



December Newsletter

Dear Families,

Cross Country at Sefton Park

Congratulations to our four finalists who represented Wirral at the UK Athletics Challenge at Sefton Park on Saturday. In your first year of competitive racing, this is a huge success to even reach the finals and we are all so proud of you, particularly navigating such a muddy course. I can't wait to see what you all achieve next so well done to Archie, Rhys, Rosie and Xanthia.



Cross Country Team ★

School Day Timings

The gates open at 8:40am and are locked at 8:55am.

Arriving after this time is considered a late arrival at school. Children who arrive late must be accompanied by an adult so that they can be signed in.

At the end of the day, the internal school gate is unlocked at 3.20pm for you to collect your child at **3:25pm** from their classrooms. All children **not collected by 3:30pm** will be taken down to the **main office** for you to collect them from there.

Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently 95.12%. Well done to Year 5 who, once again, have the highest attendance so far this term.

If you are struggling with your child's attendance, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to signpost you to support in school.

Individual and Sibling Photographs

Nursery	94.54%
Reception	93.27%
Year One	94.79%
Year Two	95.24%
Year Three	95.36%
Year Four	95.63%
Year Five	96.4%
Year Six	94.92%

Individual and sibling photographs have been rescheduled for **Thursday 4th December**. We apologise for the unforeseen circumstances that meant that we had to reschedule this event. If your child is in Nursery and not in school that day, please bring them into school between **8:15am-8:30am** so that they can have their individual picture taken or their picture taken with their siblings.

Christmas Baubles

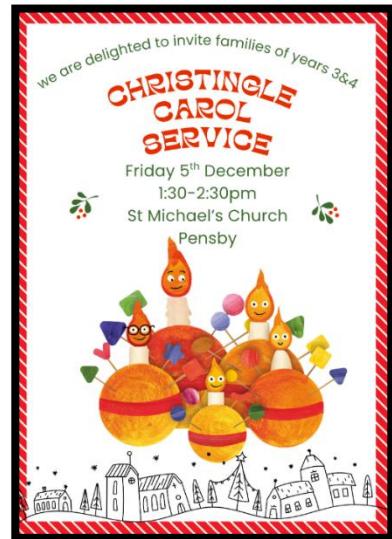
Mrs Peter and Mrs Seal are selling their memory baubles from the poppy playground each afternoon after school. For a small donation, the children can write a memory for a loved one on one of the baubles and then hang it on the tree on their way out of school.



Special thank you to some of our Year 6 children who have kindly donated £15.00 from the sale of bookmarks they have made. What a wonderful gesture from our children towards such a good cause. Thank you!

Christingle Service Friday

Our Y3 & Y4 Christingle Service takes place at St Michael's Church on **Friday 5th December between 1:30pm-2:30pm**. Families of Year 3 and Year 4 children are very welcome to join us. Please speak to Miss Grant or Miss Reynolds if you are able to walk up to church with us. We still require a couple more volunteers.



EYFS & KS1 Performance Tuesday 9th December at 9:30am & 5:00pm

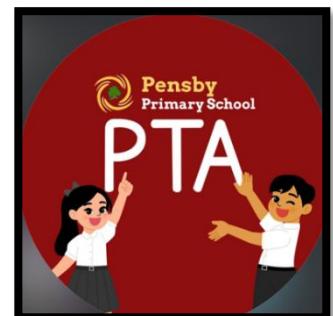
Tickets are now available on ParentMail for the EYFS & Key Stage One performance of Wriggly Nativity. You can select 2 tickets for each performance and use our creche facilities for children if you do not have childcare. Key Stage Two children will be watching the dress rehearsal performance so will be able to see their siblings perform. Please let us know as soon as possible if you require a creche space so that we can staff accordingly. **The deadline to buy tickets is Thursday 4th December at 1pm.**

Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day Wednesday 10th December

Please make sure you have ordered your child's Christmas dinner by **6pm on Wednesday 3rd December**. There are no alternative lunch options on this day so please send your child in with a packed lunch if they are not having Christmas dinner.



Children can wear their **Christmas jumpers and non-uniform on this day**, but we are not asking for donations for this.



PTA Update

Thanks to your very generous donations we are nearly in a position to begin planning phase one of our playground redevelopment. Every little pound and penny really matter with school budgets so tight, and we really appreciate the support you have given the school's PTA so far this year. I know that sometimes there are frustrations when small things perhaps don't quite go as planned, but staff and the team of PTA volunteers really are working hard to continue to provide as many opportunities and resources for the school. I would always urge everyone to join us at PTA meetings so you can either have an input for future events or feedback to the PTA team from a parent point of view.

Sponsored Santa Dash 12th December

Sponsor forms have now been sent home with your child for our annual Santa Dash. All monies raised will be shared with our school's PTA and a donation will be made to St John's Hospice.

Children are to wear their sports clothes for this event, but we'd love lots of festive headwear and jumpers too to make this especially festive.

Father Christmas is coming to Pensby 16th December

We are looking forward to welcoming Father Christmas to Pensby on 16th December. All children will visit the grotto and have chance to speak to Father Christmas before he heads back to his workshop.

Key Stage Two Carol Concert 17th December at 5:30pm

Tickets are now available for the Key Stage Two carol concert. As promised, we are expecting some audience participation this year so come along in your best festive jumpers and join our KS2 children if you can. Key Stage One children will be able to watch the rehearsal so will be able to see their siblings perform. If you do not have childcare on the night, please let us know as soon as possible if you require a creche space so that we can staff this accordingly. **The deadline to purchase tickets is Thursday 11th December at 1pm.**

Christmas Attendance Countdown

It's nearly time for the 12 days of Christmas attendance to begin between **4th December and 19th December**. Following the success of last year's attendance initiative, we would like all children to be present for the last 12 days of school before our Christmas holiday begins.

Pupils who arrive at school for the register at **8:55am**, will receive a raffle ticket for the chance to win one of our 12 days of Christmas raffle prizes. For Nursery children, raffle tickets will be awarded to all children who attend their planned session for that day.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

28th November	Nursery stay and play
4th November	Kittle individual and sibling photos
5th December	Year 3 and Year 4 Christingle Service at St. Michael's
9th December	EYFS & KS1 performance- two showings this year at 9:30am and 5:00pm
10th December	Christmas dinner day & Christmas jumper day
12th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rock Steady concert at approximately 10:00am • Santa dash- wear your best festive gear for our annual sponsored dash
15th December	Father Christmas Skype EYFS
16th December	Father Christmas visits Pensby for the day 
17th December	KS2 carol concert at 5:30pm
19th December	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR CHRISTMAS AT 1:30PM
5th January	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY
6th January	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR SPRING TERM 1