

Week 3 Newsletter



Pennyman
Primary Academy

We are so proud of everyone of the children for the way they have returned to the academy this week. The beaming smiles on the faces of the children as they saw their friends, teachers and learning assistants was a wonderful sight to see. The children have slotted back into the routines seamlessly and we have already seen the impact of the learning completed at home.



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. Please see the letter from Middlesbrough Council and Public Health England about reopening schools.



May we remind you all that the start and finish times and gates are on the back of this newsletter along with the PE days. Please try to stick to these times as we are working so hard to keep bubbles separate. Thank you for your support during these times, we are so proud to serve you all in the Pennyman community and hope in the near future we can welcome you back into the academy to celebrate your wonderful children. Keep safe. Take care.

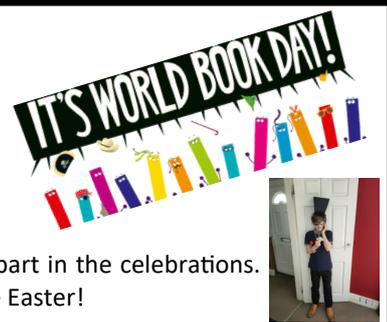
British Science Week

This week is British Science Week and to celebrate we have immersed ourselves in a whole host of different science learning! Children across the academy have tried to guess different fruits whilst being blindfolded, experimented with ice and even made their own glitter shakers which lit up with the help of a torch. Some year groups have even learnt about different jobs linked to science. The children have loved these experiences and we hope that it helped to create a love of science while igniting children to be curious about the world around them. Well done everyone!



World Book Day

Last Thursday was World Book Day and this year it was a bit different to normal. Due to many of the children continuing to work from home, we had to respond and the staff and children did not disappoint. Children took part in a 'Masked Reader' competition, trying to guess which member of staff were reading the story, challenges were set to read certain types of books and it wouldn't be World Book Day without a little bit of dressing up! We hope the day has helped to inspire a love of reading! Thank you to all those who took part in the celebrations. We have some more things to look forward to before Easter!



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.

Do you need a test? If you or your child develop any of the symptoms, please get a test. Please keep anyone in your household at home too. We ask that you do not bring your child to school if they are waiting for the test result.

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.

Is breakfast club open? Due to having to keep bubbles separate, breakfast club will not take place. We will be sending information about after school clubs before Easter.

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

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

| Class | Collection/Drop off | Start | Finish |
|------------|---------------------|---------------|--------|
| Nursery AM | Nursery entrance | 8:45 – 9:00 | 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.

When is PE?

| Bubble | PE Day |
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| Reception | Thursday |
| SEND | Tuesday |
| Y1 | Friday |
| Y2 | Tuesday |
| Y3 | Thursday |
| Y4 | Monday |
| Y5 | Wednesday |
| Y6 | Friday |

PE kit needs to include trainers, tracksuit bottoms, shorts, t-shirt and a sweatshirt. Please remember it on the day the children have PE.

What do you need to remember?

| Every day | Monday & Thursday |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| water bottle book bag | reading book |

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.