

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 NEWS

In February we held our first film night and it was a great success! We had over 50 children at the event and would like to thank everyone for their support. Coming up next is the Easter Egg Hunt on Friday 12th April starting at 4pm at The George and Dragon, please keep an eye out for a flyer in the bookbags with more details.

Our next meeting is Monday 25th March at 7.30pm at The George and Dragon, everyone is very welcome. If you have any ideas for events or would like to help but can't attend the meeting, please speak to a member of the PTFA.

Thanks again, Imogen

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: 96.04%

Penny Acres KS2: 96.82%

Celebrating the 'little' things!

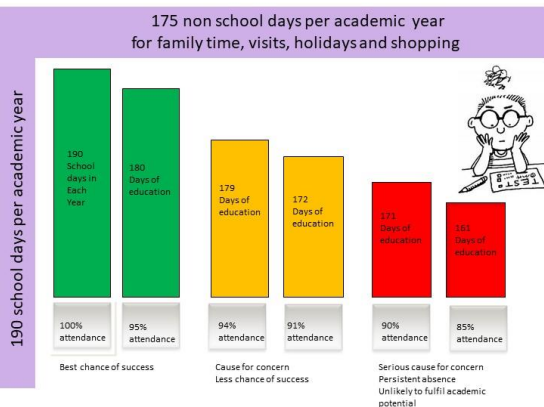
Across both schools, I will be celebrating not only academic achievement but also the 'little things'. Staff, including visitors to school, will be awarding raffle tickets to children who show respect, politeness, good sharing, helpfulness and just going that little bit above and beyond. Every week, during my celebration assemblies, I will be picking out a raffle ticket from both the Rec/YS1 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)

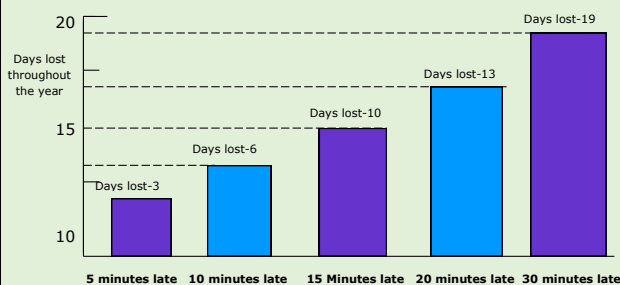
If you are worried about your child's attendance please talk to school about it or alternatively seek advice and support from your local Multi Agency Team via Call Derbyshire On:

01629 533190



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.

PENNY ACRES NEWS



As we continue to grow our community links, KS2 played host to Eleanor Charalampopoulou. Eleanor spoke about the Greek language and some traditional Greek foods. All children had the opportunity to make and taste Greek 'pies' made from olive oil, orange juice, flour and feta cheese. My thanks go to her for giving up her time for the benefit of our children.



It's a boy!

I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating Miss Woolley on the birth of her beautiful baby boy. Although earlier than planned, Dawson weighed in at a very healthy 8lb 12.5oz. Both mum and baby are doing well despite only getting one hour sleep in two days. I'm not sure how we tell her that it doesn't get much better! We look forward to meeting Dawson in the near future and have already reserved him a place here at Penny Acres.



Despite signs, flashing lights and warnings on the road, some motorists still use the stretch of road outside of school as a racetrack or place to overtake. It was therefore good to see Derbyshire Police basing themselves at the school gates this week to catch speeding motorists. In a short space of time, at least seven were caught and fined. Of course our children wanted a piece of the action (as did Mrs Blackaby) and the very friendly police officer kindly obliged.



Our Y2 pupils have been learning the skill of embroidery this week. A huge thank you to Mrs Riddle for giving up her time to work alongside our children.





Year 2 have been doing some super work on fractions. They have been finding and writing thirds.



After reading The Princess and the Pea, our Infants had a go at making their own pea soup.



World Book Day 2019



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 £65. Great effort all round!

Our KS2 children have been very busy making Greek masks with the theme of either Comedy or Tragedy.



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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.