



Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Newsletter Number 3 Autumn Term 2023

Dear families,

### **Family Breakfast**

Our Family Breakfast is this Friday and it starts at 8.15am – please come to the main entrance. The money raised goes to the MacMillan Charity and with Mr Klausen very much in our minds and hearts it is very relevant. We cannot accept any new bookings but we know that some of you would like to come along and donate to the charity and you are welcome to do so –and have a tea or coffee!

### **PTA Fireworks**

It's back!!! One of the best nights of the school year – do come along!!



### ***Shoe Box appeal reminder***

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/>

### ***Parent/Carer Meetings***

A reminder that parent/carers meetings are on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October. These are face to face meetings. If you wish to have a telephone call instead please let the class teacher know and they will arrange this with you. Parent/carers face to face meetings are booked online and we will let you know when this is open to book, later this week.

### ***Mr Klausen***

Thank you for your many messages of support and for coming in to write your memories. We have had many visitors come into school to do this and it has meant a lot to all the staff. It is a very difficult time for the staff, as losing a close colleague and friend always is and I know they are very grateful for your support at this time. The memory table is in the main entrance and will remain there for some time, so please come and write your memory when you can.

### ***Wet playtimes***

As the winter draws ever closer, the children are often in their classroom during wet play. It's important they have a break at this time. We need items that they can use – jigsaws, games, colouring book, pens and crayons etc. If you have any good quality items such as these the children would be thrilled and benefit greatly. Just send them into school!

### ***Cooking for the homeless***

A few years ago, Mrs Toal worked here and she organised our classes to cook food and this was donated to the homeless. She would work with a couple of staff and the children and they made the most amazing meals. We have the opportunity to do this once again, but with reduced staffing we just can't manage to do this without help. However, if a number of parents were willing to come into school and do this we could begin again. The cooking would be once a month and you would have a staff member there to support you. We also have a member of the PTA who is experienced in cooking for the homeless and she can also support and advise in this initiative. If you are interested in being part of this, please let the school office know. All adults who come into school will require a DBS check as we are fully committed to safeguarding our children.

### ***Reading with children***

We used to have an amazing group of parents who came into school regularly to hear the children read or read to the children. Reading is the key to all learning. COVID stopped visitors like these coming into school and we miss this greatly. The children miss it greatly and they gain so much from reading to others. We need adults to come into school in the afternoons – it could be on one afternoon or more than one. Classroom staff will support you and train you making sure you are confident and comfortable. If you are interested in being part of this and really helping the

children, please let the school office know. All adults who come into school will require a DBS check as we are fully committed to safeguarding our children.

### **Local Small Businesses**

We have been asked to share with you some local events that may be of interest to you and support local small businesses. Celestial Events organise a Farmers Market in Wirral and there is one in Greasby that may be of interest to you.

They also have craft & food fairs in Heswall, Hoylake and Thornton Hough.

You can find further information about all these events on the Family Toolbox site;

<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/>



A poster for Greasby Farmers Market 2023. At the top, there is a string of red, white, and blue triangular bunting. Below the bunting, the text reads "Greasby Farmers Market 2023". A list of dates follows: Sat 4th February, Sat 4th March, Sat 1st April, Sat 6th May, Sat 3rd June, Sat 1st July, Sat 5th August, Sat 2nd September, Sat 7th October, Sat 4th November, and Sat 2nd December. Below the dates is a QR code with the text "CELESTIAL.EVENTS" underneath it. To the right of the QR code are icons for Instagram, Facebook, Email, WhatsApp, and a phone icon. At the bottom, the contact information is listed: "celestialevents22@gmail.com", "Jo - 07594 919463", and "Wai San - 07900 264056".



### **Reading Dens**

If you haven't been outside the year 3 classroom, you won't have seen the Reading Den that has appeared. Miss Grant and Mr Davies (who used to work here) stayed late into the evening to make this for the children. Miss Grant would like to make Reading Dens for every class – a special place where the children can sit outside and enjoy a book! If you think you could help Miss Grant build the next Reading Den please let her know!

Thank you to Miss Grant and Mr Davies!

*And finally,*

Please be aware that school closes for half term on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 3.30pm. Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October is an INSET day for staff only.



Mrs K Brown, Headteacher

### **Dates for the term**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00am	Thrive workshop for families	This is a drop in session and a message was on Seesaw about this
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October & Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	From 2.00pm onwards	Parents meetings – choice of phone call or face to face meeting	Times TBC
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>All day</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed to pupils</b>	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Half term break – school closed</b>		
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>8.40am</b>	<b>School reopens</b>	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	5.15pm	PTA Fireworks evening	To be sent home
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>All day</b>	<b>INSET Day – school closed to pupils</b>	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	pm	Whole school Santa Dash	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	8.30am onwards	Individual and family school photographs	
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	3.30 to 5.30pm	PTA film night	
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	All day and evening	Christmas performances	
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	3.30 to 5.30pm	PTA Christmas Festival	
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>School closes for the Christmas Break</b>	
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Christmas break – school closed</b>		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	<b>8.40am</b>	<b>School opens for Spring term</b>	