

Week 6 Newsletter



Pennyman
Primary Academy

Here we are at the end of another half term and what a half term it has been!

As we reach half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for the kindness and support during this challenging start to 2021 and to wish everyone a happy half term. Everyone now has a week off from learning from home or coming into school – enjoy it. Key worker provision for children in school, and remote learning for children at home starts again on Monday 22nd February. We have heard no more than anyone else about a confirmed date for a full return for the rest of school, but as soon as we do hear we will let parents/carers know immediately.

Please can you **wear a mask when dropping off and collecting children** from the academy. This is to protect our staff, you and your family.

We would like to remind everyone that it is an academy, Trust and government expectation that the children have 3 hours of home learning in KS1 and 4 hours for KS2. Thank you to all parents and children who are engaging with the home learning we have provided so far. As always, if you are experiencing any problems with home learning, please get in touch with the academy and we will support you as best we can.

The staff in the academy wish you all a relaxing break, where time can be spent away from computers and weather permitting out in the fresh air. Take care of each other and stay safe.



We hope everyone has enjoyed today's non-screen day. It is so important to reinforce messages about limiting screen time and we hope that children and families have enjoyed some of the great activities suggested by their teachers as well as finding some time to play out in the snow.

Remote Learning

Thank you to parents, carers and extended family who are supporting children with the remote learning being provided by class teachers. We have received lots of feedback to say that the routine of allocated daily lesson times is helping to structure the day well for many of our children. Thank you for the amazing job you are doing. We can log into SeeSaw and see all the teaching and learning in every class and all of the work being returned by the children. We are so proud of the response from our teachers, teaching assistants, children and families in demonstrating determination and ambition to continue to learn and progress. The vast majority of children are engaging well with learning remotely and we know at times it must seem tough but please believe you are doing a great job. Just sticking to a daily routine is helping children to keep up with their learning as well as developing early skills towards managing their own workloads – something most of us didn't think about until well into our teens or even until we became adults. We will continue to communicate with families where engagement is low, trying to find ways to help you with motivation and engagement or finding alternative ways to access the learning.



Safer Internet Day 2021

This year is no different to every other in the respect of Safer Internet Day. We have joined in with the event to reiterate the messages to the children about how they can use the wonderful resource that is the internet, but in a safe and secure way. This year the focus was 'An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world'. The children have taken part in activities both in school and at home. It is so important during these times that the children are reminded of the measures they can take to keep safe. Remember, please speak to someone if there is something that has upset you online. We have recently added the CEOP button to our website for an extra layer of support, this can be used to report things directly to the police.



STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

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

Class	Location	Drop off	Collection
Nursery AM	Nursery entrance	8:50 – 9:00	11:30
Nursery PM	Nursery entrance	12:25 – 12:35	14:55
Reception	KS1 entrance	8:45 - 9:00	15:00
SEND	Main gate/office	8:35 – 8:55	15:00
Y1	KS1 entrance	8:45 - 9:00	15:00
Y2	KS1 entrance	8:45 - 9:00	15:00
Y3, 4, 5 & 6	KS2 entrance	8:45 - 9:00	14:55 - 15:05

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

While waiting for your child's class to be called, please keep your distance from others, where possible send only one person to collect a child and wear a face covering.

National Lockdown

THIS IS THE LAW

You must stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives.

You should follow this guidance at all times.

ONLY REASONS TO LEAVE YOUR HOME

- Work or volunteering.
- Essential activities such as shopping, collecting medicines and to access critical services.
- To take your child to school, registered childcare or to your informal childcare bubble for children under 13, if you are a keyworker and there is no one else at home to look after your child or your child is vulnerable. Nurseries are still open for all nursery aged children.
- Medical reasons, to escape risk of harm or for a funeral.
- To exercise alone or with your household/support bubble or with 1 other person.

FACE COVERINGS

- Please wear a face covering at all times when you are dropping off and collecting your child from school.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home#summary-what-you-can-and-cannot-do-during-the-national-lockdown>

**We must keep on
protecting each other.**



HANDS



FACE



SPACE