



Penwortham Primary School

8th September 2023

Have ever wondered what teachers get up to on an INSET day? This year we had our annual safeguarding training session, a training session in metacognition and teaching and learning strategies and we had some training for art and design – using clay. Everyone learned some new skills that we are looking forward to using in our classrooms this year!

What a fabulous start to the new Autumn term! Sunshine, smiles and lots of learning!

The main building classrooms have been redecorated over the summer and are looking bright and fresh – classrooms in Y3,4 and 5 will be updated next summer!

As the diary dates show we have lots of exciting things planned for the term and year ahead.

Our **new reception** children are settling into school life and routines very quickly and are a pleasure to have in our school family.

Please ensure that you have the School Spider app downloaded onto your devices – this is the main method that we will use to share any information – messaging service, email, news, updates. It also allows you to order school lunches, sign up for trips and visits and to pay online. Please relay this message in Whats App groups and help us get everyone better informed! Thank you

Over the holidays we were very proud to receive **Silver Awards** for our *Penwortham in Bloom* scarecrow display in July. We also have a £20 voucher for Newgate Nurseries to add to our garden plants. Thank you again to everyone who helped create the display!

Staffing updates:

A warm welcome to staff joining the team this term:



Mr Wolfe



Mrs Chatterton



Miss Ainsworth

Mr Wolfe and Miss Ainsworth join our teaching assistant team. Mrs Chatterton joins our teaching team in Y5.

We are now recruiting for an additional member of office administration staff (full time). Full details are available on the Lancashire website: <https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk>

As most of you are aware I will be leaving Penwortham Primary School at the end of this term (December) to take up a post as a Lancashire School Adviser. This means I will still be involved in working with schools and headteachers as part of the School Improvement Service. It will be difficult to leave, especially part way through a school year, and I will miss everyone from our youngest pupils to the most experienced members of staff and governors. The advert for recruitment of a new headteacher has started and candidates for the post will be visiting the school over the next few

weeks. The Governing Body hope to make an appointment before half term and will keep you informed of the process and outcomes.

Puzzle Day – As part of our launch into the new school year we have a focus on our school values. This term we are focussing on the values of **problem solving and resilience**. On Wednesday next week all the children will have the opportunity to take part in a Puzzle Day. Each workshop comprises of fun, hands-on, 2D & 3D puzzles and challenges all designed to help develop thinking skills and problem solving in the classroom. At the end of the day there will be an opportunity for parents to come into the hall and purchase puzzles. The Happy Puzzle Company.

Meet the Teacher – this is an online opportunity to meet your child's teacher, to hear about the curriculum and gather information regarding homework, reading, phonics, maths etc. Please try to attend these important meetings as they do help to ensure your child has all they need at the right times in school and ensures that you as parents are aware of the curriculum expectations for the new year. Class teachers will send out online invitations this week.

11th September Y3
12th September Year Reception
12th September Y6
13th September Y2
14th September Y5
14th September Y1
14th September Y4

Staff emails are available on the class pages of the school website. Please contact school or teachers directly if you have any questions. Most problems can be dealt with quickly and easily as soon as they are shared.

Curriculum information: Over the last 18 months staff have worked on developing our curriculum to ensure that it is progressive and builds knowledge for every child in all subject areas. The documents show our intention and implementation visions for each subject and our approach to teaching and learning in school so that children learn more and remember more. Over the next few weeks we will be uploading all of these new documents to our school website under the class pages and curriculum pages.

Well Being Wednesday – These sessions will take place on Wednesday lunchtimes for all pupils starting with Y3 and 4 this half term. The sessions last for 30 minutes and promote well-being. They are part of our extracurricular offer this year.

Stay and Play for children aged from birth to 4 are welcome to come along to our Friday morning sessions. There is a small charge to help cover costs of £2 per child. The sessions start at 9.15 and finish at 10.30am. We welcome everyone from the community to come along. This half term we are joined by coach Ian from Rugby Tots as well as having lots of toys, games, arts and crafts available.

School Meals – please use the school spider app to order school dinners each day. This makes our morning registration much quicker and enables to have more learning time with the children.

Uniform- Thank you for having the children looking so smart this week. Just a little reminder that jewellery should not be worn to school, earrings need to be covered or removed for PE. Please do not allow your child to have a

Dates for your diary:

Please check regularly as dates and times can change.

September:

11th Dodgeball festival (all pupils Y1-6 need PE kits)

11th – guitar lessons start in school

13th – Whole school Puzzling Day

18th to 21st Year 6 residential visit

22nd Sports Day – Reception, Y1, Y2 morning 9.30am, Y3,4,5,6 afternoon 1.15pm.

26th Forest School Y1 and Y3

27th Year 6 class assembly @3pm- Parents welcome.

October:

3rd Mad Science assembly

9th Skipping Jumprope Day

11th Hand washing workshops

Half term 23rd to 27th October

November:

1st and 2nd Parents Evening 3.30-6.30

16th – 20th Scholastic Book Fair

28th Flu vaccinations

December:

8th Pantomime theatre group in school

11th KS1 and reception Nativity 2pm

12th KS 1 and reception nativity 2pm

18th KS 2 Christmas production 2pm

19th KS 2 Christmas production 6pm

20th Christmas Lunch and party day

21st End of term assembly. **Close**

@2pm.

SMART watch for school. These need to stay at home for security and safeguarding due to the data which they can carry. Thank you. Children with SMART watches will be asked to leave them in the school office.

Champions' of Learning

Well done to the following pupils who have excelled in their learning this week:

Reception: A special mention for all our fantastic new learners in school this week!

Year 1: Emily and Scarlett for their planning and design in our new classroom construction area.

Year 2: Mathilda for always being ready to learn and following our models carefully. Trixie for noticing that some things are the same and follow patterns and some things are different in maths.

Year 3: Emilia for always being ready to learn. William for sharing his geological knowledge.

Year 4- Evelyn for a fantastic start to Y4, being an active and confident learner. Dylan for reasoning in maths and identifying misconceptions.

Year 5: Melody for always being an active learner and ready for everything. Fraser for showing great effort and resilience in maths.

Year 6: Vincent for being an active learner – what a superb start to Year 6! Arthur- for linking his knowledge to our English topic and producing a high level piece of writing with superb vocabulary choices.

