



PENNYHILL POST

Pennyhill Primary School Newsletter

26th September 2016

Before School

Toast club continues to run before school in Castle Hall—it runs from 8:30 until 8:45. Please remember that children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Library - we are now opening the library in the Year 6 Annex before school—8:30—8:45, children must be accompanied by an adult. It is a chance for you to sit and read with them or look at a book together. We will be putting a few picture books in there which will appeal to the younger children, so please pop in and have a look at our wonderful library.

News from Phase 1 and 2

It's great to see our younger pupils settling in well and making a fantastic start to their learning in Years 1 and 2! The children look so smart in their new uniforms, although we would like to remind all parents to ensure that all clothing is labelled clearly with your child's name. This helps pupils particularly when getting changed for P.E.

Curriculum news:

In Year 1, we have been learning about 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. The children have performed actions and written some lovely stories of their own.

This week we are all experiencing what it is like inside a dark tent and experimenting with torches as part of our science work.

In Year 2, children have been learning the traditional tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They have been writing their own character descriptions of the giant and are currently working on writing their own diary entry for Jack's day.



Year 1's 'Dark Tent'

Team Points

Points so far this term:

Red Dragons: 11 stars

Blue Dolphins: 16 stars

Yellow Unicorns: 10 stars

Green Crocodiles: 9 stars

Winning team this week

Blue Dolphins

Special news

As part of our celebration of Roald Dahl stories, Year 1 read some of his Revolting Rhymes and Year 2 are reading his longer books as class readers.

This year we have introduced class readers: these are books that are read to the children at the end of every day for the last ten minutes.

Attendance

Whole school: 96.2%

Trophy winners in KS1 : 1T

Trophy winners in KS2: 6A

Punctuality

Punctuality Rosettes:

2E, 5R, 6E, 6R, 6A

School Council

The children are very excited to be representing their class as School Council Reps—we are hoping to have the first council meeting very soon. Mrs Lawrence—Beckles will inform the children when the first meeting will be.

Reminders

- ◆ Please send dinner money in on Mondays
- ◆ Contact details - if you change your mobile phone number, please let the office know so that we can update our records. It is vital that we have contact details for you that are accurate in case of emergencies.
- ◆ Please remember to let the office know if your child is unwell and unable to attend school.

Dates for your diary

We would like to apologise for an error in last week's newsletter—we are no longer having a teacher training day in January. Children will return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2017.

Our teacher days have now been agreed—they are as follows:

Monday 31st October 2016

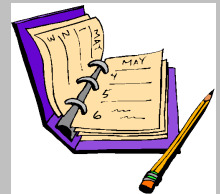
Friday 26th May 2017

Monday 24th July 2017

Tuesday 25th July 2017

Break up for half term - Friday 21st October

Break up for Christmas - Friday 16th December



Please Note:

Driving in roads surrounding the school

I'd like to remind parents/carers that there is a one way system in operation on Connor Road and Willett Road. You can only turn into Connor Road from Hollyhedge Road.

Can I also urge parents/carers to drive slowly around these roads especially during school dropping off and collection times.

Last week there was a couple of near misses due to people not following the procedures above. Please help to keep everyone safe by driving safety and following the correct procedures.

Progress Meetings for Parents

These will take place during the first week back after half term - Wednesday 2nd November and Thursday 3rd November.

Appointment letters will be sent out soon.

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