

This half term is full of exciting opportunities for the children and we look forward to sharing them all with you. In order to try and give you as much notice as possible, dates for this half term, as well as holidays for the year, are included on the back. If you have any questions regarding any dates, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the office or your child's class teacher. They will be happy to help you.

## Harvest Celebrations

At the end of last half term we celebrated Harvest across the academy. The children worked hard on harvest activities and also completed some lovely art work as part of our harvest celebrations. Thank you for all the donations you made to our harvest collection. The children enjoyed making the harvest hampers and delivering them to members of our local community. Here are some photos of our celebrations.



## Learning at Pennyman

At Pennyman we work hard to ensure that all children enjoy a broad range of curriculum activities which engage, motivate and challenge them to be the best that they can be. Through all we do, children are encouraged to apply their reading, writing and maths skills to show they can use them independently. Regular reading at home, as well as practising spellings, counting and timetables is really important to us and your child. Please do as much of this as you can at home and do not hesitate to ask your child's teacher for advice if you need it. They will be happy to help you help your child.

## Academy Disco's

Following feedback from your parent questionnaires, we will be holding our first disco's later this half term. Should they be successful more will follow throughout the year. The dates are on the reverse of this letter and more information will follow closer to the time. We look forward to your continued support.

## Winter Weather

Winter is fast approaching and it is definitely feeling much colder. We try to ensure that, although it is cold, the children have as much time outside as usual. Please, therefore, may we ask you to ensure your child comes to the academy wrapped up warm with coats and footwear appropriate for the weather. Thank you.

## Children in Need

This year we will be supporting Children in Need which takes place on Friday 18th November. The theme this year is spots! Look out for a letter later this week.

## Damage and Vandalism to Pennyman

I am sorry to have to share with you that, over recent weeks, we have experienced an increasing amount of damage and vandalism to the academy site. This has included broken windows, a significant amount of resources being destroyed and fences which are in place to protect our children been broken. Due to the level of damage CCTV is being installed and the police are aware of the growing number of incidents. Should any one have any information regarding these incident please contact me at the academy, and also ensure your properties are locked and safe. Thank you for your continued support in keeping the academy and each other safe.

## Parents Consultations

Parent Consultations are taking place this week. Thank you those of you who have made appointments or who have already attended. If you need to make or change an appointment please speak to your child's teacher. Talking to you about your child's progress and next steps is very important to us.

# Autumn Dates for Diary:



25th November—Christmas Fayre

1st December—Reception to Year 2 Christmas Disco

1st December—Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Disco

2nd December—Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Disco

12th December—Reception to Year 6 Aladdin Pantomime at the Little Theatre

13th & 14th December—Reception Nativity

14th December—KS2 Christingle

15th & 16th December—KS1 Christmas Performances

16th December—Christmas Assembly

19th December—Tees Valley Christmas Carol Service

20th December—Christmas Dinner

20th & 21st December—Nursery Christmas Craft Session

21st December—Open Afternoon & End of Term



Pennyman Primary Academy Academic Calendar  
September 2016 – August 2017

November 2016						
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Bank Holiday
Academy Holiday
PD Day