



Welcome back to the Summer Term here at Pennyman Primary. We hope that you all enjoyed the Easter holidays and are looking forward to all that this term will bring. There are already lots of exciting opportunities planned for the children and we look forward to sharing these with you throughout the next few months.

As always, should you have any questions regarding your child and their journey at Pennyman, please do not hesitate in speaking to a member of staff. They will be happy to help you.

### **National Tests**

Over this term National Tests take place in primary schools. These tests, and the times at which they are administered, are set by the Government and cannot be changed.

National Tests will take place as follows:

#### **Year 2:**

**Testing take place throughout May.** Children will take part in tests for Reading, Maths and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.

#### **Year 6:**

**Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May.**

Children will take part in tests for Reading, Maths and Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation.

#### **Year 1:**

**Monday 13th – Friday 17th June**

Children will be tested on their phonics so they can show how well they know the sounds that help them to read.

It is important that all children attend the academy every day, as this is the best way for them to achieve and make progress.

It is however, very important for both your child as an individual and the academy, that all children in these year groups take the tests. Therefore we ask that, should your child be involved in national testing, you please ensure that they are in the academy during these times. Should there be any reason why your child will not be in the academy, be it for illness or personal circumstances, we ask you to please phone the academy office as soon as possible.

### **Easter Stall Success**

During our Easter Open Afternoon the Academy Council held a Tombola and Cake Stall. The event was a huge success and so may we, along with the Council, thank you for all your support. So many of you supported through both baking cakes and attending and we are very grateful. Delicious Easter Treats and celebrating your child's work was a great way to end the term!

The Academy Council raised £593.89 which they are putting towards resources for the academy.

### **Regular Reading...Keep it Up!**

So many of the children at Pennyman are now reading more regularly at home. As always, we encourage you to read with your child at least 3 times a week as the skill of reading is key for success in all areas of the curriculum.

Thank you to those of you who are taking the time to support your child on a regular basis—you are really helping to make a difference.

If you would like any help in how to support your child develop both their reading of the words and understanding of the text, please do not hesitate in asking your child's teacher.

They will be happy to help you.

Thank you for your continued support.



### Queens Birthday Celebrations!

As we are sure you are aware, The Queen has recently turned 90 years old and lots of events are taking place across the country over the next few weeks to celebrated this special occasion. Later next month we will be spending time learning more about the Queen as well as holding a birthday tea party to celebrate her special day. We will look forward to sharing more information about the celebrations at Pennyman closer to the event.

### TFM—Cash for Kids Success!

We are delighted to share with you that we have been successful in receiving funding from the TFM scheme Cash for Kids. Following our bid we have been allocated £5000 to help develop sporting opportunities for all children in the academy. This money will help to fund the development of the interactive physical education curriculum. Including the purchase of a cardio wall.

May we take this opportunity to say a huge thankyou to the sports tem who have worked hard in both applying for and securing the finding and continuing to develop sporting opportunities for all children across the academy.

### End of the Day Collection

If you wish to change the authorised persons who can collect your child from the academy at the end of the day please ensure that you inform the academy office. They office will then update your information and share with your child's teachers. Please also remember that should, in an emergency, you need somebody else to collect your child they will only be able to do so if they can provide your password.

Thank you for your support in keeping your child safe.

### Parent Contact Numbers

Please may we take this opportunity to remind you that it is very important that you ensure the academy office has the most recent telephone numbers and contact information for you as parents. Over recent weeks we have found it difficult to contact some parents as the mobile numbers we have in the system are not the most up to date.



It is very important that we have the correct numbers so that we can contact you should there be an emergency regarding your child.

**It is your responsibility to ensure that the academy has the most up to date contact information.**  
**Please help us to help you and your child.**

### Dates for your Diary

**Queens Birthday Celebrations:**

Week Beginning 23rd May 2016

**Half Term Holiday:**

Monday 30th May 2016—Friday 3rd June 2016

**Return to Academy:**

Monday 6th June 2016

**Choir Trip to Scotland:**

Thursday 16th—Saturday 18th June 2016

**Olympic Games and Sports Week:**

Week Beginning 4th July 2016

**End of Term:** Friday 15th July 2016

Please visit our website for further dates and activities your child will be involved in over the term.

### Headlice

Over the past week we have had reported incidents of headlice across the academy. As we move into a long bank holiday weekend, please could we ask you to check your child's hair carefully and treat should it be necessary. If you would like any advice on treating headlice please do not hesitate in contacting the academy.

### Academy Website

Please take the opportunity to visit our academy website. There is lots of useful information on the site as well as celebrations of the children's achievements.

## Photo Gallery



Thank you for the continued support you show the academy and the Pennyman community. We look forward to working with you throughout this Summer Term. Should you have any questions, or you would like any advice on supporting your child, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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