

Welcome to our newsletter for this first half of the summer term. Whilst it has been a challenging half term for the academy and community, we do very much want to continue our newsletter communication with you, alongside our social medial platforms, keeping you updated with academy news.

### Acting Head of Academy: Mrs D Fawcett

In order to continue to provide the very best education and pastoral support for all children, we are pleased to say that Mrs Fawcett will become Acting Head of Academy from June 1st 2020 and will continue to work with our Executive Headteacher Miss Morley, other academy leaders and all staff to ensure the best possible opportunities for our community.

Mrs Barkley will continue to support the work of Pennyman and the Trust until July, after which she will take up her new post at Viewley Hill.

### Staff News

Following 15 years as a teacher here at Pennyman, Mr Baker will be joining the teaching team at Brambles in September. Mr Baker has played a significant role in the Pennyman journey, as both a teacher and leader, and whilst we will miss him in the academy, we are delighted he is remaining within the trust. We would like to take this opportunity to wish him well in his new role and thank him for his commitment and impact at Pennyman during his time as a member of staff.

We are equally happy to say that, Mrs Rossington will then join us. As an experienced teacher with leadership and maths skill and knowledge, we very much look forward to welcoming her to the Key Stage 2 team.

Following a year long secondment to Dormanstown Primary, we also look forward to welcoming Miss Marsden back to Pennyman. We know the difference she will make to our community and so we are delighted she is returning.

### **HOME LEARNING THANKYOU!**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all so much for sharing with us the wonderful activities and learning you have done at home since the academy had to partially close in March. We really have loved seeing you complete challenges, enjoy outdoor opportunities, engage in learning as well as celebrate events. It has been a pleasure to see photographs and videos and we have really enjoyed being able to share them on our social media platforms.

We are also so pleased that so many of you have taken the work packs we have provided, with over 230 being collected each time they have been available.

Keep up your incredible work and we will continue to share it with our community.

Thank you for all your hard work during this difficult time...you are doing a great job!

## Moving forward from June 1st

As you are aware, following the government directive, we will begin to reintegrate more children back into the academy from June 1st.

A significant amount of work continues to be done to ensure the safety of children, staff and the wider community. While social distancing remains in place, the academy will feel different, but we are working very hard the children feel safe and happy on their return.

The full detail of how school will run from Monday will be shared with you on a separate newsletter later this week, which we hope will answer any questions you may have.

We would like to reassure all parents that the support for home learning through social media and work packs will continue for all children. As well as work for each year group, we will continue to share challenges and activities which will allow those at home and the academy to come together.

As always, if you have any questions around home learning activities, or ways to access it, please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

### PACKED LUNCHES AND VOUCHERS

Packed lunches will continue to be available to collect throughout the summer. This will be from outside the hall as usual but between 11.30-12.30 from June 1st.

The Edenred food vouchers will also continue to be provided and so the academy will ensure the weekly order for you to access either through electronic or paper voucher.

**If your circumstances change and you think you may be entitled to free school meals, please contact the academy as we are happy to help you with this process and it may mean you are entitled to a food voucher every week.**

### WELFARE SUPPORT

COVID 19, the partial closure of the academy and the closing of business alongside the distance we have from our families and friends has had an impact on us all in different ways.

We are very proud of the community care we provide for each other, so should you need advice or support please do not hesitate to contact the academy.

As always, should you need our advice, support, or have any questions about anything on our newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact the academy. We will help where we can.

Please take care and stay safe,

Your sincerely,

Mrs Barkley and Miss Morley

### KEEPING IN TOUCH

Keeping in touch with you has always been important to us, and is even more so during this difficult times.

Here are the details of how we can keep in touch with each other:

#### Website:

[Pennyman.teesvalleyeducation.co.uk](http://Pennyman.teesvalleyeducation.co.uk)

#### Email:

[pennyman@teesvalleyeducation.co.uk](mailto:pennyman@teesvalleyeducation.co.uk)

#### Telephone:

01642 314750

#### Follow us on facebook:

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#### Seesaw:

Your child has a seesaw account which were we share messages and home learning.

#### Marvellous Me:

95% of you use this app. We use this to send messages and updates.

#### Text Message:

Please ensure we have your current mobile number so you can receive any messages we send from the academy.

We try to use all of these platform to reach you with information. If you are unsure how to access any of the platforms please do not hesitate to ask for support.