



Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

October 2023

Thank you! 😊

Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't believe we have only been back at school for 8 weeks! The children have settled into school really well and worked hard to continue with their learning. They are a credit to you!

A big well done to all! 🌟

A huge thank you for your ongoing support with the changes to drop off and collection points. This has not only been integral to the safeguarding of your child/children but has also resulted in a calm and purposeful start to the day, with even our youngest children ready to learn as soon as they walk through the door. 🙌

I would also like to express my gratitude for always ensuring your child is ready for a busy school day. Going to bed and waking up on time, wearing a clean school uniform, eating a healthy breakfast, being happy and positive, remembering your book bag and arriving to school on time, all makes a huge difference to how well our children do in school. It's all the things that you just do and don't think twice about that really matter and help! 🌟

All the best, stay safe!

Miss Fauzia Farooq and all the staff at Pentland!

Attendance and Extended Leave

Overall attendance this half-term is **94.08%**, just below our **95%** target. **46** children achieved 100% attendance this half term, a big well done to them! 🌟 This is a huge achievement, thank you for your ongoing support. We understand that at times children are unwell and cannot attend school. However, if this becomes a regular pattern, the class teacher and Miss Farooq will meet with parents to support and actively encourage better attendance at school.

Much of the school absence has been because of extended leave. All trips abroad must be planned in the school holidays. The school must be informed if any school days will be missed and a fine could be issued. Missing school does impact on children's overall learning and progress and can have a lasting negative impact into the future.

Important Reminder

It is parent's responsibility to ensure children are watching age appropriate material on TV / other devices, and the same applies when playing games online. Children's language, behaviour, emotions and much more is greatly affected when they view things that are not child friendly. Fighting, bad language and themes of an adult nature are not suitable for any child at Pentland. They have a negative impact on behaviour, attitudes and learning. Please ensure your child does not watch or play anything they shouldn't be.

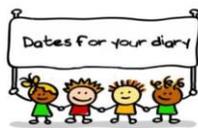
Polite Request

Please supervise older children on our school site. There have been 2 incidents this half term where our younger children have been hurt or pushed over by older children/siblings who attend a different school. All parents are politely reminded to ensure that older children walk sensibly, close to their parent/carer. Please refrain from using your mobile phone on the school site. Thank you.

Policies

Please note that a full range of our school policies can be found on our website. If you require a paper copy of any of our policies, please ask the office staff to assist you.

Dates for the diary:



Monday 6th November 2023 at 8.45am School Reopens

Christmas holiday Monday 25th December to Friday 5th January 2024 (Last day of term Friday 22nd December 2023 and first day back Monday 8th January 2024).

There is an INSET day on Friday 24th November 2023.

Parent Workshops

- **Nursery/Pre-School:** Communication, Language and Literacy - Wednesday 29th November 2023 (11am-11.30am) - Mrs Patel & Mrs Constantinou
- **Reception:** Literacy, Maths and Phonics - Wednesday 29th November 2023 (9am-10am) - Mrs Denney
- **Year 1:** Literacy, Maths and Phonics - Wednesday 22nd November 2023 (9am-10am) - Mrs Rushby & Miss Tipping
- **Year 2:** Literacy, Maths and Phonics - Wednesday 15th November 2023 (9am-10am) – Miss Child & Mrs De’Ath

Upcoming Events

- **Parents Evening** – Wednesday 15th November 2023
- **Parents Evening** – Wednesday 22nd November 2023
- **Parent Coffee Morning** – 8:50-9:30 Wednesday 8th November 2023
- **Lantern Workshop** – Thursday 9th November 2023
- **Children in Need Fundraising Event** – Friday 17th November 2023
- **Owl Workshop for Reception** – November 2023
- **Year 2 to visit Huddersfield Town Hall** – Wednesday 6th December 2023 (more information to follow)
- **Twinkl Nativity Performance (Key Stage One & Reception)** – 13th & 14th December 2023 at 2pm (Invites will be sent out later)
- **Nursery & Preschool Performance** – Wednesday 13th December at 11am.
- **Year 2 to visit Headfield** – Tuesday 19th December 2023 (more information will be sent nearer the time)
- **Christmas Lunch** at school – Wednesday 20th December
- **Attendance Assembly** – Thursday 21st December 2023 (at 9am)
- **Christmas Parties** – Friday 22nd December

Future School Trips

- **Nursery/Pre-School:** Ponderosa - Summer 1, 2024
- **Reception:** Butterfly House Sheffield - Spring 2, 2024
- **Year 1&2:** Yorkshire Wildlife Park - Summer 1 Term, 2024



**Dewsbury
Town Hall**
Wednesday 29
Nov 2023
12-7pm

**Are you a parent or carer of a child with SEND?
The Kirklees SEND Local Offer is
coming to life with a FREE live event!**

Come along and chat face to face with providers of a range of activities and services who support children and young people with SEND.

There will be three 45 minute workshops on the following:

- **Working together to support successful transitions (between education stages and when leaving education)**
- **How mainstream schools support SEND and what families can expect from school.**
- **Exploring parenting approaches**

Paid parking available in Dewsbury town centre. There is a cafe on site.

To find out more and book a place on the workshops, please visit the Kirklees Local Offer website or scan the QR code.

This is a fantastic opportunity to find out more about SEND and see what support is available.



We look forward to welcoming you on the day!



kirkleeslocaloffer.org.uk

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Useful Parent Information

- Access information and support.

We have had an issue in some classes with head lice. Please regularly check your child's hair and treat it when required. Click on the link below for information on how to get rid of head lice.