



# Pentland Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter

July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'Thank you' to our parents, children, staff and governors for a fantastic year. We have celebrated many successes this year and have shared so many joyful experiences, not to mention the fond memories we have made together as a school community! ✨

Thank you so much for all the support you have shown us by attending special assemblies and events throughout the year. The Year 2 Leavers Assembly was spectacular and a particular highlight this week and although it is a bittersweet time for us saying goodbye to our Year 2 children, we are also excited to see them progress to the next stage in their lives. We look forward to following the successes of our children as they grow up and hope to see them again soon in the future. 😊

It was lovely to see so many of you at our 100% attendance assembly this week too. We are extremely proud of our children and parents who bring their children to school every day. **We even had 4 children who won the '100% attendance all year' award and won a £10 voucher.** ✨ We look forward to seeing even more children receive 100% attendance awards next academic year.

Please look after yourselves and each other and have an amazing Summer break. The staff and I wish you all the best and hope you have lots of fun and get a bit of rest too!

Miss Fauzia Farooq and all the staff at Pentland 🤍

### Attendance, Extended Leave & Punctuality

Overall attendance this half-term is **90%**, well below our **96%** target. **20** children achieved 100% attendance this half term, a big well done to them and to their parents! ✨ This is a huge achievement, thank you for your ongoing support.

**However, absence due to illness and extended leave have been an ongoing issue again this half term. There is a strong correlation between good attendance and positive learning outcomes.**

All visits 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. **Parental support is crucial to ensure children attend school on time (in class at 8:50am), every day and reach their full potential. We look forward to making and continuing a strong start from September 2024!**

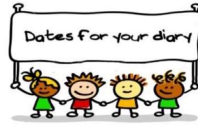
### Reminders

If you would like your child to have milk in school from September, please ensure you pay via Cool Milk website (an email has been sent separately).

Please apply for free school meals/milk using this link:  
<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.asp>

As of the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 please remember that our **school day starts** at **8.50am** and **finishes** at **3.20pm**. Thank you.

## Dates for the diary:



**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 8.50am** School starts for Year 1 and Year 2 children. Staggered transition for EYFS children (please refer to your individual letter for start dates and times).

The last day of Summer Holidays is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024.

**October half term holiday** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024 (Last day of term Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 and first day back Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024).

**Christmas holiday** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (Last day of term Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 and first day back Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025).

**February half term holiday** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025 (Last day of term Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and first day back Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025).

**Easter holiday** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025 (Last day of term Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 and first day back Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025).

**May Bank Holiday** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

**May half term holiday** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Last day of term Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 and first day back Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025).

**Summer holiday** Last day of term Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

### ***INSET Training Days***

*Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024*

*Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024*

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025*

*Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025*

*Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025*

### **Goodbye and all the best...**

Sadly, we are saying farewell to a few staff members who are either retiring or moving on to pastures new as follows; Shahiza Valli, Steph Bell, Nazia Bashir and Rukhaya Kara.

We wish them the best of success in all of their future endeavours. ✨ They will be greatly missed by all the children, staff, parents and governors and collectively they have been at the very heart of our school community for many, many years.

Farewell our dear friends, please come back and visit us! 😊