



Monday 18th September 2023

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Dear families,

Parking- positives and negatives!

Thank you to all the families who have been using the drop off as requested. This really has helped the traffic to flow through the site. Sadly, the parking outside the main school gates has not been so wonderful. This photograph was sent in to me with an email stating quite rightly that this parking is **'dangerous and inconsiderate to our children and neighbours'**. To save the blushes of the owner I have on this occasion blocked the number plate. However, those of you who have been here a while will know that this will not always be the case!



The single yellow lines outside the school entrance and exit are like the ones above and detail when no parking or dropping off or collecting should take place. Parking on those lines at this time, is inconsiderate and dangerous to our children and if a parking attendant is in the area will attract a £70 parking fine.

Free School Meals (FSM) and Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) Last week I detailed how your child may be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM). Over the coming weeks Mrs Spencer will be contacting families directly to offer to support those of you who may be eligible.

PTA events and meeting

A reminder that our first PTA meeting of the year is on Thursday 21st September at 6.30pm.. Everyone is invited – please join so we can make a difference for the children.

Google Meet joining info - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/wpk-ekzs-ykz>

Team badges

We have 4 teams in our school and every child from Reception to year 6 is in a team. The 4 teams are named after the roads that surround our school – Kentmere, Penmon, Greenbank and Ashlea. Last year all the children in school from 3 upwards were given a new team badge. All the new children in those year groups this year will receive their team badge this week. If your child has lost their badge and wishes to have a new one, they can bring in £1 to purchase one.



Christmas!!

I'm sorry to bring up Christmas so early – but it will be here before we know it!

A new addition to the 'Dates for the term' at the end of this newsletter is the PTA Christmas Festival on Wednesday 20th December. This is an evening where you can come as a family, enjoy an array of Christmas lights, fun games for the children and see Father Christmas. Save the date and we will send details of how you can book a slot nearer the time!

We are supporting the Wirral Shoe Box appeal this year. It is some years since we have done this, due to COVID so it is lovely charity to do this once again. In Pensby we try to lighten the load by asking each class to bring specific items in that can then be collated and put into a shoe box. This year we are suggesting;

Nursery and Reception – toothpaste and toothbrushes

Year 1 – soap

Year 2 – combs and hair brushes

Year 3 – gloves and hats

Year 4 – small pack of sweets

Year 5 – pens, pencil and notepads

Year 6 – chocolate bars

Please send these items into school if you can. If you have a shoebox you can donate, please wrap it in Christmas paper and drop it off at school. You can find out more information about this appeal from

<https://teams4u.com/shoe-box-appeal-2023/>

Years 4, 5 and 6 use of field in winter

The older children particularly enjoy using the school field at lunchtimes. The field was constructed with a full drainage system so it does not get water logged in winter and can still be used. However, if used during the winter children could end up with damp clothing! For the children in years 4, 5 and 6 who wish to play on the field when it is wet we suggest bringing into school a pair of trainers and sports bottoms that can be changed into. This change of clothes can be kept in school.

Half term camp with Full Of Beans!!

After their very successful summer camps, Full of Bean will be running a half term camp here at school. The flyer and booking details for this will be sent out to you shortly.

Parent/carer Meetings

A reminder that parent/carer meetings are on the 16th and 18th October. You will be able to book your appointment through Parent Mail and we will email you to let you know when you can do this.

Macmillan Family Breakfast

Next week is the National Macmillan Coffee Morning event. Here in Pensby we are thinking in particular of our colleague Mr Klausen who is being supported by MacMillan and he much prefers a bacon butty – so instead we are holding a family breakfast for the Charity. This will take place the week after on **Friday 6th October in school** You can book your place through Parent Mail at a cost of £2 for a bacon or sausage roll. The cost includes tea and coffee and apple and orange juice. We will email you and let you know when you can go onto Parent Mail to book your butties! The event starts at 8.15am so do come along and enjoy the morning!

After School sports clubs with Full Of Beans

Full of Beans are offering 2 new after school clubs for the children in Pensby. The Flyers below detail these clubs and how you can book your place on them. The Flyers will also be emailed to you with this newsletter so you can click on the live link to book places.

 <p>Multi-Sports Club Full of beans CHILDREN'S FITNESS & SPORTS COACHING</p> <p>Pensby Primary Monday 25 Sept - 16 Oct 3.30 - 4.30</p> <p>This Club is open to children in Years 3, 4, 5, & 6</p> <p>Children will get to learn and experience a variety of exciting sports such as tennis, dodgeball, badminton, basketball, football, rounders, cricket, tag rugby, & volleyball sessions (will be children led).</p> <p>This club will develop teamwork skills in a variety of sports as well as developing their fundamental movement skills as well.</p> <p>The cost is just £4.90 per week & we also offer sibling discounts. Full of Beans are members of the Children's Activities Association, giving parents peace of mind.</p> <p>If you would like your child to participate, please head to to https://www.fullofbeansfitness.co.uk/wirral-and-Liverpool OR click HERE for the direct link. This takes you to a secure site where your booking details can be entered and your payment taken.</p> <p>Thank you, Nicky</p> <p>Children's Activities Association <i>giving Parents Peace of Mind</i></p> <p>M: 07964 896 797 E: nicky@fullofbeansfitness.co.uk www.fullofbeansfitness.co.uk</p>	 <p>Multi-Skills Club Full of beans CHILDREN'S FITNESS & SPORTS COACHING</p> <p>Pensby Primary Fridays 22 Sept - 20 Oct 3.30 - 4.30</p> <p>This Club is open to children in Years 1, 2 and 3</p> <p>This club builds on essential skills needed for any sport. Our fully qualified PE teacher will support the children to develop FUNDamental movement skills inc ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thinking Agility Balance Co-ordination <p>Along with sport skills such as :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Throwing Catching Running Jumping Striking <p>These skills provide a base for future all round development in most sports!</p> <p>The cost is just £4.90 per week & we also offer sibling discounts. Full of Beans are members of the Children's Activities Association, giving parents peace of mind.</p> <p>If you would like your child to participate, please head to to https://www.fullofbeansfitness.co.uk/wirral-and-Liverpool OR click HERE for the direct link. This takes you to a secure site where your booking details can be entered and your payment taken.</p> <p>Children's Activities Association <i>giving Parents Peace of Mind</i></p> <p>M: 07964 896 797 E: nicky@fullofbeansfitness.co.uk www.fullofbeansfitness.co.uk</p>
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And finally,

A reminder that pre loved uniform can be purchased for a fraction of the price through school. All pre loved uniform is in the main entrance and you can drop in to select any items, leaving a donation at any time although Fridays are the best day to do this.

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Mrs K Brown, Headteacher

Dates for the term

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
Tuesday 19 th September	All day	Year 5 and year 6 art workshops	To be sent home
Monday 25 th September	9am-11am	CAMHS parent coffee morning	
Week of Monday 2 nd October	All week	Year 5 and 6 bikeability sessions	To be sent home
Friday 6 th October	8.15am	McMillian family breakfast	Pay through Parent Mail
Monday 9 th October	9.00am	Thrive workshop for families	
Monday 16 th October & Wednesday 18 th October	From 2.00pm onwards	Parents meetings – choice of phone call or face to face meeting	Times TBC
Friday 20 th October	All day	INSET Day – school closed to pupils	
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th October	Half term break – school closed		
Monday 30 th October	8.40am	School reopens	
Thursday 2 nd November	5.15pm	PTA Fireworks evening	To be sent home
Friday 17 th November	All day	INSET Day – school closed to pupils	
Wednesday 22 nd November	pm	Whole school Santa Dash	
Thursday 23 rd November	8.30am onwards	Individual and family school photographs	
Wednesday 29 th November	3.30 to 5.30pm	PTA film night	
Tuesday 12 th December	All day and evening	Christmas performances	
Wednesday 20 th December	3.30 to 6.00pm	PTA Christmas Festival	
Friday 22 nd December	1.30pm	School closes for the Christmas Break	
Monday 25 th December to Friday 5 th January	Christmas break – school closed		
Monday 8 th January 2024	8.40am	School opens for Spring term	