



September Newsletter

Dear Families,

Pensby's Values

At the beginning of the school year we have been reminding the children about Pensby's values and why they are so important. The children explore how our values guide our behaviour; shape the way we treat one another and set the tone for a positive school community. We look forward to seeing the children continue to put these values into practice throughout the year. Our values are as follows: respectful, resilient, kind, curious, collaborative and ready to learn.

St Michael's Children's Education Sunday

Miss Kavanagh and I were pleased to attend St Michael & All Angels Education Sunday service last weekend. It was lovely to see so many of our current and past families and have the opportunity to bring our school and wider community together.

Mrs Putman

We were visited this week by Mrs Putman who had travelled all the way from Kenya where she now lives. Mrs Putman worked at Pensby Primary for many years and was a big part of Pensby Primary so we were delighted when we were able to persuade her to deliver an assembly about life in Kenya. The children heard all about the monkeys who roam the grounds of the school and all of the amazing wildlife that Mrs Putman gets to see on her doorstep.



Cross Country Team

A big well done to our cross-country runners who took part in their first race this week at Arrowe Park. The weather was a rare treat for the children's first race of the season and we had some impressive personal bests with some of our children placing really strongly. We look forward to your next race on Monday 28th September.

Parking

We have once again received a complaint from our neighbours about parking in and around the surrounding roads of our school.

Can I please remind families to allow enough time before drop-off and pick-up so that you are not having to park across people's driveways or block access to pavements. Many of our

residents are rightly frustrated by inconsiderate parking that leaves them trapped on their driveways or unable to walk or use their wheelchairs on the pavements. We operate a staggered start and finish so that we can avoid people having to park so closely to school. Many of our children walk to school independently so may I also remind you that you are ultimately putting them at risk by parking so dangerously. The community police have been contacted to support school and our children and residents and help to improve this ongoing issue.

Early Collection

We have noticed an increase in the number of children being collected early at the end of the school day. Please remember that the school day finishes at **3:25pm**. Teachers continue teaching until 3:20pm, so collecting a child early means they are missing valuable learning and this can disrupt the end of the lesson for other children and put added pressure on the admin team.

Early collection should only be requested in the event of an emergency or for an unavoidable appointment. Evidence of the appointment must be provided. Children should not be collected early for any other reason.

Snacks at breaktime

A reminder that chocolate bars, crisps and cereal bars are not permitted as morning snack items. Only fruit, vegetable sticks (such as carrots or cucumbers) and toast, either purchased at school or brought in from home, are allowed.

Parents evening

Our first parents' evening will be held on **Wednesday 21st October and Thursday 22nd October from 3:30pm-6:00pm**. This will be an opportunity for you to look at your child's work and see how they have settled into their new class, or their new school. Bookings will be made available on ParentMail soon so watch out for an email from the school office.

Family Toolbox

A reminder to families that the Family Toolbox is designed to provide parents and carers with practical advice, tips and local organisation contacts for a range of services and needs.

Services can be found by accessing the following website

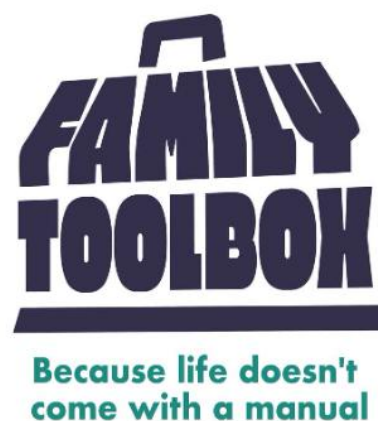
<https://familytoolbox.co.uk/>

Harvest Festival Donations

It has been many years since we held a Harvest Festival collection to support our local community, so we are delighted to bring this tradition back this year.

We would be very grateful for donations of non-perishable food items, including tins, packets, jars and other long-life foods. Please send donations into school by **12th October**.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Every contribution will help make a difference to people in our local community. **Donations are being collected for Wirral Ark.**



Children's Commissioner Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza has asked the children at Pensby Primary to take part in the national survey, *The Big Future*. You may wish to complete this survey with your child at home and can access it through the following link:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Full of Beans Holiday Camp

Full of Beans are holding their holiday camp at Pensby over half term from Monday 26th-Thursday 29th October and are planning their Halloween Party Day on Thursday 29th October for all who book their place.

Use the QR code to make your booking.



Pensby Primary Fireworks



Our annual fireworks display has been booked for **Wednesday 4th November**.

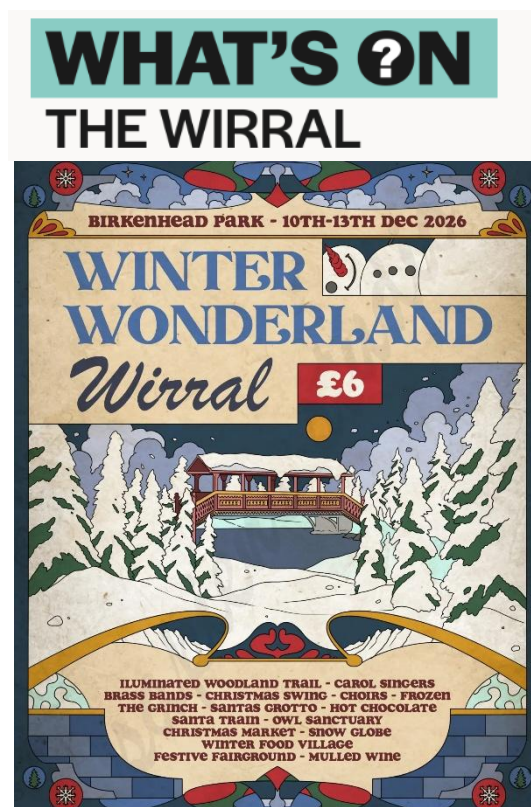
We hope you are able to join us for food, drink and fireworks.

Further information will be provided in the next newsletter.

Winter Wonderland Event at Birkenhead Park

Whilst Christmas seems like long way away, we have been notified of a family event running in Birkenhead Park in the run up to Christmas. The producers of the New Brighton Festival are hosting a Winter Wonderland in Birkenhead Park from Thursday 10th-Sunday 13th December.

There are lots of Christmas family events advertised on the What's on The Wirral website for families wishing to join in with lots of festive fun.



And finally,

Friends of Whitfield common are holding an Autumn event this weekend for anyone looking for family fun over the weekend.



Dates for your Diary

28th September	Cross-Country Race 2 at Birkenhead Park
30th September	SEN drop-in session in Family Hub room 1pm-3:15pm
1st October	National Poetry Day
12th October	Cross-Country Race 3 at Arrowe Park
23rd October	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM
31st October	Deadline for secondary school applications
2nd November	SCHOOL RE-OPENS FOR AUTUMN 2
4th November	PTA Fireworks night
16th November	Anti-bullying week begins
18th November	F2 family roast dinner
19th November	Individual and sibling photographs
4th December	Y3/4 Christingle provisional date time TBC
8th December	Key Stage One Production at 9:30am and 5pm
9th December	Children's Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day
11th December	Rock Steady Concert Santa Dash
15th December	Key Stage Two Christmas carols at 5pm
18th December	SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS AT 1:30pm