils in Pensby will be offered their nasal spray. If you did not a copy of the letter is here:



## **E-Consent...it's so easy!**

Dear parent / carer,

We're delighted to be working in partnership with Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust to introduce a new way for you to consent to your child's school-aged vaccinations.

You can now provide electronic-consent (e-Consent) for all your child's vaccinations with a click of a button, using your mobile phone, computer, laptop or tablet.

The new e-Consent process is:

- safe and secure
- easy to use
- convenient and saves time
- friendly to the environment - saves paper

**So how does the process work?**

- the form is simple and easy to complete
- once you've completed the form click 'submit'
- you'll receive an email to confirm the form has been received securely
- the Trust's Immunisation Team will receive your child's form via a secure portal
- if you've consented, your child will have their vaccine in school.

Remember, the new e-Consent process is easy, secure and convenient!

For information of ALL school age vaccinations please visit [wchc.nhs.uk/econsent/](http://wchc.nhs.uk/econsent/)

To complete your child's vaccination e-Consent forms, visit [wbcimms.co.uk](http://wbcimms.co.uk)

Each school has a unique code to access the consent, please see your child's school code below.

SCHOOL: Pensby Primary School      CODE: WC135497

If you have any queries about the new e-Consent process, please call the Immunisation Team on 0151 514 2510.

### **PTA meeting**

Tomorrow (16th September) we will be holding a PTA (Parent Teacher Association) meeting in school at 6pm. This first meeting is to set dates and times for events in the autumn term.

If you wish to attend you would be very welcome - just come to school at 6pm!

Following the meeting, the PTA meeting, will be asking for help to organise the autumn term events that have been scheduled. If you can help, and can't make the meeting on Thursday, please email the school office to let them know [schooloffice@pensbyprimaryschool.org](mailto:schooloffice@pensbyprimaryschool.org)

### **Half Term MSE camp**

MSE (Military School Education) have confirmed that they can offer a half term camp for pupils. Pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals can access this provision for free places. To book your places please see the flyer below:

**COMMANDO CAMP** AGES 5-12

Monday 25th - Friday 29th October 2021  
9am - 3.30pm  
**REGISTRATION:** 8.30 - 9.00am  
**PICK UP:** 3.00pm  
PENSBY PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
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### ***Recycled School Uniform***

If you have any good quality school uniform that may be of use to other families, you can wash it and send it to the school office. We will let you know when you come and browse the uniform and purchase it for a small donation.

### ***School trips and swimming***

School trips and visits will be resuming again as will our very successful swimming programme. We are mindful that these events incur costs to the school and as such we need to ask for a contribution from families. Sadly, in the past (pre COVID) some events were cancelled as we lacked contributions and the school could not carry the financial loss.

This term we restart our swimming programme (year 6 have already had their letters!) and we aim to offer this to years 5,4 and 3 as well this year. We need to make sure all those children have achieved or are on track to achieve the national expectations by the end of year 6. We have also organised a residential visit for year 6 and year 4 (like we used to do pre COVID) and details will be going out to those classes shortly.

We plan events very carefully and try to spread the cost of the bigger events as much as we can. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, all charges are 50% the full price. The admin team will contact you for your contribution directly – they know how awful it is if an event has to be cancelled due to losses – so please be kind to them and let them know hope they can help you.

### ***Free School Meals***

Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals and this brings so much more than just a free meal each day – reduced costs for trips, uniform etc. The link below will allow you to check your eligibility – so please do this as soon as you can to get maximum benefit from the school.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

### ***Breakfast and After school club***

Breakfast and After School club are back in their home near the pedestrian gate. Just follow the red footsteps on the path and you can't go wrong!

### ***New Behaviour Policy and Parent voice***

The staff have spent so long over the last 18 months trying to update the behaviour policy and of course COVID has stalled this! However, we are almost there and will be sharing this new document with you alongside the next newsletter. Please take some time to look at and feedback to us your thoughts. We are so proud of our children and how they behave. Without exception, visitors are overwhelmed with the children's approach to everything they do. No matter who it is, teachers from other schools, contractors, OFSTED inspectors, governors – they always comment on the exceptional attitudes and behaviour of the children. Well done children!

When you come to look at your child's work (on 12<sup>th</sup> October – see dates for the term below) we will be asking for your feedback on all aspects of school through an anonymous online survey. We will offer you an iPad to do this! It shouldn't take long and your feedback will be invaluable!

### **Dates for the term**

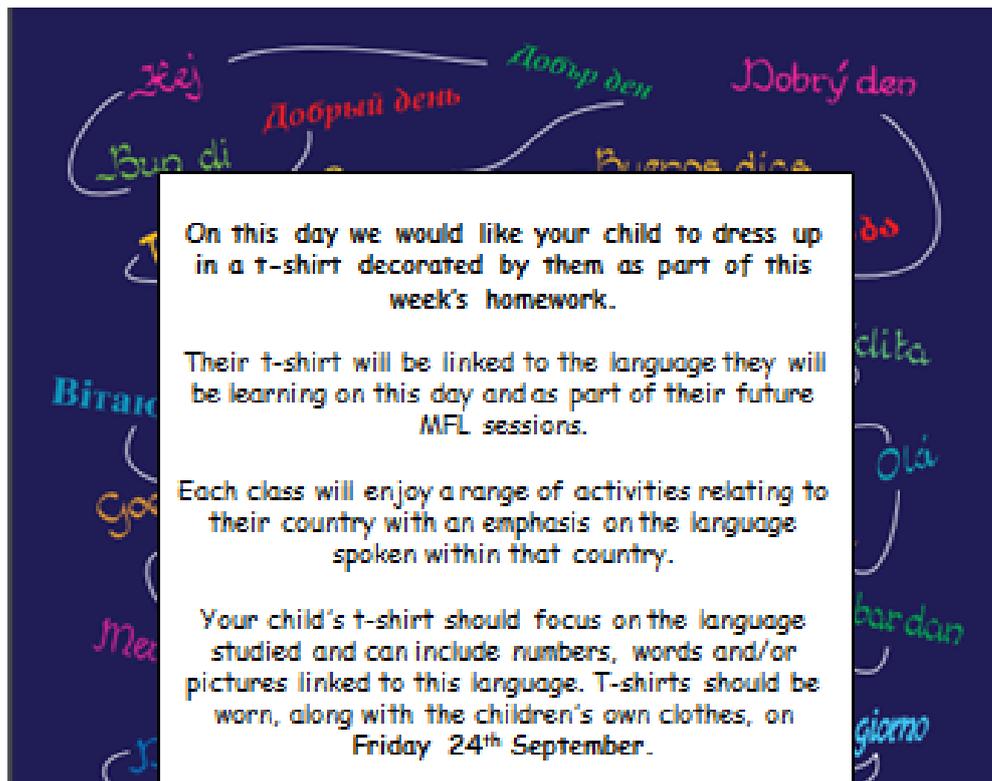
Like all schools, we are being cautious about what events we are planning for this term – but we are planning them! Provisional dates for your diary are:

| <b>DATE</b>                         | <b>TIME</b>                         | <b>EVENT</b>                                   | <b>DETAILS</b>   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September   | All week                            | Recycle week                                   | Class events will be taking place – Seesaw updates to go home  |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> September   | All day                             | European Languages day                         | Details below  |
| Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> September  | All day                             | Flu Nasal programme in school                  | See section in this newsletter   |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October      | 9.30 to 11.00am                     | Family workshop “Helping your child to thrive” | CAMHS run workshop open to all families  |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October    | 3.30 to 5.30pm                      | Family invitation to look at books             | Come into school with your child and enjoy looking at their work   |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October   | 8.00 to 9.30am                      | Face to face parents evening appointments      | Details of how to book an appointment/phone call to be sent home nearer the event                          |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October     | All day                             | Parents evening phone calls                    |  |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October    | All day                             | Parents evening phone calls                    |  |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October  | 3.00 to 5.00pm                      | Face to face parents evening appointments      |  |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October     | SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY           |  |  |
| Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November   | 5.00 to 6.30pm                      | Fireworks!                                     | Come along and enjoy the best firework event for miles! Fireworks at 6.00pm for 15 minutes                 |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November    | SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY           |  |  |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November | 3.30 to 5.30pm                      | Christmas art exhibition                       | A great Christmas present – come and enjoy the event and buy the artwork!                                  |
| Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December  | 4.00 to 8.30pm                      | Pensby Winter Wonderland                       | Making last year’s Lanterns event look small – a great family evening. Details to be sent nearer the time. |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December    | All day                             | Christmas Jumper day – Save the Children       | Wear your xmas jumper all day!   |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December | 12.00                               | Children’s Christmas lunch                     | Details of how to book to be sent home nearer the time   |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December  | Afternoon                           | Fun and film afternoon                         | Details of how to book to be sent home nearer the time   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December    | 1.30pm                              | Carol Concert                                  | End the term with some festive cheer - Details of how to book to be sent home nearer the time              |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December    | SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK |  |  |

## European Languages day – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September

This information is also being sent to you via Seesaw – so that you know which language each class is studying;

Pensby Primary are celebrating this year's European Day of Languages on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September**. The day celebrates some of the many languages spoken across Europe and we will be using this day to link to our MFL teaching.



On this day we would like your child to dress up in a t-shirt decorated by them as part of this week's homework.

Their t-shirt will be linked to the language they will be learning on this day and as part of their future MFL sessions.

Each class will enjoy a range of activities relating to their country with an emphasis on the language spoken within that country.

Your child's t-shirt should focus on the language studied and can include numbers, words and/or pictures linked to this language. T-shirts should be worn, along with the children's own clothes, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

And finally,

Enjoy the warm weather while it lasts and thank you for a brilliant start to the new school year!

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Brown

Headteacher