



Monday 14th March 2022

Newsletter Number 6 – Spring Term 2022

Dear families,

Parent Governor Role - 2 available

We have two vacancies on the Governing Board for Parent Governors. 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 act 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/positions of responsibility
- 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.thekeysupport.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 on the school website under the 'Governors' tab or can be accessed below. The forms must be returned fully completed to the School Office by Friday 1st April at 9.30am. No nominations will be accepted after this time.

<https://pensbyprimaryschool.org/governors/>

Parent Mail to Arbor

We have been with Parent Mail for 3 years now and the contract is about to end. When contracts like this end, schools must compare and ensure that they have their most efficient system at a reasonable price. Additionally, as Pensby and Stanley are looking to 'join' their admin teams it is essential we both operate the same systems so all admin staff can access them no matter which school they are working in. With all this in mind, proposals were taken to governors who approved moving from Parent Mail to Arbor. As part of this process they did bear in mind that this was a change for families and that that was unavoidable in order for us to manage our communication and payments systems in the best possible way. The change will be gradual and we hope that in doing this we can give our families the right support to enable as smooth a transition as possible. More information about the system change will be sent to you in the coming weeks.

PTA School lottery

A reminder of the School Lottery;

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/pensby-primary-school>

At this time there is an additional prize of a £500 Bicycle Voucher;

"Spring is in the air, and it's time to think about getting out and about. That's why we're giving you the chance to win £500 to spend on new bicycles"

PTA pre loved uniform!

Our fabulous PTA have been sorting the many bags of pre loved school uniform we have had donated. If you have any good quality used uniform, you can send this to school (ready washed please) and the PTA will sort it and advertise on the 'Uniformerly' website. You can then go on, see what uniform there is and the very low prices being asked and purchase the uniform for your child. Each Friday the PTA will look at the purchases made that week and pack them up ready. These will then be sent home or you can collect them the following Friday.

To look at the current uniform on sale go to <https://uniformerly.co.uk/> and search for Pensby Primary School in the 'Find your school' section of the website.

Wirral Mental Health Team

The link below will take you to the latest newsletter from Wirral's Mental Health Team (number 42).

mymind.org.uk

Parents Meeting appointments/phone calls

It was so lovely to have families back in school to look at their children's books last week. The children really enjoyed it too. This week you should have your phone call or face to face appointment booked in. If you have not booked an appointment yet, please email the school office so we try to organise this for you.

Red Nose Day

Friday 18th March is Red Nose day. The theme this year is 'Superheroes'!! The children can come to school dressed as a Superhero or in non-uniform in exchange for £1 that will go to the Red Nose day appeal.

Seesaw Communications

Now the school is fully operational and feeling very much 'back to normal', the teachers need to teach in the classrooms and cannot spend as much time as they used to on Seesaw. Back in Newsletter Number 1 in the autumn term (20th August 2021) we anticipated this would occur so gave you guidance on how to use Seesaw and generally communicate. A reminder of this taken directly from that newsletter is;

Will families still be able to use Seesaw like they do now?

We will continue to use Seesaw as much as possible.

What you can expect from us:

- *Staff will capture as much of the wonderful curriculum and school activities your child experiences each day. They will post as much as they can on Seesaw for you to see.*
- *Face to face teaching is the priority but staff will check Seesaw daily so that they can approve and allow your home comments to be posted.*

What we expect from you:

- *Seesaw gives you instant access into your child's day and their learning opportunities. Through the like and comment options, you are able to share in the successes and achievements of your child through their online journals,*
- *Seesaw is a tool to share your child's learning and should not be used for complaints or even the slightest niggles. All complaints should follow the school's complaints procedure and should be referred to the school office or Mrs Brown or Mrs Wright who are on the gate each morning.*

Thank you for working with us in this way, to allow all the children to have the full attention of their teachers and support staff.

Midday Assistant Post

If you are interested in joining our Midday School team, please contact the school office for application form and job information. We do need to fill this post as soon as possible so if you can help even on just one day a week this would be brilliant!

Dates for the term

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
Monday 14 th March	8.30 to 10.00am and 1.30 to 3.00pm	Parent evening phone call appointments	Details of how to book have been emailed to families
Tuesday 15 th March			
Wednesday 16 th March	2.30 to 5.30pm	Parent evening appointments in school	Will be held in the school hall.
Thursday 24 th March	6.00pm	PTA meeting	In staffroom
Monday 28 th March	All day	Kings Camp in school	Each year group to have a focus session – to promote being active.
Tuesday 29 th March and Wednesday 30 th March	All day	Sponsored pancake toss!!	Sponsor forms will be sent home on Friday 18 th March – start practicing!!
Wednesday 30 th March	3.30- to 5.15pm	Film Night	Each class will be choosing its own film – party tea!! £4.75 – we will let you know when it is on Parent Mail!
Friday 8 th April	All day	PTA Easter Egg hunt	Free for all children!
Friday 8 th April	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER BREAK		

And finally,

On Thursday 17th March year 4 go to Barnstondale for their residential visit. We will be tweeting lots of pictures of the amazing things they will be getting up to. The school twitter account is @pensbyschool



Mrs K Brown, Headteacher