



# PENNYHILL POST

Pennyhill Primary School Newsletter

18th September 2017

## Dates for your diary

Autumn Half Term—break up— Friday 20th October 2017

**Inset day** - Monday 30th October 2017—school closed to children

**Children return to school**— Tuesday 31st October 2017

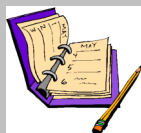
**Break up for Christmas** - Wednesday 20th December 2017

**Inset day**—Tuesday 2nd January 2018

**Children return to school:** Wednesday 3rd January 2018

**Inset day** - Monday 16th April 2018

**Inset day** - Friday 25th May 2018



## Attendance

**Whole school**—year to date: 93.7%

Attendance winners this week: two classes in KS2 achieved 99.1% - **3A and 6A**—Well done those classes.

**Perfect Punctuality** - 1R, 2P, 3E, 3R, 3A, 4A, 4R, 5E, 5A, 6E and 6A.

## Get in control of parental controls



If using a smartphone, check content lock is set



Set parental controls on your home broadband



Control app downloads and purchases



Make the games console safe and secure



Use safety mode on YouTube and Google



If using social networks, check privacy settings

Go to [internetmatters.org/controls](http://internetmatters.org/controls) for step-by-step guides

## Online Safety Tip

The start of the new academic year is always a good time to set new resolutions—make it a target this year to really understand what your child is doing online - know how to always keep them safe.



## Managing privacy settings on apps

11-15 year olds use on average 5 different websites and apps to communicate with friends at home, the most popular being Instagram (60%).



Whatsapp Snapchat Instagram YouTube

If your child is using these networking sites and respective apps, get up to speed on how they can manage their privacy settings with our "How to guides".

Go to [internetmatters.org/back-to-school](http://internetmatters.org/back-to-school) to download our "How to guides".

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# News from Phase: 3 and 4

## YEAR 3



In Year 3 the children have started their Topic: '**MIGHTY METALS**', they have already enjoyed going on a metal hunt, finding parts of an iron Man and have started to work together to create a group Iron Man. This week they began to look at forces and used P.E equipment to see what type of forces are applied to them and how.

They also used a variety of playground equipment to find the force and the direction of the force. They discussed how much force there was on an object and how it gave different actions. They threw, caught, pushed, pulled, bounced, spun, rolled, kicked and hit different objects to make the force.



## YEAR 4: 'POTIONS' topic



Year 4 children kicked off their school year with an investigation when a very strange bottle appeared in their classrooms. The potion turned out to be that which caused Alice, from Wonderland, to shrink! The children went on to find out about different safety signs on bottles and packages, they even designed one to help Alice stay safe.

Should you have any concerns in Years 3 and 4, please don't hesitate to speak to class teachers in the first instance. I am always available before and after school, but if you need a longer meeting, please contact the school office and they will arrange this for you.

Miss Woolvin - Assistant Head—Phase Leader for Y3 and Y4



## Other Pennyhill news:

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** - we are planning to take part in the Macmillan Coffee Morning to raise money to support this very worthy charity. This will be taking place *during the week beginning 25th September*. We will send out more information later this week.

**Parking:** can we please ask that you consider our local residents when parking your cars to drop off or collect children. We have had reports this week that local residents have unable to get off their own drives because they have been blocked in.

**Lunchtime Supervisor:** Do you currently have an hour or so spare daily? Perhaps you are currently unemployed.

If so would you like to join Pennyhill as a Lunchtime Supervisor?

You will need to be available to work Monday to Friday from approximately 12 noon until 1pm. For further details and an application form please contact the school office.