

**PENWORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL****Upcoming DIARY
DATES – Spring Term****January****Mon 28th – Rock Steady
Music Assembly****Tue 29th – Reception
Winter Wood Walk****Thurs 31st – Winter
Fayre 3.30pm****February****Fri 1st – Reception Class
assembly followed by
Stay and Play 9.10am****Mon 4th – Year 6
SATS/PGL briefing 6pm****Tue 5th – Safer Internet
Day 2019****Thur 7th – Year 3 and
Year 6 Neighbourhood
Education Talks****Fri 8th – Year 1 Class
Assembly 9.10am****Wed 13th – PTFA Disco –
details to follow****Thur 14th – No
Induction Group
Today****Thur 14th – Project
Homework Celebration****Fri 15th – Break up for
Half-Term 3.30pm****Dear Parents/Carers,**

2019 has started very well for the school, with children settling quickly back into the routines of a more 'normal' term.

Thankfully the weather has warmed up a little and the playground has returned to its normal dark hue. We will of course keep you informed via text message of any changes to opening routines that are weather-related as they occur, so watch those phones on wintry mornings.

Mr Mitchell

Excellent - Oh Yes it Was! - The Pantomime came to school on Friday 11th January, thrilling and amusing us all with an upbeat and energetic version of Cinderella. Laughter and shouting filled the hall, and not only due to Mr Cowie's and Miss Hastewell's dancing skills! Feedback was so good that we have booked next year already! Thanks go to the PTFA for their generous contribution towards this event.

Catering Team update – on the final morning of the Autumn term the pupils said a sad goodbye to both Mrs Newsham and Mrs O'Hara who decided to hang up their oven gloves after many years of excellent service. The children sang beautifully, flowers were presented, and many were left in tears. We wish both ladies wonderful and well-deserved retirements. The New Year saw us welcome both Mrs Franks and Mrs Gavin – they have told me how much they are enjoying working in our school and how polite and well-mannered our pupils are. We are glad to have them in our staff team.



House Teams – The first day of term saw us visit each class to clarify, re-allocate or indeed allocate all pupils from Reception through to Year 6 into one of our House Teams – Ribble, Hodder, Douglas and Wyre. Since then entries for the Design a House Team Shield have been returned and are currently being judged. We have also ordered fantastic new house-point tokens and collection boxes for each room.

Year 1 Parent Teacher meetings – Year 1 Parent-Teacher meetings have taken place over the past few weeks, with Miss Hastewell getting to meet parents of 25 of her 29 pupils. Parents who were unable to attend can telephone school to arrange an appointment with Miss Hastewell if they so wish.

Year 6 Class assembly – Thank you to year 6 for an entertaining class assembly providing us with a reminder of how we can be the best versions of ourselves – our very own Personal Best! Written by the children and showing their personal best – well done.

Year 2 Class Assembly – Year 2 inspired us all to be fearless and open-minded as explorers in our own lives. Well done to all of the children for a fantastic and thought-provoking assembly.

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Winter Fayre Next Thursday – We are excited to be holding a Winter Fayre next Thursday, 31st January, starting at 3.30pm, in the school hall and main entrance foyer. The fayre will comprise of a cut-down selection of our Christmas Fayre games and activities for all to enjoy. Parents and children will be able to enter the hall directly from the playground at 3.30pm. (Year 2 will exit from the same door as Year 1 on this day only). The fayre will run from 3.30pm until 5.00pm and entry is free! We do hope you will be able to join us.



** Please note pupils from YR to Y5 will need to be accompanied by an adult to this event. Also, Futsal Club will continue as normal, weather permitting, with children changing in the school library.*

Santa Grotto Re-payments – all re-payments for the cancelled Santa Grotto should have now been reimbursed via ScoPay. Please contact Mrs Cullen if you have not received your refund. Thank you.

Christmas PTFA Raffle – We had great fun picking out the 31 Raffle Prize Winners from the Christmas Raffle in a special afternoon assembly. Thank you to all who took part and congratulations to the winners. All prizes have now been collected.

Lancashire SEND Partnership - I have been asked to share the following information with you by the Lancashire SEND Partnership.

Read the latest news from across the SEND Partnership:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/shaping-send-together/lancashire-send-partnership/>

In this edition, we share the new vision, values and strategy for the SEND Partnership. There's also an update from the Parent Carer Forum and reports from recent engagement events. Parents can also access the Local Offer facebook page for more helpful SEND information.

Guitars – apologies that Guitars had to be cancelled on Wednesday this week – Mr Bannister's van suffered in the bad weather with his handbrake jamming on. He will be providing two lessons next week on Monday and then Wednesday. Thank you.

Polystyrene Balls as far as the eye could see – I am pleased to be able to inform you that the Police were able to apprehend some youths who decided to break into our grounds and vandalise our outdoor beanbag, spreading the contents around the area in the process. May I take this opportunity to thank local residents for their understanding and vigilance, and also South Ribble Borough Council for responding so quickly with their road-sweeping service.

New on the School Website

The following documents have recently been uploaded to the website:

- Digital Safety Newsletter for January (Newsletter Page)
- House Teams Background Information slides (Newsletter Page)
- Spring Term Project Homework Sheets for all classes (Curriculum Page)

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