

Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a fabulous summer holiday and we are excited to welcome all the children back for the new academic year. As we move forward this year, we have lots of exciting times to look forward to including Carlton, pantomimes and sports stay and share.

The children all looked very smart in their uniforms today and we thank you for your continued support with the academy uniform policy. Uniform and book bags are available from the academy office.

We know that this year will be full of success for all of the children and we look forward to working together with you to make the most of the coming year.

Staffing

We are delighted to welcome to our staff this year:

Mrs C Deakin in EYFS SEND, Mrs S McInnes in EYFS SEND, Mrs C Douglas in Reception, Miss C Muckian in Y1, Miss O Marsden in Y2, Miss G Baxter in Y3, Miss K Menezes in Y1 and Miss C Beckett in Y3.

Academy Leaders

Miss Morley: CEO of Tees Valley Education / Executive Headteacher of Pennyman Primary

Mrs Barkley: Head Teacher (Currently on Maternity leave)

Miss Duncan: Deputy Headteacher and SENDCo

Mrs Hood: Deputy Head of Academy and KS1 leader. Mrs Hood will also support Y3 transition

Mrs Fawcett: Assistant Head Teacher and Key Stage 2 leader

Mrs Clement: Assistant Head Teacher for Curriculum

Mrs Thornton: Early Years leader

Mrs Johnson: Deputy Head of Academy for SEND

Communication with parents and families is of the highest priority. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher as they will be happy to help. Should you wish to speak to a member of the Leadership Team, please make an appointment via the academy office.

Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance and punctuality continued to be a cause for concern last year. Therefore, this year we will be looking at how we can improve this to ensure we are above the National average of 95%. More information about our plans for attendance will follow this half term. Can we remind you that the academy doors open at 8:40am each day for Reception to Y6 and 8:45am for Nursery. Please ensure that your children are in school on time everyday.

Welcome Meetings

Following the success of the welcome meetings last year, meetings will be held at **2.30pm** on the following dates this year:

Year 3/4: Monday 11th September Year 5: Friday 15th September

Year 1/2: Tuesday 12th September Year 6: Thursday 14th September

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Sports Stay and Share



As we were unable to hold Sports Days due to the weather at the end of the summer term, we would like to invite parents in for a sports stay and share afternoon:

Year 5/6: Monday 18th September

Year 3/4: Tuesday 19th September

Year 1/2: Wednesday 20th September

Lessons will begin at 1:30pm. More information will follow next week. We hope that you are able to attend and enjoy sharing this lesson with the children.

Pupil Information

As well as receiving this newsletter today your child will also bring home important pupil information. You will receive:

Educational Visits Form: This form covers your child for educational visits this year. This must be completed in order for your child to attend trips.

End of Day Collection Letter: As you are aware, your child can only be collected by named persons for whom you give authorisation. We also require a password for any emergency situations which may occur. **Please be aware that children may only be collected by named persons over the age of 16.**

All these forms help the academy keep your child as safe as possible. Please complete and return to the academy as soon as possible. Thank you for your support in keeping your child safe.

If you need to collect your child/children early for a medical appointment, please bring a copy of the letter, and inform the office with advanced notice—this will help to avoid disruption to

For information about the academy including times of the day, staffing, uniform expectations and other information, please visit our academy website via the following link:

www.teesvalleyeducation.co.uk

Thank you for continuing to work with us to make your child's educational journey the best it can be. We look forward to sharing with you what we know will be another hugely successful year here at Pennyman.

Miss K Morley
Executive Head Teacher

Miss J Duncan
Deputy Head Teacher