



Wednesday 13th September 2021

Newsletter Number 4 – Autumn Term 2021

Parents evening phone calls and Book evening

Thank you to those of you who came along to look at your child's books yesterday. It was lovely to have families together in the school again. I know that many people couldn't make it due to other arrangements and so if you haven't had the opportunity to look at your child's books and wish to, please message your child's teacher through Seesaw and they will set up an alternative time for you to come in. We really want you to have the opportunity to celebrate what your child has done in school and enjoy a moment with them.

Our parents meeting phone calls are now set up. We moved to a new main data management system called Arbor just before the summer holiday, but it had not synced with a system called Wonde that allows our IT systems to 'speak' correctly to each other. This caused a huge headache to Miss Lloyd-Jones who spent her weekend sorting out the problem. Many thanks to Miss Lloyd-Jones for giving so much of her own time to make sure this would work for families. Thank you for your understanding whilst this was sorted.

PTA support

The next PTA meeting is on Thursday 14th October at 6.00pm and will be an online meeting. The link for this is:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88545368893?pwd=bjY1RDZMVUZUY3FncFZsMzJJScwdz09>

Meeting ID: 885 4536 8893

Passcode: 413830

Please log in and join us and help shape out autumn term events for the children to enjoy.

Behaviour policy

Thank you for emailing in your thoughts and comments about the new draft behaviour policy. It isn't too late to do so. Please send any comments to the school office email account.

The voice of families and children

It seems like such a long time since we have been able to get a survey out to you and the children, but finally it is coming. Hopefully the links for families to access the parent survey will be with you next week. The survey for the children will be supported in school, giving you one less thing to do. If you can spare a few minutes to complete the parent survey this would be much appreciated. Thank you!

Safeguarding

All schools need to ensure they safeguard children and should have a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). In this school I am the DSL and I have 2 deputy DSL's – Miss Grant and Mrs Wright. If you ever have any safeguarding worries you can let us know either by calling school, emailing in or approach the member of staff at the gate.

The 'Wirral Safeguarding Children Partnership' has developed an excellent website to help support families and it has many useful links.



There is no more important role within any community than ensuring children and young people are safe from abuse, exploitation and harm. The Safeguarding Partnership has a statutory responsibility to monitor and evaluate what is done by partner agencies individually and collectively to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children who live in Wirral. This website has been designed to support all those who live and work in Wirral to safeguard and protect all our children and young people. ”

You can refer concerns through a link on the website yourself if you do not wish to go through the school. The link to this excellent website is:

<https://www.wirralsafeguarding.co.uk/>

Hats of Faith

On Tuesday, Miss Grant and Mr Davies took a group of children from year 3 to Wallasey Town hall. They joined year 3 children from all across Wirral who were there for the 'Hats of Faith' event. During the day they met people who wear different hats in their role – police officers etc as well as representatives from different faiths. They had the opportunity to ask questions. Mr Davies said he learnt a lot! Miss Grant reported "I could not have been prouder of our children today. They were a credit to the school at the event". Thank you to our wonderful children for representing the school so well!



Thursday 21st October – PTA Pyjama day

It's nearly here! On the last day of this half term we are having a special day!! The poster has been sent out previously but here it is again (please note – bring £2 on the day!);


Pensby Primary School's PTA

Invites you to attend their...

'Pyjama Day'

on

Thursday 21st October 2021

 **During the
School Day**

(Children will arrive and leave school at the normal times)


**Come to school wearing your favourite pyjamas
or onesie!**

Don't forget your slippers, teddy and dressing gown if you like!

...only £2 donation

(to be paid to the class teacher on the day)

**Includes a tasty treat of hot chocolate
with marshmallows!**



School values, vision statement and our school pledge

Our staff have been reviewing our school values. Our school motto is "Reach For The Stars – Be Amazing" and we chose that several years ago because it encapsulated all we wanted for our children. The children know this motto so well and understand it.

Our vision statement (sometimes known as mission statement), is being formed in draft by staff. We will be talking to the children about this and will share it with you for your opinions too.

We have also been writing a school pledge. From the time the children join our school in Reception class, to the day they move onto the next phase of their education at the end of year 6, we pledge to immerse them in a wide range of experiences that bring them joy and inspire them to take opportunities to

experience more. Through this, we give them ambition, self-confidence and the knowledge and cultural capital they need to succeed in life.

Our pledge to them all is that they will all;

- Attend at least 1 residential visit;
- Experience a visit to the theatre;
- Visit a museum;
- Have afternoon tea;
- Represent the school at an event;
- Be given a job of responsibility;
- Cook and bake;
- Dress up and dress down;
- Build a fire;
- Care for others and be a good friend to the pupils in Pensby and Stanley School;
- Learn about where they live so they really know the area;
- Attend an extra-curricular activity;
- Exceed the national requirements for swimming;
- Be immersed in a culture of talk;
- Go to the beach;
- Visit a nature park;
- Learn self-defence skills;
- Know first aid skills;
- Understand different cultures and respect them;
- Perform on a stage;
- Know how they can help their environment;
- Ride a bike;
- Experience British customs such as weddings and street parties.

Please let us know what we have missed from this pledge!

You can find more information on the schools values and ethos on the school website at

<https://pensbyprimaryschool.org/values-ethos/>

Dates for the term

The updated events for the remainder of this term are;

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
Thursday 14 th October	8.30am to 9.30am	Face to face parents evening appointments CHANGED TO PHONE CALLS	Details of how to book an appointment/phone have been sent out
Monday 18 th October	All day	Parents evening phone calls	
Tuesday 19 th October	All day	Parents evening phone calls	
Wednesday 20 th October	3.00 to 5.00pm	Face to face parents evening appointments CHANGED TO PHONE CALLS	
Thursday 21 st October	All day	PTA Pyjama day with treats!	To be emailed out separately
Friday 22 nd October	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY		
Thursday 4 th 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 th November	SCHOOL CLOSED – INSET DAY		
Wednesday 24 th November	3.30 to 5.30pm	Christmas art exhibition	A great Christmas present – come and enjoy the event and buy the artwork!
Wednesday 8 th 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 th December	All day	Christmas Jumper day – Save the Children	Wear your xmas jumper all day!
Wednesday 14 th December	12.00pm	Children's Christmas lunch	Details of how to book to be sent home nearer the time
Thursday 15 th December	Afternoon	Fun and film afternoon	Details of how to book to be sent home nearer the time
Friday 17 th 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 th December	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK		

And finally,

A reminder that school is closed on Friday 22nd October for our second INSET day. This is also the start of the half term break so the last day for the pupils to be in school is Thursday 21st October and we reopen for the run up to Christmas on Monday 1st November.



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Headteacher