



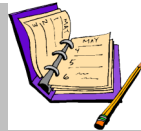
# PENNYHILL POST

Pennyhill Primary School Newsletter

29th January 2018

## Dates for your diary

**Parents' Evenings**—Wednesday 14th February 2018  
and Thursday 15th February 2018  
**Break up for half term**— Friday 16th February 2018  
**Children return to school**- Monday 26th February 2018  
**Break up for Easter**— Thursday 29th March 2018  
**Inset day** - Monday 16th April 2018  
**Children return to school** - Tuesday 17th April 2018  
**Break up for half term** - Thursday 24th May 2018  
**Inset day** - Friday 25th May 2018  
**Return to school**—Monday 4th June 2018  
**Break up for Summer**—Friday 20th July 2018



## Attendance

**Whole school**—year to date: 95.4%

**Attendance winners** - We had **three** classes this week winning the **Friday treat**:

**2H - 98.6%**, **3E—98.6%** and **5E - 99.4%**; excellent achievement by these classes

**Perfect Punctuality** - 6A

Door open from 8:40. Please make sure your child is in by 8:50

## Online Safety

Sandwell Safeguarding have notified us this week about an app that children are using called:

**BLAZE AND THE MONSTER MACHINES**—Google play app

They say it is a free app based on the animated series however it is extremely threatening and sinister in its content. The app says it will hurt the child who is using the app. Unfortunately many children have logged on to this thinking it was related to the television series. It must be noted that this is not connected to the TV series and children should avoid using it.

Google Play have now removed this app but parents are urged to check that it hasn't already been downloaded onto children's devices.

**More information can be found at:**

<http://www.hulldailymail.co.uk/news/hull-east-yorkshire-news/warning-over-chilling-blaze-monster-1113155>



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# News from Phase: Reception and Nursery

## News from Reception

### *Nurse Visit*

The School Nurse Team came to talk to us about 'germs' and we learned how to wash our hands properly. We also learned why it is important to brush our teeth every day and we had a new toothbrush and tooth paste to take home.



### *Making healthy fruit salads*

We read the story of Oliver's fruit salad and then we made our own healthy fruit salad to eat. We had lots of fun trying different fruits and talking about our favourites.

## News from Nursery

### *Did Dragons Exist?*

The children have been making their own castle out of junk modelling materials, comparing their home to a castle.



The children found our pet dragon and decided that they needed to look after him. They wrote a list of rules for looking after a dragon and took it in turns to look after him. The children have enjoyed making their own dragons out of dough and listening to lots of stories about different types of dragons.



## Other Pennyhill news:



## WORDS



### WORD AWARE

All year we have been promoting the importance of vocabulary—we have now introduced 'Word Aware'. We want children to meet new words, have a deep understanding of their meanings and use them confidently in sentences of their own. Each week every year group will have a 'word of the week' related to something they will be covering that week. We are encouraging children to think of different ways of learning new words and remembering them, for example they might make them into a rap, song, or put them into sentences. We will share these words with you in weekly newsletters—have a go, can you come up with a rap or song together?

#### Word of week: 29.1.18

Nursery	in
Reception	persistence
Year 1	flexible
Year 2	antenna
Year 3	chronological
Year 4	dormitory
Year 5	scribe
Year 6	hindrance