

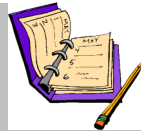


# PENNYHILL POST

Pennyhill Primary School Newsletter

16th October 2017

## Dates for your diary



**Parent Progress Meetings**— Wednesday 18th October and Thursday 19th October  
**Tuesday 17th October**—flu immunisations for Years Rec—Y4  
**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

## Attendance

**Whole school**—year to date:  
95.2%

Attendance winners -

**3A-99.3, 2H-98.5, 2P-98.1**

**Perfect Punctuality** - 5A, 6E, 6A.

Well done those classes—another rosette for their door.

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

## Attendance

The Governing Body met recently to review the school attendance policy, an updated policy can now be found on the school website. The Governors have asked that the following information is shared: We expect children at Pennyhill to attend school every day. We believe that:

- Repeated and consistent lateness is an unsettling start to the school day for both the child and school
- Prolonged and consistent absence, in any year group, affects access to the curriculum ultimately impacting on progress.
- Unnecessary, parentally condoned and Unauthorised Absence should be challenged and both school parents/carers held responsible for the impact this may have on any pupils full attendance

Governors would like to remind parents that since September 2013 Headteachers are no longer allowed to authorise any 'Leave of Absence' (sometimes previously known as 'term time holiday') unless a parent/carer makes an application, in advance (at least 6 weeks before), detailing the 'exceptional circumstances' they would want the Headteacher to consider. Under the Education (Pupil Registration) (Amendment). Governors would like to remind parents that exceptional circumstances do not include holidays and family occasions

We will continue to monitor the attendance of all pupils and where attendance drops a referral will be made to the Local Authority who may issue fines to parents for their child's poor attendance.

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# News from Phase: Year 3 and Year 4

## Year 3



This week the children have been completing their Mighty Metals topic by creating a presentation about what they have learnt on the computers, as well as doing Kahoot quizzes on the I pads. In music each class created their own metal band that would be part of the celebrations for the Iron

Man's victory party. Their final English piece of writing is a play script based on the Iron man story.

We would like to thank all of the children who have brought in their very own Iron Man's friend, the year 3 team have been very impressed by the variety and the creativity which has been displayed in these fantastic creations.

## Year 4

Year 4 went to the kitchen to make potions this week. The children enjoyed working in the kitchen and had fun watching the potion erupt like a volcano. They wrote about their experience in their topic books. They've also been thinking about what special things could happen if someone drank an imaginary potion. We have had many opportunities for cross curricular work throughout this topic.



## Other Pennyhill news:

### Staff news

It is with great sadness that I need to inform you that Mrs Delaney (Reception Teacher) will be leaving at Christmas. We will be very sorry to lose Mrs Delaney but are hopeful that she will not be a stranger and that she will still visit us at Pennyhill.

We have advertised for her replacement and will inform you of the new arrangements for Elephants class as soon as practical.

### Parents as Partners



We are holding our parent's progress meetings on Wednesday and Thursday this week. If you have not yet made an appointment to see your child's class teacher, please return the appointment slip that was on the bottom of the letter sent home last week. If you need another appointment letter, please contact the school office.