

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

**Tue 11th – Year 5 Bike Fix
sessions all day**

**Tue 11th – Year 1 & 2
Christmas Play – 4.00pm**

**Wed 12th - Year 1 & 2
Christmas Play – 9.15am**

**Thur 13th – Year 5
Heartstart morning**

**Fri 14th – Christmas
Jumper and Lunch Day!**

**Tue 18th – Reception
Nativity Performance –
9.30am**

**Wed 19th – Christmas
Crafts morning**

**Wed 19th Junior Parties
pm**

**Thur 20th Infant Parties
pm**

**Fri 21st – Year 3 & 4
Christmas Concert –
1.30pm**

**Fri 21st – Year 5 & 6
Christmas Concert –
2.30pm**

**School closes for
Christmas on Friday 21st
Dec at 3.30pm**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I must begin by thanking you again for your support and trust last week. Attendance this week has thankfully returned to normal levels so far – ‘touch wood’ this will continue for the remaining eight school days. Please continue to remind your children about the importance of effective handwashing, thank you.

I must also take this opportunity to personally thank our amazing school cleaning team, who went well above and beyond the call of duty during the last days. They are always an incredible group, but they yet again proved how great they are.

As for other matters, well, the additional stage is up, the decorations are out and the infants is filled with frantic singing, dancing and slightly nervous-looking staff – it’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

The panel on the left also details the plethora of events that are taking place in school during the last eight days. I do hope you are able to join us for some of these.

Kind regards,
Mr Mitchell

Christmas Fayre – we have taken the decision to turn the Christmas Fayre into a New Year Fayre for this year only! As such this will now take place on Thursday 31st January at 3.30 pm. We do hope you will be able to join us. Unfortunately, this does mean that Santa will be unable to join us as he will be on his holidays – Mrs Cullen will credit £2.50 Grotto Monies to relevant Scopay accounts in early January.

Yellow Consent Form returns – we have now received all of these important returns – thank you for your support.

House Point team names

Many thanks for the 49 responses we future of House Team names. The to 19 in favour of keeping the current **congratulations to Hodder, Ribble, for fighting off the competition!** your time and consideration of names, we very much enjoyed reading them. Further details on the House Team system will be issued in the New Year.

Mr Cowie



received on the responses were 30 team names. **So Wyre and Douglas** Thank you all for possible new team

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New on the School Website

The following documents have recently been uploaded to the website:

- Digital Safety Newsletter for December
- Digital Safety Policy 2018
- Safeguarding Policy 2018
- Attendance Policy 2018
- Key Stage 2 Statutory Outcomes 2018
- SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) Information Report 2018
- Direct link from each page to the Scopay (Tucasi) website.

Parent-teacher meetings

Thank you for supporting these important meetings. I am pleased to be able to inform you that 98% of our pupils were represented at these meetings. **Year 1 parent-teacher meetings have been arranged for Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th January 2019 – a letter regarding these will be sent to Year 1 parents next week.**

Guitar tuition update

The first series of Guitar sessions is drawing to a close next week, and I am delighted to be able to say that all 14 of the Junior pupils who started these sessions wish to continue. As such, we have only 2 additional spaces for the Spring Term lessons – the cost for these will be £27 for the half-term – we will set up the facility to pay for these for the relevant pupils via Scopay. If your child wishes to take one of the two additional places please contact the school office asap. Many thanks go to Mr Bannister for the excellent start he has made in our school.



Induction Group

This week sees the final week of the first term for our Induction Group children. Mrs Cameron and Mrs Whiteside report that the pupils have settled really well and are shaping up to become a super Reception class next year. Well done to them!



FINAL 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 15th January 2019.

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