

Week 7 Newsletter



Pennyman
Primary Academy

What an incredible term we have had in Pennyman. There has been a real feel good factor around the academy since returning in September and the support we have had from all of you has really helped the children get into their routines and get their learning back on track.



This week the children have joined in with Christmas jumper day, taken part in a Santa run around the playgrounds and danced their socks off in their disco. This is the least we could do to make this Christmas special for the children given that things are so different to normal. We have also watched a specially recorded pantomime, which involved a special magic trick... The academy has put together a special Christmas video, you can find it on our Facebook page.



We hope you all have the most wonderful Christmas this year and celebrate it with your loved ones, but may we remind you to keep safe, remember the rules on social distancing and make sure you wash your hands more often than normal. The safer we keep each other now, the sooner things will be able to return to something like normal.



All of the staff look forward to welcoming the children back in 2021 to begin a brand new year of learning. The first day back is **Monday 4th January 2021**. Thank you again from the team at Pennyman for your continued support this term, it is really appreciated.

Diamond Standards Awards

After a whole host of nominees in the categories of care, courage, commitment and curiosity, the results are in....

Care - Amanda Thompson - For working tirelessly to keep our academy a safe place to learn in. She walks miles every day and does a fantastic job of keeping everywhere clean and keeping us all safe!

Curiosity - Alan Hamza (Reception) - He is always eager to learn about the world around him and has taught us about his family in Latvia and Russia. He has even taught us some Russian and Latvian words! He loves building things and recently dismantled an old toy and created a moving toy. Our very own engineer!

Courage - Mason Symon (SEND 1) - He has returned to school with the most amazing determination to learn that we have ever come across. He is truly the most courageous young person and he just takes it all in his stride.

Commitment - Mr Mount - For his incredible dedication to promoting a love of reading across school and working hard to create a wonderful library for our children.

A huge congratulations to all of the well-deserved winners. We are immensely proud of these Pennyman citizens.



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.

What time do you need to arrive? Please arrive on time within the time you have been given. If you arrive after late on a morning after the time given, your child will need to come in through the main entrance and collect a late mark.

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.

What do you need to remember?

Every day	Monday & Thursday	PE Day
water bottle book bag	reading book	trainers tracksuit bottoms sweatshirt t-shirt



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.