Week 4 Newsletter

Pennyman
Primary Academy

Here we are at the end of another week in the academy and what a week it has been. The children continue to work hard and show the curiosity, commitment, care and courage we encourage all our children to demonstrate everyday. The children have worked incredibly hard to produce work of the highest standard and the pride taken in this is a credit to them and their teachers.

Today we have celebrated Comic Relief, wearing odd socks and taking part in some activities in the classroom. We will let you know how much we have raised.

Next week is our last week of the term and we are having a **PD day on Friday 26th March—the academy is closed** for all children. The Easter raffle is next week. Remember to send your money in if you want to take part in the raffle, it will be drawn on Wednesday.

Thank you again for all your support during the last term. We couldn't have done this term without you.

Goodbye and Good Luck

I would like to share some news with you all. As we near the Easter holidays, it is with great sadness that we have a few staff moving on to either new adventures, new posts or taken the decision to retire. **Mrs Coates** is taking up a new teaching post in a school in Stockton. We wish her all the luck in the world, and we know she will be successful in her new school. **Mrs Hill** has taken the decision to spend more time with her family and will be leaving Pennyman at Easter. **Mrs Fawcett** has taken the decision to become a primary English consultant and spend more time with her husband in the garden. Mrs Fawcett has been such an amazing part of the team and has worked with many thousands of children and staff throughout her long and successful career. Finally, our school cook **Denise Metcalfe** will be retiring. She has served our children (and staff) for 14 years and we will miss her lots. Miss Wilson has started her maternity leave this week and we cannot wait to meet the new addition to her family. Pennyman have been very lucky to have all these members of staff and we wish them lots of luck and happiness and success for the future.

After Easter we have three new teachers joining the Pennyman family- Mr Leonard, Miss Tate and Mrs Dunn. We also have a new cook joining the team- Gail We look forward to welcoming our new staff.

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
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.