



# Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

February 2024

**Thank you!** 😊

Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't believe the holiday has already arrived. It's been a fabulous half term, albeit it very short in comparison to the Autumn term! A great big thank you to all the parents and community for all of your support.

The children are very excited as the work to revamp our playground in KS1 has started. We've already got some new vibrant playground markings and are hoping to have a new clamber structure installed in place of the old trim trail, over the half term holiday. This is thanks to the children and staff fundraising attempts, and of course the generosity of our parents. We are so blessed to have such wonderful, kind and giving children and parents! 🌟💖

Our children have made lots of progress in their learning across all classes and this is most joyful to see. We are so proud of each and every one of them! 🌟💖

All the best, stay safe!

Miss Fauzia Farooq and all the staff at Pentland.

## **Attendance, Extended Leave & Punctuality**

Overall attendance this half-term is **90.94%** well below our **95%** target. 45 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.**

## **Polite Reminder**

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.

## **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

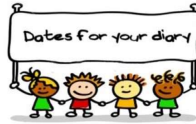
## **Polite Request**

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

## Reminder

If you have been granted access to the school car park, please ensure your engine is switched off when dropping off and picking up your child/children. Leaving your engine running is a safeguarding risk to children and parents, it also emits fumes into the environment.

## Dates for the diary:



**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 8.45am - School Reopens**

**Easter holiday - Last day of term Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 and first day back Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024.**

## Upcoming Events

- **Parents Evening** – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- **Parents Evening** – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- **Fair & Funky Fairtrade Conference for School Council** – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024
- **Mother's Day Events in school** Week beg: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- **World Book Day** – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Children can dress as a character from a book and can bring their favourite book to share with their friends. We will have some more events happening, but these will be revealed after the holidays
- **Science Week (Plants/Gardening)** - Week beg: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- **Attendance & Celebration Assembly** – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 (at 9am)
- **Living Eggs /Chicks** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - We will be having a special delivery of 'Living Eggs' arrive in school. This is always a special time, as we watch the eggs carefully in the incubator, waiting for them to hatch. Then we learn all about how to look after the tiny chicks.

**May half term holiday** - Last day of term Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 and first day back Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

## Future School Trips

- **Nursery/Pre-School:** Ponderosa - Summer 1, 2024 TBC
- **Reception:** Butterfly House Sheffield – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- **Year 1:** Yorkshire Wildlife Park – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024
- **Year 2:** Yorkshire Wildlife Park – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

## Polite Reminder

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

## Enjoy the Holiday!

We hope all our families have a great break and get some quality time together!  
We look forward to seeing you soon... Stay safe and happy! 😊❤️