



PENNYHILL POST

Pennyhill Primary School Newsletter

9th October 2017

Dates for your diary



Parent Progress Meetings— Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October (letters to follow)
Tuesday 17th October -flu immunisations for Years: Rec - Year 4
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
31st October and 1st November - Individual and family photographs
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:
94.8%

Attendance winners—unfortunately we did not have any class this week that achieved 99% or 100%.

Perfect Punctuality - 2P, 5A

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

ONLINE SAFETY TIP—advice from the UK Safer Internet Centre

5 SMART Rules for primary aged children:

S Safe: Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when you're chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password.

M Meet: Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.

A Accepting: Accepting emails, messages, or opening files, images or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R Reliable: Someone online might lie about who they are and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information by looking at other websites, in books, or with someone who knows. If you like chatting online it's best to only chat to your real world friends and family.

T Tell: Tell a parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone, or something, makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

The **UK Safer Internet Centre** has published some excellent guidelines for parents in how to ensure your child is taught to stay safe online and how to monitor what they are doing. They even suggest parents should set up agreements or contracts with children so that they know what you expect from them.

If you can not download these leaflets, please talk to a member of the Senior Leadership Team; they can get the leaflet printed for you and discuss anything you may be concerned about.

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News from Phase: Year 5 and Year 6

Year 5 students are learning about space travel, how the earth rotates on its axis and about the different planets in our Solar System. They have found this topic fascinating and have even enjoyed using their practical PE lessons to demonstrate their new knowledge. The children worked in small groups to create a 'solar system dance', showing their understanding of how the planets orbit the sun in an anticlockwise direction.



The transition to **Year 6** has been smooth and successful for the children. They have been involved in creating a fantastic learning environment in the year 6 annex and it has been very exciting to see the development of the different learning areas.

Last month, Year 6 participated in a Safeguarding Day led by PC Treasure. We had four agencies working with the children: Decca, Police, Rewind and the ASB team. They each led different workshops, teaching the children how to keep themselves and others safe. Drug education, mobile phone safety, racial awareness and anti-social behaviour were issues that were discussed during this informative, valuable day.

Other Pennyhill news:



MOBILE LIBRARY

New to Pennyhill: the Mobile library will be coming to Pennyhill starting 22nd of November for our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children. This will take place once a month during the school day. Children will have the opportunity to choose their own book to read within school. This is a great opportunity to learn that reading for pleasure is so important and how visiting a library is so exciting.



Harvest Assemblies took place this week. Thank you to all parents who contributed to the harvest collection. All produce received was collected by the Good Shepherd Ministry.

Macmillan events

We would like to thank everyone who attended our coffee mornings/afternoons and also to thank everyone who contributed cakes. We are delighted to tell you that we raised £200 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Well done Pennyhill