

# Federation of Penny Acres and Wigley Primary Schools Newsletter

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## Welcome

Despite being a very short term, we have, as always, been exceptionally busy. Our Y6 children did themselves proud, tackling their SATs in their usual conscientious, determined manner and our Y2 children are equally as busy tackling theirs. Both schools are getting a lot of interest from families wanting to join, a sign that our school communities are moving from strength to strength. As always, this wouldn't be possible without your support. My open door policy continues and I look forward to sharing a 'cuppa' with you.

Dave Ratcliffe – Executive Headteacher

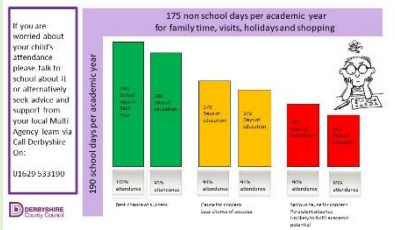
## Key dates for diaries

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May – NSPCC visit to school.  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Drum Workshops for all children (free of charge).  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May – INSET day (School closed to pupils).  
Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for half term.  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School reopens.  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June – Whitehall residential visit for Y5 and Y6.  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 and Y2 football festival at Derby County.  
Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> June – Class and individual photographs.  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June – Playground work begins (details to follow).  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day (on the school field!).  
Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> June – Whole school trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park.  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July – New Starter settling in afternoon (including lunch).  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Y5 and Y6 Rounders competition (AM).  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 visit to Longshaw Estate.  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> July – Meeting for parents of new starters 5:30pm.  
Mon 8<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers assembly PM – times to follow.  
Wed 10<sup>th</sup> July – New Starter settling in afternoon.  
Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 trip as a way of thanking them for their hard work (details to follow).  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July – Well dressing ceremony.  
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July – Annual reports to parents distributed.  
Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July – Break up for Summer holiday.  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> September – INSET day  
Wed 4<sup>th</sup> September – Pupils return to school.



## Good Attendance Means

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



## 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.

Penny Acres Rec/Y1: 96.22%  
Penny Acres KS2: 96.98%

Penny Acres boys: 96.62%  
Penny Acres girls: 96.66%

## Breakfast club

I am excited to announce that we are now taking bookings for our Breakfast club, due to commence on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Please use ParentMail to register your places for the Summer Term. The club will offer childcare from 7:45am – 8:45am every day, providing the children with a healthy breakfast and activities to keep them occupied. Two members of staff will be present at all times so rest assured that your children will be in good hands.

I hope this is a service that many of you make good use of.

## PENNY ACRES NEWS



Our Y3-Y5 children spent a day with the Sheffield Sharks basketball team, honing their skills and battling against some other, older, teams. A fun day was had by all.



Our Infants have been as busy as always!



As part of their topic work with Mr Hunter, KS2 reenacted the Battle of Marathon.

Let's just say the children took it 'very' seriously!

Howzat!



Both KS1 and KS2 enjoyed a morning of cricket despite the cold, wet conditions. My thanks to Derbyshire All Stars cricket for giving up their time.







With the help of Lee Rowley (MP), our Y4 children unveiled their artwork at Dronfield Station.

The children's contributions are making Dronfield Station a much more pleasant place to wait when heading off on a journey.

My thanks once again to Mrs Bartrim for working with the children to produce such stunning artwork.



After first making their outfits, our children were treated to a Greek Olympic event.

Our Y6 children taking a welcome break from revision to enjoy the small amount of sunshine that we've had.

I can honestly say that the rest was well deserved and definitely earned!



JZone's tenth anniversary celebration

May 12<sup>th</sup> 2019





Making clay aliens - Y2



Rec / Y1 Gardening in the sun



### NEW PLAYGROUND SCHEDULE OF WORKS

Schedule of Works - week commencing 17th June.

17<sup>th</sup> June - A team will be attending site to start removal of the planters in the flower bed area and remove the existing shelter. They will have two skips that will be located and kept on site which will more likely than not be there until the end of the project.

Two workmen will start on 18th June assembling the two Play Houses and Boat. They will then move onto the Rock Hold Wall, Benches and Activity Panels later on in the week.

Another two men will start on 18<sup>th</sup>, assembling the Dartmouth Gazebo and this will take roughly a week to complete, weather dependant.

Week commencing 24th June - start work on the grass and line markings.

Any left over work for the previous week that was not completed will also be completed as a priority on 1st July.

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