



# Federation of Penny Acres and Wigley Primary Schools Newsletter

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## Welcome

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Welcome back to another busy term for the Federation of Penny Acres and Wigley Primary Schools. The children have returned with their usual enthusiasm and determination and we look forward to some exciting events over the coming few weeks.

As always, my door is open so should you need to speak to me, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

**Dave Ratcliffe – Executive Headteacher**



## Dates for diaries

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## Attendance

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

**Penny Acres attendance: 96.54 %**

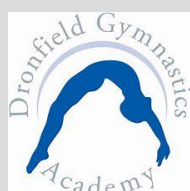
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## Penny Acres News

Say hello to the newest members of the 'Penny Acres family'. After careful incubation and a watchful eye from our KS1 children, we successfully managed to hatch five chicks. Well done KS1!



The spots thoroughly enjoyed making scrambled eggs on toast...and eating it!



All children in school have had the opportunity to participate in a gymnastics session with the coaches from Dronfield Gymnastics Academy. My thanks to Mr Hawke for organising this excellent initiative.

## Wigley News

Our KS1 have been very busy making models of hot air balloons for their new topic, 'up, up and away'. Please pop in to see our eye-catching display.



the incubator, making sure that the temperature was just right. Once they hatched, the children needed to learn about how to care for them whilst also coming up with some fab names.



Children in school have had the opportunity to observe chicks hatching. They took care of the eggs whilst in



I love how the children managed to get themselves into size order!



Children's assemblies: Hannah produced artwork and talked about monkeys. Lucy made props and ran her own quiz all about Harry Potter.



As part of their new topic 'Ancient Greece', the Juniors have been orally retelling a traditional Greek myth.

KS2 have done a wonderful job at sketching Greek gods.



### WHAT A TEAM!

Years 1 and 2 from both schools attended the Qualitas Team Building event at Graves Leisure Centre. What soon became apparent is that as a federation we are certainly a formidable team. All children approached each challenge in their usual 'dogged' manner, showing confidence, good communication and a willingness to have a go. I am immensely proud of all of them!



## A reminder about snow procedures

I'm not trying to tempt fate but we are entering the weeks of the year when the English weather can be highly unpredictable so I wanted to remind you of our arrangements.

If either school has to be closed because of heavy overnight snow, this will be announced on BBC Radio Sheffield and Peak 107 during their breakfast programmes and will be listed on the Derbyshire School Closure list.

<https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/school-closures/>

We will also send text message notifications and post on our APP.

**The federation of Penny Acres and Wigley Primary Schools**  
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.