



Well, that was a quick half term – but what a lot we have packed into it! First, I would like to thank the children for working so hard this half term with their work- coming to school each day with a smile on their face and an enthusiastic attitude. We have enjoyed sharing learning, meeting together in assemblies again (albeit in smaller groups) and reintroducing some of the usual Pennyman activities like after school clubs, rock club and other sporting activities. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the Government will continue with the expected easing of lockdown in June and we will be in touch when any changes have been made.

I would like to thank the parents who have supported the children and our staff. Each and every member of staff, from our caretaker to our cook and all our teaching assistants and teachers, have worked tirelessly throughout the lockdown and over the recent months, always giving our children the very best. I would like to personally thank each, and every staff member and I am sure you would join me in thanking them too. After a couple of recent incidents, just a reminder that our staff are here to teach your children and speaking inappropriately to staff is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. Please treat our staff with care and respect as they do an amazing job every day.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and enjoy the sunshine with your family and friends.

Mrs Stogdale



Hellos and Goodbyes

We are delighted to share with you news that Mrs Hanger is joining the team at Pennyman as SENDCo of our unit provision. She has been working at Discovery until now and will begin with us after the half term.

Mrs Arkle will be leaving us today to take on a new role at Discovery Special academy. While it is sad for us, we are excited for her as she starts a new chapter in her career. I am sure that you will join us in wishing Mrs Arkle all the very best and thank her for her commitment to the children of Pennyman.



Stay alert

It is wonderful that we are starting to return towards something like 'normality' however we all need to continue to play our part in making sure that we reduce the spread of coronavirus.

If your child shows any signs of COVID symptoms in school, you will be immediately asked to collect your child from school and we would request that they are taken for a test. Following the results of the test, we ask that you follow the government guidelines. If your child shows any signs of COVID symptoms at home, we ask that they do not attend school if they are displaying any symptoms of COVID if at home. If you have any concerns, please just speak to a member of the Pennyman team and we will support you as best we can. Contact NHS 119 and they will be able to offer you advice and support you accessing a test.

We will be continuing with the measures we have in place in school, encouraging the children to wash their hands regularly and sticking to bubbles for the time being. It would be great if you could continue to wear your masks when dropping the children off and picking them up. Please where possible, maintain distances from other people and keep the footpaths clear for members of the public.



Home Learning

As an academy, we wanted to remind you all of the different ways you can support the children with their learning while they are at home.

Many of the children have access to Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars, so please encourage your child/ren to use these.

Reading is vital to every aspect of school. We have a wonderful library and wealth of books to develop a culture where all our children are readers and love books! Many children read four times a week already, so keep it up. Remember Golden Tickets are available for those who read 4 times each week.

If we can support in any way, please let us know!

Pennyman Citizen

This term we have introduced a new award to our Friday celebrations—Pennyman Citizen. The whole academy has had a focus each week. These have included manners, being a good listener, remembering our table manners and how we move around the academy. Every teacher is then asked to nominate someone for displaying these.

As with the Pennyman Champion awards, these are announced on a Friday and then shared on Facebook.

We are so proud of the way the children have taken to these and the difference

they have made to the feel in school has been incredible.



Lunch Menu

Since Easter we have seen a huge change in our lunch offer. The range of food on the menu has changed

School Dinners



dramatically and the children seem to be loving it. We would like to thank Gail our cook and her team for their hard work to make this happen!

High Expectations

We wanted to share with you what we expect as we prepare to start a new half term. The best place for your child to learn is in school, so we would like to remind you all to, where possible, make sure the children are in school each day and on time.

Children who are late for their gate will need to go in via the office. Every day is so important as we build



sequences of learning. Each week we will be celebrating the classes with the best **attendance**, so let's all get involved and achieve something special.

Over the last few weeks we have noticed a number of children not wearing the correct **uniform**, after the holidays we expect all children to be in full uniform. May we also remind you that the children should have sensible haircuts and make sure that their hair does not interrupt their learning.

It is vital that all children **read**, the more a child reads the more they will achieve. We would like ALL children to bring their book bags each day as this will allow us to read with the children on a regular basis. If you have lost your book bag, they can be bought from the office.



As always, we are here to support you with any of the above, so please contact the office or speak to your child's teacher for further support and information.

Don't worry...

As an academy, we are committed to giving the children a voice. Our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) work really hard for the children of Pennyman.

This term, every classroom has had a new member join them, their Worry Monster. For some children, the idea of

talking to someone else is scary, but talking to their worry monster is a way of sharing their worry with something else.



We have found that the children have really taken to their new classmates and we respond to the

Coming soon...

Our Y6 are busy preparing for their end of year performance of Peter Pan. More details of this spectacle will follow in the coming weeks.

