



Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

October 2024

Thank you! 😊

Dear Parents / Carers,

Wow, I can't believe how fast the last 8 weeks have flown by! 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! ✨

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere 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 their book bag and arriving to school on time. This 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! ✨

A huge thank you also for the brilliant turn out and enthusiasm during our parent workshops. Many of you have fed back to me about how useful and insightful these workshops have been. We value our parents as co-educators and together we can support our children to fulfil their amazing potential. 🤝

All the best, stay safe!

Miss Fauzia Farooq and all the staff at Pentland!

Attendance and Extended Leave

Overall attendance this half-term is **95.32%**, slightly below our **96%** target. **54** 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. Home visits will also be carried out if necessary.

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. **Parental support is crucial to ensure children attend school on time, every day and reach their full potential.**

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.

Goodbye and all the best...

Sadly, we are saying farewell to Mr M Azam, our dear caretaker who has now retired. We wish him the best of success in all of his future endeavours. He shall be missed. ✨

World Care Foundation

Dear Parents / Carers,

You may remember that we as a school community collected donations for a local charity called World Care Foundation (WCF). The children were all given a charity box to take home last year. We collected all the boxes in during June and these were passed on to the WCF charity. Irfan from WCF has been an active member of the charity and has visited the school several times since January 2024. In September Irfan informed the staff and children that we as a collective school community had managed to raise a phenomenal £2,149.00, thanks to your amazing generosity (with some children raising up to £370.61 individually). I pray that all your endeavours to help those in need are accepted and rewarded abundantly. You are making a huge difference to orphans through the WCF charity. Just recently I received a heartfelt and poignant email from Irfan and I wanted to share it with our wonderful school community. Please see below.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts,
Miss Fauzia Farooq and all the staff at Pentland

Salam and good morning,

On behalf of the entire team at WCF, I wanted to express our sincere gratitude for once again inviting us to one of your inspiring assemblies. The children's incredible fundraising efforts will make a tangible difference in the lives of the orphans under our care.

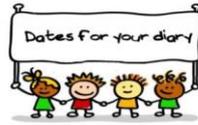
As you know, recent times have been particularly challenging for us. With nearly 450 children spread across 15 orphanages in Lebanon, our work is often demanding and emotionally taxing. However, each visit to Pentland serves as a source of inspiration, reminding us of the power of hope, kindness, and the positive impact we can make. I can personally say that every visit to Pentland has been inspiring and encouraged me to redouble my own efforts in making a difference.

Our children, their innocence and kindness, give us unwavering hope for a brighter, more peaceful future.

With prayers for peace, prosperity, and success for children everywhere,

Irfan
WCF

Dates for the diary:



Monday 4th November 2024 at 8.45am School Reopens

Christmas holiday Monday 23rd December 2024 to Monday 6th January 2025 (Last day of term Friday 20th December 2024 and first day back to school is Tuesday 7th January 2025).

There is an INSET training day on Monday 6th January 2025 (children will not be in school).

Parent Workshops

- **Nursery/Pre-School:** Communication, Language and Literacy - November 2024
- **Reception:** Maths - November 2024
- **Year 1:** Maths - November 2024
- **Year 2:** Maths - November 2024
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Upcoming Events

- **Year 2 to visit Dewsbury Town Hall** – Wednesday 6th November 2024 (more information to follow)
- **Parents Evening** – Wednesday 13th November 2024
- **Parents Evening** – Wednesday 20th November 2024
- **Owl Workshop for Reception** – November 2024
- **Year 2 to visit Headfield** – Tuesday 17th December 2024 (more information will be sent nearer the time)
- **Winter / Festive Performance (Key Stage One & Reception)** – 18th December 2024 at 2pm & 19th December 2024 at 9:05am (Invites will be sent out later)
- **Christmas Lunch** at school – Wednesday 18th December 2024
- **Attendance Assembly** – Friday 20th December 2024 (at 9am)
- **Christmas Parties** – Friday 20th December 2024 (PM)