



Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

February 2020

Dates for your diary: .



Parent Information Workshop: Keeping Safe in Savile Town

Thursday 13th February 2020: 9.05am in the Well-Being Centre

This is the second session of a briefing discussion held by the Community Cohesion Team. Following a very successful and informative session a couple of weeks ago, everyone is invited to attend this group which will explore ways of keeping your family safe and well on the internet.

Attendance Celebration Assemblies

Nursery AM and Key Stage One: Friday 14th February 2020 at 9.05am

Nursery PM and Reception Class: Friday 14th February 2020 at 2.30pm



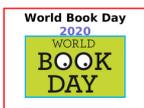
Parents of children to receive an attendance certificate and prize will be invited via text message at the beginning of next week.

Half Term Holiday

School closes on Friday 14th February 2020 at 3pm for the half term holiday.

School opens again on Monday 24th February .

Thursday 5th March 2020: World Book Day



We love reading at Pentland! We want our children to develop a life-long interest in both reading for pleasure and for information. To help with this, we will be enjoying a whole week of exciting reading activities leading up to World Book Day and on the Thursday, children will be invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character. More information about the week's events to follow.

Parent Consultation Evening

Wednesday 25th March 2020

Please keep the evening of Wednesday 25th March free to attend our Parent Consultation Evening. These are very important events, where we can dedicate time to share information about your child's learning and progress in school. Details about booking appointments will be sent out nearer the time.





Online Safety

We continually feed teaching about online safety throughout our curriculum and assemblies here at Pentland. However, next week there will be an extra focus on these important messages as it is national Online Safety Week. Please talk to your children about staying safe online. The internet, be it for information gathering purposes, playing games or watching YouTube has its benefits, but also its risks.

Year Two children and parents have today enjoyed a performance of 'Click!' by CHOL Theatre helping everyone understand how to keep safe online.

We will be sending out a special newsletter next week all about online safety.



Saying Goodbye!!

At the end of next week, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Ismail, our Lunchtime Supervisor. She has decided that after 29 years of working at Pentland, she is leaving to enjoy some free time with her family. We will be very sad to see her go and would like to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you for contributing to the care and happiness of our children during their lunchtimes here at Pentland. We wish her lots of happiness in the future!

Attendance and Punctuality



We are concerned about the number of families applying for extended leave. Taking time out of school means children's progress and learning is damaged. The children have a lot to learn and every year group in school is important. Can we please remind parents that **leave in school term time is not generally authorised**; it is only authorised in the most exceptional of circumstances. If travel in school time is completely unavoidable, please try to minimise the number of days your child will be absent, by fitting your travel around a holiday date.

A number of children are arriving late to school. Learning starts immediately after the register is taken at 9.00am.

Please help your child arrive at school on time, so they don't miss valuable learning time.

Community Food Drive



This week we have been taking part in a food collection project, alongside other schools and organisations in Dewsbury. Our School Councillors have done a wonderful job explaining to their classes how and why we are taking part and it was a pleasure to also welcome a group of students from the Markazi Masjid to deliver an assembly for our children on the same theme.

Thank you to everyone, as always, for your real generosity in donating items. We will ensure that these are safely delivered to the Fusion Food Bank in Dewsbury, where they will be distributed to people in need of support.

Stay and Play Sessions

After the half term holiday, the **Thursday morning Stay and Play session will move to Wednesday mornings**. This will now run as part of a '**Coffee and Cuddles**' session. We are really pleased that **Happy MoMents** are going to bring this session to the Pentland Well-Being Centre, which see a range of different speakers and support sessions organised in response to parent's interests and needs. Please come along to find out more.



Tuesday: 1pm—3pm—Stay and Play Wednesday: 9am—11am—Coffee and Cuddles/Stay and Play

Happy MoMents are also looking for volunteers to help with these sessions.