

# Week 4 Newsletter



**Pennyman**  
Primary Academy

What a week it has been in Pennyman this week!



We continue to be astonished by the levels of commitment all the children are demonstrating towards their learning. The quality of the work produced is simply wonderful and as a result the displays around the academy are looking spectacular and the books genuinely brilliant.

During lunchtimes this week, we were joined in the hall by a special visitor—a nosy seagull. The plucky character stood on the roof pecking the hall window for most of the lunchbreak. The children were intrigued by him and it brought enjoyment to the hall. He was named by the children and some of them chose Steven seagull!



This week we have worked with Thirteen Housing to plant a number of trees on our site. The children were joined on site by Andy Preston the mayor of Middlesbrough for the tree planting.

We appreciate during these times that childcare can be tricky. Can we remind you that mixing of households is against the government guidelines and ultimately puts more of our community at risk of contracting the virus. As well as this, when waiting for your child or children to finish school that it is important to keep them with you and not to let them play with other children. We are working hard to ensure bubbles are kept separately and support from you around this would help so much.



May we remind you that, even with the new restrictions, the academy remains open. Thank you again from the team at Pennyman for your continued support this term, it is really appreciated.

## Questions and Answers

**What can you do to help?** Can we remind you to observe, where possible, social distancing according to Public Health guidance, in order to make sure staff and children are kept safe. Once your child has entered the academy, please leave as quickly as possible unless you are waiting to drop off or collect another child. Please try to avoid using the academy drive way to turn cars around.

**Can you mix with other families?** Government guidance for the lockdown states that households should not mix, therefore we ask that you try to avoid where possible not to mix with others. This will help keep our community safer from the virus.

**Do you need to wear a mask?** Where possible please wear a face covering to protect yourself and others. It is everyone's responsibility to follow the guidance.

**What does it mean to isolate?** According to government guidance it is important that anyone who has symptoms or has received a positive test result should stay at home and not mix with anyone outside of their household. If someone in your home has tested positive it is suggested that you try and stay as far away from other members of your household as possible.

**Who can I turn to if things are difficult?** As always, we continue to offer support and advice to our families when they need it. Please remember to contact to academy office if there is anything you think we can support you with.

## Christmas at Pennyman

As with many things this year, Christmas is going to be a bit different. We have sent out the information this week about the events that will take place in the academy for the children in the run up to the Christmas holidays. As an academy we are committed to ensure that all our children have an enjoyable time and look forward to being able to share these occasions with you on future newsletters and social media posts. Just to remind you, if your child wants to send Christmas cards they can **only** be brought in on the **7th, 8th and 9th December** and following a period of isolation, they will be sent home on the 14th December. We ask that you stick to these dates in order to keep everyone safe.



## When and where do you drop off and collect your children?

Class	Collection/Drop off	Start	Finish
Nursery AM	Nursery entrance	8:45 – 9:05	11:30
Nursery PM	Nursery entrance	12:25 – 12:35	14:55
Reception	KS1 entrance	8:40 – 8:50	14:40
SEND	Main gate/office	8:40 – 8:55	15:00
Y1	New KS1 gate	8:40 – 8:50	14:40
Y2	KS1 entrance	8:50 – 9:00	14:50
Y3	KS2 entrance	8:45	15:05
Y4	KS2 entrance	8:40	15:00
Y5	KS2 entrance	8:35	14:55
Y6	KS2 entrance	8:30	14:50

Please arrive on time for your child's drop off and collection.

## Which day does your child need a PE kit?

PE Timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y4	SEND Y2	Reception Y5	Y1 Y3	Y6

Please make sure your child has their PE kit on their day.



## COVID-19 Government Guidance

- Children must not attend the academy if they themselves have symptoms, or have had contact with individuals who are unwell with coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does.
- Everyone attending the academy must clean their hands thoroughly and more often than usual.
- Everyone will be encouraged to follow the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' and 'hands, face, space' approach.
- As an academy we have introduced a full time cleaner on site who will clean frequently touched surfaces.
- We encourage everyone to minimise contact between individuals and maintain social distancing wherever possible.