



# Pentland Infant and Nursery School Newsletter

May 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

We have had another fun packed and learning filled half term! 😊 Children in preschool and nursery enjoyed the mini-farm experience; they learnt lots of fun facts and got to pet the animals who came to visit! In Reception children visited the Butterfly House in Sheffield and enjoyed making memories they'll cherish forever! Year 1 and Year 2 visited the Yorkshire Wildlife Park and came back with amazing stories and sightings of the big cats and they even got to witness some Giraffe Yoga! Just ask Nadia Shireen class and Mrs De'Ath about the fun they had! This real life, enriching, experiential learning inspired some wonderful writing and beautiful illustrations in our children's books. These are on display in our classrooms and can be shared with you if you ask your child's teacher. ✨ Visitors and adults who accompanied our children throughout school during the visits and experiences have all commented on the impeccable behaviour and attitudes of our Pentland children! ✨🤝 Our children are a credit to our school and more importantly to you! We are so proud of them and very grateful to our parents too for all of your support. Thank you. ✨

Please see below for other great cross-curricular learning opportunities and experiences.

Moving forward to next half term we look forward to celebrating a short performance for Eid ul Adha, Sports Days and the Year 2 Leavers Assembly with you.

All the best, stay safe!

Miss Fauzia Farooq and all the staff at Pentland.

## Attendance, Extended Leave & Punctuality

Overall attendance this half-term is **86.01%**, well below our **96%** target. **53** 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.**

## Mother's Day Craft Afternoons

In April, mummy's and children throughout school thoroughly enjoyed a week of craft afternoons to celebrate Mother's Day. We had a phenomenal turn out and extremely positive feedback about the event. Children enjoyed decorating keepsakes for their mums and had a lovely little sweet treat too! They were also able to share memories together and loved visiting and watching the chicks who were with us at the time. 🐣

### Chicks

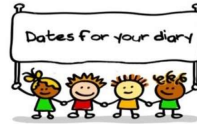
The eggs arrived on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and children tracked the progress of them until they hatched via live camera streaming. The incubators were displayed in the school foyer for all to appreciate and it generated some lovely conversations between children, parents, staff and visitors. Children produced some high quality work and writing in their books too! A fantastic opportunity to bring education to life! We had the chicks for 2 weeks before they were taken to a small holding to be cared for by a former staff member's relative.

## 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.

For those who do not have access to the school car park, please refrain from tailgating and following access holders into the carpark. Letters will be issued to those parents who fail to follow the rules and fines may be issued.

## Dates for the diary:



**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at 8.45am - School Reopens**

## Upcoming Events

- **INSET training day/ Eid** – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024 (children not in school)
- **Eid performance** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 2pm
- **Eid Parties for all children** – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024
- **Transition Day** – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024
- **Key Stage 1 Sports Day** - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 from 9am-10:30am
- **Reports out to parents** - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- **EYFS Sports Day** - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024 from 9am-10am
- **Parent's Evening Drop In** - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024
- **Year 2 Leavers Assembly** - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 2pm

**Sumer Holiday** – School finishes at 3:20pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024 for the summer holidays.

**If you haven't already dropped off your World Care Foundation charity box, please do so by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024. We intend to forward your donations onto the charity in time for Eid ul Adha. Thank you.** 🌙🌸

## 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! 😊❤️