



Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

October 2019

We cannot believe that we are coming to the end of the first half term in school; it has flown by! The children have been really busy and have made an excellent start to a new year's learning. Please help to support them to continue this over the holiday by reading lots of books and going out and about to explore the beautiful autumn colours! Have a fabulous holiday and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Dates for your diary:

School closes today: 25th October 2019 at 3pm for the half term holiday.

School **opens again on: Tuesday 5th November.** (Monday the 4th is a training day and therefore closed to all children).

Wednesday 6th November: 3.10pm—7.30pm: Parent Consultation Evening



Appointment slots are displayed on classroom doors. Please sign up for a discussion with your child's class teacher. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Wednesday 6th November: School Photographs



On this day there will also be a **photographer in school** to take pictures of the children during the day.

Please can you sign the slip on the reverse of this newsletter and return it to the school office on Tuesday 5th November to give permission for your child to have their photograph taken by the Tempest Photographer. The photos will be available for sale, but there is no charge for the photo session and no commitment to purchase them.

The Photographer will stay in the Well-Being Centre from 3.00pm—6.00pm to take sibling and/or family groups. If parents would like these taking, please speak to the school office.

Wednesday 6th November: The Book People Book Bus



There will be a Book Bus selling books on the school site from 10am to 6pm. There are a range of quality books at competitive prices for sale. School will receive commission from any books purchased on the day.

Wednesday 13th November: Year One Curriculum Workshop for Parents: 9.05am—10am.

Year One parents are invited to attend a briefing to find out what Year One children will be learning this year and ways in which learning can be supported at home.



Friday 15th November: Children in Need Day

Children are invited to come in their 'wackiest' outfit ever to school on this day. We will be doing lots of fun and unusual activities, as well as thinking about the ways in which this important charity helps children across the UK. Donations to the charity would be much appreciated.



Parent Website App for Smartphones

Alongside our mission to constantly review and improve communication channels with parents, we are also aiming to help the planet and go as paperless as we can .

At the Parent's Consultation Evening, we will be launching our new School Spider Website App for parents to install on their smartphones. This will allow us to forward messages, newsletters and letters to you electronically, as well as allow you to view the school website and therefore information about your child's learning on a format suitable for mobile phones.



We are aiming to push all consent forms and parent evening appointments through this format in the future too.

This has taken a lot of work in school to set up. In order for it to be accessible to all, we need parent's email addresses. We have these now for the majority of parents, but not for all. Mrs Valli and Miss Tipping will be available at the parent's consultation evening to update your child's details and record email addresses; they will also help you set up the App, should you need further assistance. We hope you find this useful.

Parent Courses in the Well-Being Centre



There are a range of courses for parents running after the holidays, from hairdressing, bath bomb making to keep fit exercises. Some are just for fun, some are to learn new skills and others are aimed at helping people back into work or to set up their own business.

Fliers are available both in the school entrance and in the Well-Being Centre.

New Dinner Choice System

The local authority are providing us with a new on-screen dinner choice system after the holidays. We will be having some training on how to use this after the holidays.

When your child comes into class in the morning, the main meal dinner choice will be displayed on the prowise screens in class.

They will then make their choice on there and it will be fed directly through to the kitchen.

There will also be a new menu introduced with an increased number of options. Each child will be given a coloured band (as they currently are, but the colours will be different) before lunchtime for their main meal choice.



Please sign below for photography consent.

Tempest Photography will be in school on Wednesday 6th November. They will be taking photographs of individual children, which will then be available for parents to purchase, should they wish to do so. Parents will only be able to view photos of their own child(ren); not those of any other child.

Please sign below to give consent for your child to have their photograph taken. Only those children for whom we receive consent forms will have their photograph taken on the day. Children should come to school in their uniform.

Name of Child(ren): _____

Class: _____

give consent for my child(ren) to have their photograph taken on the 6th November 2019 by the Tempest Photographer.

Name of parent: _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____