



# PENNYHILL POST

Pennyhill Primary School Newsletter

2nd October 2017

## Dates for your diary



**Parent Progress Meetings**— Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October (letters to follow)  
**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: 94.6%

Attendance winners -

**2M**—the best class in the school achieving 99.3% Well done 2M.

**Perfect Punctuality** - 1A, 3E, 5A, 6R

Please remember to achieve a punctuality rosette, all children need to be in class for registration at 8:50.



## Attendance information

We are continuing to work on improving school attendance this academic year. The Local Authority and the Department for Education expect all schools to achieve a minimum attendance target of 96% over the school year. Our school is currently below this target. Attendance is important because your child can not learn if they are not in school.

We are encouraging our children to attend regularly through a number of rewards across the school:

- Each week children who have 100% attendance are put into a special attendance raffle. Look out to see if your child comes home with the golden envelope.
- If the class which your child is in achieves the magic weekly attendance target of 100% or 99% then that class receive the school attendance trophy for the week. We are looking to see which class receive the trophy most over the term. There will be a special reward for them.
- If your child has 100% attendance over the Autumn term they will receive a special treat.

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# News from Phase: Reception and Nursery

## Reception

The Reception children have all now started school full time and are enjoying exploring their new environment. They have settled really well and are busy making friends and trying lots of new things.



The children have enjoyed staying at school for lunch and are trying hard to use their knives and forks.



All of the children are having a great time in their Yoga Bugs sessions and the Yoga teacher has been impressed with the listening and enthusiasm. Parents will be invited to join one of our sessions

## Nursery

We have been learning all about people who help us in our community. This week we have been learning how vets look after animals. We have been discussing our favourite pets, finding out what they need and how we can care for them. The children have recreated their own experiences through role play, art and stories.



Should you have any concerns in Nursery and Reception, 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.

Mr Morgan - Assistant Head—Phase Leader for Reception and Nursery

## Other Pennyhill news:

### Save your bottle tops!

I'm hoping to create some art in the garden with the children using recycled bottle tops but I need your help. I'd be really grateful if you could all start saving your (clean!) plastic bottle tops. Any plastic top of any colour, such as milk bottle container tops, pop bottles, juice bottles etc. are suitable. Any lid that's plastic in any colour would be perfect. Once you've collected a bag full please either give it directly to me or your child's class teacher so they can pass them to me.

Many thanks in advance—Mrs Morgan (Year 4)

### Polite reminder:

Please keep entrances on Willet Road and Connor Road clear when collecting or dropping off children. It makes it very difficult for parents with pushchairs and small children to access school when the entrances are blocked. Can we also remind parents that there should be no smoking near to school entrances. All school sites are non-smoking and we have a duty to abide by these regulations.