



Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

December 2023

Thank you! 😊

Dear Parents / Carers,

Wow, what an amazingly successful term we have had! The children have worked really hard and have made lots of progress this term. A huge thank you for all of your support.

It was great to see the incredible turn out for our school 'Twinkly Nativity' and the Nursery performance, the children performed phenomenally well last week and I'm sure you can't get the songs out of your head! The children are still enjoying doing a rendition at every given opportunity in school! ✨💖

We are really proud of the resilience and progress demonstrated across all classes. The children and staff are certainly ready for a well-deserved break! ✨

All the best, stay safe!

Miss Fauzia Farooq and all the staff at Pentland.

Attendance and Extended Leave

Overall attendance this half-term is **90%**, well below our **95%** target. 34 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 this half term and can hinder progress for some children.

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

Donations

Thank you for support and generous donations towards our fundraising efforts. ✨✨✨

Cinema experience donations: £150

Cookie sale donations: £350

The funds will go towards the development of our KS1 playground and school resources. The School Council have lots of ideas for further fundraising experiences such as a Craft Afternoon, Bake Sale, Tuck shop after school every Friday and non-uniform days!

Children in Need donations: £38.30

PE Days for the next half term are as follows:

Oliver Jeffers – Monday & Wednesday

Nadia Shireen – Monday & Thursday

Anthony Browne – Tuesday & Thursday

Julia Donaldson - Monday

Polite Request

If your child has their ears pierced, please ensure you remove their earrings/studs on their PE days. Thank you.

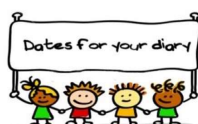
Parent Governor Elections

Following the recent parent governor elections, Mr Safwan Ahmed Patel was voted in with 46 votes to 35 for the other candidate. Upon completion all the necessary checks Mr Patel will take up his parent governor role in the New Year.

Reception and Year 3 Admission Application Deadline 15/01/24

Please note that that the deadline for admission applications for Reception and Junior school places is Monday 15th January 2024.

Dates for the diary:



Monday 8th January 2024 at 8.45am School Reopens

February half term holiday Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024 (Last day of term Friday 9th February 2024 and first day back Monday 19th February 2024).

Upcoming Events

- **Tempest Photographers in school** - Wednesday 24th January 2024
- **Safer Internet Day** – Tuesday 6th February 2024
- **Parents Evening** – Wednesday 28th February 2024
- **Parents Evening** – Wednesday 6th March 2024
- **Science Week** - Week beg: Monday 11th March 2024
- **Fair & Funky Fairtrade Conference for School Council** – Friday 1st March 2024
- **Mother's Day Events in school** Week beg: Monday 4th March 2024
- **World Book Day** – Thursday 7th March 2024
- **Attendance & Celebration Assembly** – Thursday 8th February 2024 (at 9am)
- **Attendance & Celebration Assembly** – Thursday 21st March 2024 (at 9am)

Easter holiday - Last day of term Friday 22nd March 2024 and first day back Monday 8th April 2024).

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

Polite Reminder

Parking - Please drive and park your vehicle responsibly. Please respect our neighbours and refrain from parking in front of their driveways.

Happy Holidays

We hope all our families have a peaceful, prosperous and joyful time over the holidays. Happy New Year to all! We look forward to seeing you in the New Year... Stay safe and happy! 😊❤️