



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

## **Newsletter Number 8 – Spring Term 2022**

Dear families,

I did think that Newsletter number 7 would be the last one of this term – but we have so much news I have managed to squeeze in a bonus edition!

### ***Family Toolbox***

We end the term by letting you know about a brand new website that's been designed for Wirral parents and carers.

**Familytoolbox.co.uk** is a free online hub to help Wirral families be the strongest they can be. It has information about everyday family life to share, to help boost your confidence and skills and develop that vital bounce-back ability, so that you can weather life's storms.

It has lots of things for family life in Wirral on one website:

- Find loads of tried and tested tips on parenting, looking after yourself and life as a family.
- Introduce yourself to people and places who can give you a bit of support.
- Find out what's on in Wirral for you and your family.
- Take space to reflect on what's going on at home and what you'd like to change.
- Save your family's favourite ideas, resources and places to your own Toolbox.

The site has been designed in partnership with families across Wirral, and we hope that you find it really useful.

For more information and to get involved, visit [www.familytoolbox.co.uk](http://www.familytoolbox.co.uk)

### ***New Parent Governors***

We had 2 parent governor vacancies and received 2 nominations. Thank you to Mr Mills and Mr Lewis for stepping forward into this important role.

### ***Mr M Mills***

I am the father of a year 1 pupil. My child's future is of the uppermost importance to me, therefore I would be delighted to be given the opportunity to make a difference to the learning journey of all pupils.

Having been a teacher for over 15 years at a variety of secondary school contexts; in Manchester, the Wirral and Liverpool, I believe my experience in the education sector would prove invaluable in supporting and ensuring the best outcomes for all learners. My aim would be to continue to support, promote and refine the vision and ethos of Pensby Primary.

Particular strengths and skills I will bring to the role include; expert understanding of pupil data and outcomes including the analysis of different sub group needs (pupil premium, SEND, LAC and EAL), experience of writing and reviewing school and departmental development plans and knowledge of

pedagogy and staff CPD.

I believe my professional experience in teaching, and prior experience as a staff governor in a previous school, coupled with my depth of understanding of the curriculum and school improvement, would be of great benefit. I hope to be an asset to the school, dedicating my time to be a proactive and effective parent governor.

**Mr G Lewis**

I have 2 children that attend Pensby Primary School. They are in year 1 and Nursery and I have a third child, who is 6 months old. In my spare time I am a football coach for a local team and enjoy spending time with my family. I am a Deputy Headteacher at another primary school on the Wirral and have been in this role for 7 years.

I would like to become a parent governor at Pensby Primary school so I can work with the headteacher and governors to improve outcomes for all children, parents and staff. With my working knowledge of the primary curriculum, assessment expectations and safeguarding procedures, I feel that I could become an asset to the governing board. I am the nominated staff governor at my current school and understand the need for strong governance of a school and the responsibility this brings.

I would appreciate the opportunity to represent parents and their views on the governing board of Pensby Primary School

***Easter holiday provision***

Today is the last day to book your child's place on any of our Easter Holiday provisions detailed below;

***1. Netball Activity Day run By Mrs Gilleece - Tuesday 12th April (years 4,5 and 6 only)***

On Tuesday 12th April, we are offering a netball activity day for the children in years 4, 5 and 6 only. This is being run by Mrs Gilleece, supported by Mrs Brown. Arrival is from 9.30am and the day will finish at 3.00pm. The children will need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle. The cost of this day is £20 per child. Children who are eligible for FSM pay £10.

Payment is through Parent Mail and once paid this confirms your child's place. This payment will be added to Parent Mail today for you to access.

***2. MSE activity days***

MSE (Military School Education, will be offering their activity days on Monday 11th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th April. The following week they will be running their activity days on Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd April. Each day is £20. Children who are in receipt of FSM can have a free place in the first week only and those families have been sent instructions on how to book those places.

There is also an Activity For All Easter camp and details for this can be found at <https://activityforall.com/arowe-park/> Activity for All run a variety of after school and weekend activities that families may also be interested in.

### **PTA events**

Today the children are having an Easter treat. The PTA has purchased an egg for every child and each class is organising a fun afternoon event for the children to get their eggs!

I must offer my thanks to the PTA – we sometimes forget that PTA means **Parent & Teacher** and this working partnership is crucial. In many schools I have worked in this partnership is not there and events are either poorly organised, poorly supported or don't happen at all and it is the children who then miss out. In Pensby our **Parent & Teacher** partnership is not only strong – it is enthusiastic and determined. This means the children benefit and have fun and gain happy memories. Thank you to our amazing **Parent & Teacher Association!**

### **Dates for the term**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April		SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER BREAK	
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April		Military School Education (MSE) Activity day (see details above of cost/how to book)	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> April		Netball Activity Day (see details above of cost/how to book)	
W Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> April		Military School Education (MSE) Activity days (see details above of cost/how to book)	
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> and Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April		Military School Education (MSE) Activity day (see details above of cost/how to book)	

### **School dates for Academic year 2022 to 2023**

The school dates for 2022 to 2023 are now on the school website. The INSET days are provisional at this stage.

*And finally,*

School finishes today for the Easter break. We will see you all again for the summer term that starts on **Monday 25th April**. Have a safe and happy break!



Mrs K Brown, Headteacher