

**PENWORTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL****Upcoming DIARY  
DATES – Summer  
Term****April****Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> – School re-  
opens for Summer Term****Mon 29<sup>th</sup> – Special  
Musical assembly for  
pupils****Mon 29<sup>th</sup> PTFA meeting  
3.30pm****May****Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – Reception Stay  
& Play****Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – School Closed  
for May Bank Holiday****Tue 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Trip to  
Brockholes****Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 SATS  
week****Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Sponsored  
Running week****Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year R & 6  
Height and Weight  
checks****Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> Project  
Homework Celebration****Dear Parents/Carers,**

May I wish you all a lovely Easter break. Thank you all for your continued support, it is much appreciated.

Mr Mitchell

**‘Polo-Exit’.... The winner is LIGHT BLUE!**

Thank you for your responses regarding the School Uniform Polo T-Shirt colour. By a ratio of approximately 2 votes to 1 the clear winner was Light Blue! **Please note this only comes into effect from the beginning of the next academic year.**

Mr Mitchell

**Jewellery procedures from the beginning of Summer Term 2019** – This week we have issued new policy and procedures for the wearing of jewellery in school by pupils. This was sent home as a single page ‘green’ letter yesterday. This document is also available on the school website. **This policy comes into effect when we return from the Easter Break.** I thank you in advance for your support with this. Mr Mitchell

**Digital Leaders** – We are delighted that the new Digital Leaders have been selected – two from each class. They have been presented with their very cool badges and they have had their first briefing meeting, with first duties assigned. Excellent!

Mrs Lambert/Miss Bowker

**Year 5 Bikeability Training** – This week Year 5 have completed the Bikeability training programme, and although the weather at times has not been kind, the children have all enjoyed the sessions and have shown great concentration and I am happy they will be safer on the roads as a result. Well done to everyone. Mr Cowie

**Football Champions!** – We have been delighted with how well the A & B teams have represented the school in this year’s local football leagues, both in terms of football skills and amazing attitudes. A huge well done to everyone involved. It really was the icing on the cake when the A team won the Priory League, being undefeated throughout the three weeks of matches! Next stop the Champions League...!

Mr Mitchell/Mr Cowie

**NSPCC Visit** – Last week Years 1 to 6 had informative presentations from the NSPCC on the theme of ‘Staying Safe and Speaking Out.’ In addition Year 5 and 6 had more detailed additional workshops, which they took part in with enthusiasm and maturity.

Mrs Gaskell

**Digital Safety Newsletter – April Edition** – the next edition of this very useful and accessible newsletter is available from the school’s website, in the Newsletters section.

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**Fire Service Visit** – Year 2 and Year 6 were visited by the Fire Service, who took the children through safety aspects of travel, and the importance of wearing seatbelts and not distracting the driver of any car. Thank you to the fire service for spending the time working with us each year.

**PTFA Bingo**– Last night the hall was full for both sessions of this fun-filled and very competitive event. Thank you to everyone who joined us and of course to our PTFA volunteers who give up so much of their time for the pupils of the school. A special thank-you goes to Mr Cowie for making a serious play to become the official bingo-caller for the future – he was even making up his very own rhymes!

**Reception Stay and Play** – It was lovely that so many adults were able to join us in the sunshine to showcase the fabulous opportunities we have through the outdoor learning area. Mud was dug, plants were watered, minibeasts were hunted and the assault course was a challenge to complete for both children and adults alike! Thanks again to everyone. Mrs Blezard

**Anything but a Lazy Monday...** – This week started in a loud and lively musical style with modern hits and classics being performed along with the children by the awesome Lazy Mondays Orchestra – it was a fantastic session and a great chance to hear and see live musical performance. My personal favourite was their version of Adele’s Rolling in the Deep! Mr Cowie

**Oxford Reading Buddy** – Year 3 and 4 pupils will be bringing home a letter detailing an exciting new reading project, supported online by the Oxford Reading Buddy! Mrs Taylor

**Dance from the Heart** – Eight children from Year 6 attended Dance from the Heart training last week at Priory Academy – it was an extremely energetic and demanding afternoon, but I have every confidence that with their awesome skills they will be able coach the rest of the school brilliantly. Well done! Mrs Noblett

**Money Management - Year 5 and 6** – All the children are really enjoying Mr Souttar’s Money Management workshops where this time the children learnt about sensible approaches to loans and savings – we are looking forward to the next, final session of this great initiative. Miss Andrew

**Book Week** – Early March saw another exciting Book Week take place! Thank you to everyone for joining in so well and dressing up brilliantly – your costumes sent Mr Mitchell grey! The book fayre was very popular and earned us plenty of commission for additional books and prizes for our children. Thanks again, Mrs James

#### **New on the School Website**

The following documents have recently been uploaded to the website:

- Digital Safety Newsletters for April (Newsletter Page)
- Jewellery Policy and Procedures (Documents page)
- Letter regarding our involvement in the Operation Encompass initiative (Documents page)



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