

# Federation of Penny Acres and Wigley Primary Schools Newsletter

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## Welcome

Despite changing from glorious sunshine to wild winds, torrential rain and even snow, this month has been one of continued success in school. Many thanks to all of you that took the time to complete the parent questionnaire.

Please rest assured that I have taken on-board all suggestions, many of which are already in the pipeline in both schools. By working in partnership with yourselves, we can continue to build on the successes of both schools and look to an exciting future.

Dave Ratcliffe – Executive Headteacher

## PTFA Update

Our PTFA have created a Facebook group in the hope that it will bring parents together and assist with communication regarding events. Please search for Wigley Primary School PTFA and ask to join.

Look out for details of the Wigley Primary School Parents' Quiz Night.

## Attendance

Attendance is monitored each day and we set ourselves the target of 96% or above. Below are both classes' attendance for the year so far.

Wigley REC/KS1 – 95.40%

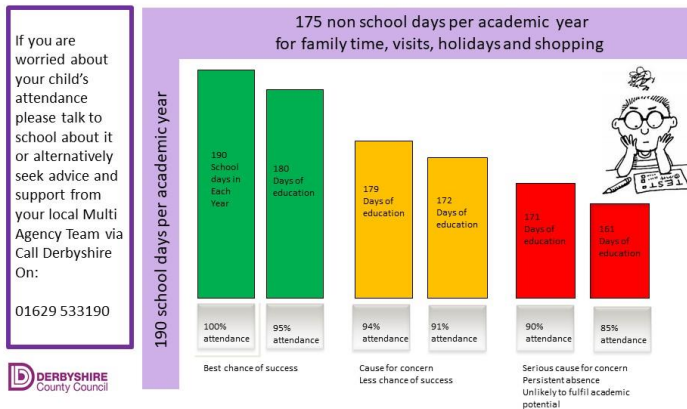
Wigley KS2 – 97.19%

## Celebrating the 'little' things!

Across both schools, I will be celebrating not only academic achievement but also the 'little things'. Staff, including visitors to school, will be awarding raffle tickets to children who show respect, politeness, good sharing, helpfulness and just going that little bit above and beyond. Every week, during my celebration assemblies, I will be picking out a raffle ticket from both the Rec/KS1 and KS2 boxes and the chosen ticket holder gets to choose a prize from a freshly stocked box. The more tickets in the box, the more chance of winning!

## Good Attendance Means

being in school at least 95% of the time (between 180 & 190 days)



## Being late adds up to a loss of learning

- If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to over 3 days lost each year



- Being late every day can add up to a lot of lost learning time
- Please help your child to be punctual

## Water bottles



In our federation, we recognise the importance of our children drinking water regularly throughout the day. Children are at a much greater risk of dehydration, as the process can begin much more rapidly in them. Once the body is dehydrated, the internal temperature rises and the body, particularly the brain, overheats. Since children are still growing, there is all the more need to keep the body hydrated so that it functions properly. A loss of 2% of body fluids causes a 20% reduction in performance in both physical and mental activities.

In order to ensure that our children always have access to safe drinking water, I will be providing every child with a new, named water bottle. This initiative is funded via 'Sports Premium' with the view that a more hydrated child is a healthier child. All I ask is that the children take their bottles home each day to clean and refresh them.

## WIGLEY NEWS

### ECO team have a new member!

Thanks to the continued commitment of our ECO team, maintaining the grounds and feeding the wildlife regularly, we have acquired a new member. We've yet to name the Pheasant but suggestions of 'Sunday Dinner' have been dismissed.



As always, the generosity of our school community shone through on Red Nose Day 2019. Despite being a small school, we managed to raise an amazing £79.10. Great effort all round!



As part of their topic on Fantastic Fairy Tales, our KS1 children captured 'Chalky' the wolf in order to question him about blowing down the two houses belonging to the pigs. It turns out it was all a misunderstanding; he had a terrible cold and sneezed on the houses causing them to collapse! He

apologised to us and we became friends. Afterwards, the children wrote letters of apology from him to the pigs.



As we continue to grow our community links, Rev. Green is making the most of his time in school, delivering some fabulous assemblies. As always, my thanks go to him for giving up his time for the benefit of our children.



The fan huffed and puffed but couldn't blow the Infants' houses down, proving that our children have the technical knowledge and skills to build strong structures. Well done Y1 and Y2.







As part of their Ancient Greek Topic, our KS2 children have been making their own Trojan Horse models. I'm sure they'll agree, not an easy thing to make. As you can see, the children are rightly proud of their creations.



School played host to Chris from the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service. Having known Chris for many years, it is always a pleasure to welcome him into school in order to deliver a very important message to the children. Both KS1 and KS2 did us proud, answering questions confidently and with a good deal of common sense and maturity.



### World book day 2019



Here a just a few of the wonderful pictures taken during World Book Day. Please feel free to pop into school to see the other photos on display in the cloakroom corridor.

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Nurturing ambition and inspiring success in a federation where children thrive

Please continue to use our school APPs to keep updated on dates, times and events.  
Please contact either school office if you require further information.