

**PENWORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL****Upcoming DIARY  
DATES - November**

**Mon 19th – Flu  
immunisations for YR to  
Y5 pupils**

**Tue 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 to  
Priory AM – Sportshall  
Athletics**

**Tue 20<sup>th</sup> – Parent  
teacher meetings**

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – Non-uniform  
day for PTFA**

**Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Reception  
Parent Reading meeting  
– 5pm**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> – Craft Fayre in  
school – 6-9pm**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 3  
Scootsafe**

**Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Non-uniform  
day for PTFA**

**Yellow Consent Forms**

Thank you to all who have returned the yellow consent forms, allowing us to continue to provide individual log-in to a wide range of services. We currently have received replies for 189 of our 203 pupils.

**Attendance update:**

Attendance for this half-term so far is 97.6% - Well done! Year 6 are leading the way with an amazing 99.8%!

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

I wanted to begin by saying how thoroughly delighted I have been with the three class assemblies we have had so far this year. Year 3 were fabulous and taught us a great deal about Harvest and World Food, Year 4 today gave us a brilliant Anti-Bullying Week Assembly – Choose Respect, and last week Year 5 brought many in the audience to tears with their thoughtful and poignant Remembrance Assembly. I felt both very privileged and very proud throughout these events – well done to one and all.  
Mr Mitchell

**House Point Team Names**

All children have taken a letter home this week regarding House Team names. Please can we ask for these letters to be completed and returned to school by Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, when we will analyse all returned responses. ‘Hufflepuff’ here we come!?!

**Guitars**

The new guitar sessions have started really well, with 14 Junior pupils taking the opportunity to learn the guitar with Mr Bannister. We have 2 remaining places for this half term if any other Junior pupils wish to join in - £20 for the remainder of the half term. See Mr Mitchell/Mrs Gaskell if interested.

**Netball**

How fantastically well our Netball team is developing this year, with players from both Years 5 and 6 showing great skill, determination and teamwork. We took part this week in a development session at Priory Academy, and from what I observed we will give any team a run for their money when the league commences. Well done to all involved.

**Parent-teacher meetings**

These important meetings are taking place this and next week. The vast majority of pupils have been represented/will be being represented by parents/carers at these meetings. As a school we do expect 100% of pupils to be represented – as such if you have not arranged an appointment please contact either your class teacher or the school office. Thank you.

**New Year 1 Teacher**

We are delighted to be able to welcome Miss Hastewell to our staff team. Miss Hastewell was appointed on Tuesday to teach Year 1 whilst Miss McKenna is on maternity leave. She will be joining us at the end of November and we are excited for her to begin. Year 1 were superb ambassadors during the appointment activities – well done to them!

**Big Draw**

Big Draw month was a great success – visitors to school will have seen some of the fantastic Art which was produced as part of this project – the front entrance

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display is a great favourite of mine. Thank you also for making the family art sessions such popular successes. Well done to Miss Bowker for leading on this with such enthusiasm.

### **Friday South Ribble Sports Update**

Each Friday South Ribble Sports Development join us for the day – they work with each class at various points across the year. Currently they are working with Year 3 and 4 on Hockey, Year 6 on Football and Reception on ‘Tots on Tyres’. They are also running a great after school club for Year 2 and 3 pupils, developing our next batch of Netball superstars. Last half-term they ran a fantastic after-school dance club, who were able to perform to their parents at the end of the final session – everyone thought they did themselves proud!

### **First half of the football season comes to an end**

The local school football league has started its Winter Break, and we have had much to celebrate – the A team have won 5 of their 6 matches, and the B team were delighted to win their first match during the last batch of games – Mr Cowie was jumping for joy! We can’t wait until the season resumes when the evenings become lighter again. Well done to all involved for representing the school with such energy, fairness and fun.

### **Year 2 Road Safety**

Earlier this term all of Year 2 completed the three units of Road Safety training. These sessions were really successful, and the children were all extremely well behaved throughout. They also followed up their learning with activities in the classroom and homework activities too. Well done Year 2!

Mrs Curran

### **Vintage volunteers**

Thank you for all the volunteers so far for this exciting initiative. We will keep the deadline for volunteering open until early December.

Mrs James

### **Online Safety Newsletter**

We are delighted to have made a link with Knowsley County Council’s E-Safety service, who from now on will be providing our school with a monthly Online Safety Newsletter. We will send these to you each month in paper form, via the e-mail service, and also post the newsletter onto the school website. The newsletters offer simple tips and up to date advice for families. We hope you find these useful – the November Newsletter will be sent home on Monday.

**REMINDER: - PUPIL COLLECTION AT THE END OF THE DAY** – If your child is being collected by a person who is not the usual collector, please ensure you contact school either through a call to the office or a quick note to the class teacher to let us know – this avoids any confusion/potential embarrassment at the end of the day.

**REMINDER: POTENTIAL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019** - If you have any younger siblings whose names are not yet on our Admissions Register could you please telephone or pop into the school office. To book a tour of the school with Mr Mitchell, please contact the school office to set a date and time. The application deadline for admissions is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

### **REMINDER: ATTENDANCE**

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school please remember to telephone the office on 01772 743321, prior to school starting, and leave a message on the answering machine. Many thanks.

May I please remind all parents that school officially begins at 08.55 a.m. Children arriving after this time will be marked as ‘late’ arrivals.

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