



Wednesday 18th October 2023

Newsletter Number 4 Autumn Term 2023

Dear families,

Family Breakfast

Our Family Breakfast raised an amazing £312.56 for MacMillan Cancer Relief. It was so well attended and made for a wonderful start to the school day. Thank you for supporting this event. And thank you to the catering staff and other staff who gave up their own time to cook, clean and be there.

PTA Fireworks

A reminder of one of the best nights of the school year – do come along on Thursday 2nd November!!



**PENSBY PRIMARY
FIREWORKS**

One of Wirral's biggest and brightest
displays returns for 2023

Hot food and drinks Beer Tent
Sweet Zone and more!
Glowsticks

Everyone is welcome
Adults £4, children £2 - pay on the door
Doors open at 5pm - fireworks at 6pm

THURSDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 2023

Shoe Box appeal reminder

We have had some fabulous donations for the shoe box appeal so far but need some more; 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 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/>. The last day to send in your shoe box donations is **Tuesday 14th November** – thank you!

Wet playtimes

A reminder that if you have any jigsaws, games, colouring books, pens and crayons etc. suitable for wet playtime activities - just send them into school!

Lunchtime news

The catering staff have been working hard for some time now to update the lunch menus. They did this by meeting with the children in Pensby and Stanley and talking to the staff and suppliers. You can imagine what a huge job that has been with over 400 children and over 100 staff across the two schools. And all this was done in their own time yet again showing their care and dedication for the children. The new menu for the whole school has been in operation this half term. The catering staff have spent time talking to the children about how it is going and as a result some amendments have been made. The amended menu is on the school website and will be emailed to you with this newsletter.

The last stage has been to look at the Deli option for KS1 and EYFS children. In the past the full Deli option, as enjoyed by the children in KS2, has simply not worked for the younger children – they can't see the options as they are smaller and when they do see them there are too many so they feel overwhelmed and take an enormous amount of time to choose what they want!

After much research and work, after half term we can offer a KS1/EYFS 'Mini Deli' The younger children can choose to make a bread roll sandwich and/or have some Deli items such as pasta, carrot, cucumber etc. They will also be able to choose a half jacket potato. The hot menu is still another option for them.

If your child wants the Deli option, you need to let a member of the classroom staff know this as you drop your child at the classroom door in the morning.

Volunteers for reading and cooking of the homeless

On the last newsletter I made a plea for volunteers to come into school and read with the children. We still need some more so please email in if you can do this for even one afternoon a week.

We didn't receive any volunteers for cooking for the homeless, which was disappointing. However, we received an email from Wirral Foodbank detailing their 'Reverse Advent Calendar' that results in a box of food. You may be interested in doing this yourself at home – the poster for this, with details of where to take it when finished are on the next page of the newsletter.

Make someone's Reverse Advent Christmas a happy

2023



HOW TO USE THIS CALENDAR

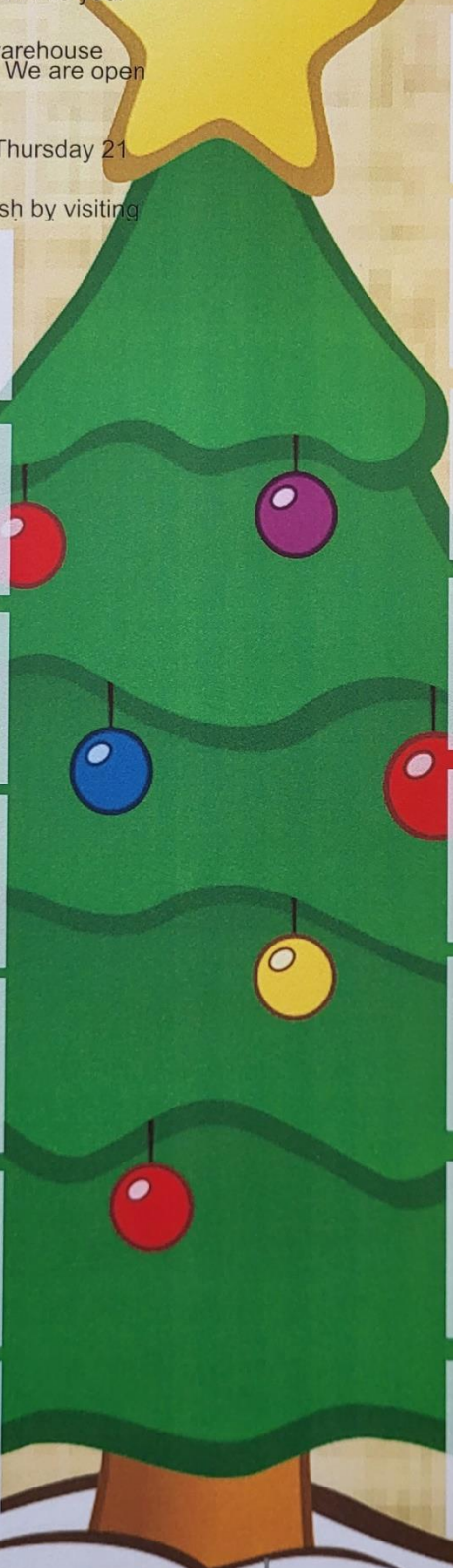
Find a sturdy container large enough to hold the 30 items as listed below.

Each day of November, check the date square on the calendar and place the named item into your box.

Drop your filled container off at our warehouse (address below) before 7 December. We are open **Mon – Thur from 10am to 1.30pm.**

We close for Christmas at **12pm** on Thursday 21 December.

You can also donate money if you wish by visiting



13 Coffee	23 Sugar	24 Custard	9 Toothpaste/ Toothbrush
25 Pasta Sauce	12 Jam	20 Washing Up Liquid	7 Tinned Meat
4 Tinned Fish	21 Deodorant	2 Tinned Vegetables	18 Washing Powder Tablets
10 Nappies	26 Biscuits	22 Shampoo	17 Tinned Spaghetti
14 Toilet Rolls	19 Tinned Soup	11 Rice	27 Soap
6 Chocolate Bars	30 Tinned Potatoes	3 Tinned Tomatoes	8 Feminine Hygiene (Towels & Tampons)
16 Packet Soup	5 Cereal	29 Squash	1 Rice Pudding
		15 Tinned Fruit	28 UHT Milk

Warehouse Address

Unit 14, Wirral Business Centre, Dock Road, Birkenhead CH41 4 1W

To Donate

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/reverse-advent-2023>

Half term Full of Beans camp

Full of Beans are holding a double half term camp here in school over October Half term. They came to talk to the children on Friday about the camps. One is a Halloween themed camp but isn't a scary camp! The other is a football camp. The cost is £20 per day and the booking link is here;

<https://app.joinin.online/#/app/joinin/organisation/shop/4a3b31f8-f811-4c6d-a826-53b48dd51e02>

OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMP
OCTOBER HOLIDAY CAMP

Fun filled, action packed football camp for ages 5 - 11 with enough options to keep your child happy and entertained. Run by FA qualified coaches. Includes learning skills like Shooting, Goal Keeping, Passing, Dribbling, Defending, Attacking, Shooting and playing Matches, Beat the Coach & Cross Bar Challenge.

Fun filled, action packed camp for ages 5 - 11 with enough options to keep your child happy and entertained! Includes 50+ indoor and outdoor activities including special Halloween games such as Monster races, Monster crafts, Spooky obstacles courses, Halloween scavenger hunts, Pumpkin carving, Zombie apocalypse Quidditch, Dracula's dodgeball, Creepy Crawly crafts

COST
 £20 per day
 automatic 10% sibling discount

LOCATION
 Pensby Primary School,
 Greenbank Drive,
 Pensby, Wirral CH61 5UE

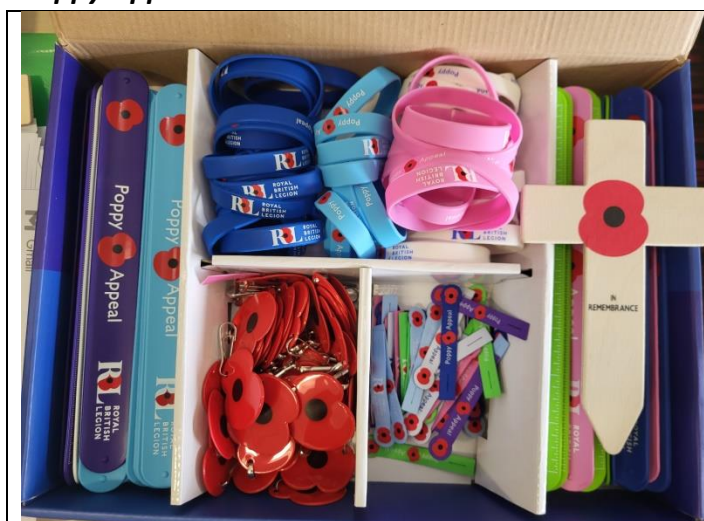
DATE
 Mon 23 Oct - Fri 27 Oct
 Book just one day or a full week

Bookings can be made via our website
www.fullofbeansfitness.co.uk

Email: camps@fullofbeansfitness.co.uk
 Telephone: 0151 374 0454
 Facebook: FOBWirral Twitter: FullOfBeansFit

Our coaches all hold professional qualifications and an enhanced DBS. Expert and qualified instruction in a safe, non-competitive environment. We go out of our way to ensure a personal and special day.

Poppy Appeal



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal is underway for 2023. From tomorrow the children can donate to purchase items shown in the picture. There is no set cost – it is a donation of your choice if you wish to support the appeal. Please send your child into school with a cash donation for the appeal. The appeal will run until the 13th November in school.

New Diary date

There is a new date on the calendar at the end of the newsletter – Wednesday 20th December is the Children’s Christmas lunch in school. You will be able to book this nearer the time.

And finally,

Please be aware that school closes for half term on Thursday 19th October at 3.30pm. Friday 20th October is an INSET day for staff only. We reopen on Monday 30th October. Have a wonderful half term break!



Mrs K Brown, Headteacher

Dates for the term

DATE	TIME	EVENT	DETAILS
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
Tuesday 14 th November	All day	Last day to send in donations for the shoe box appeal	
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	lunchtime	Children’s Christmas lunch	
Wednesday 20 th December	3.30 to 5.30pm	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	