



July 2017

Summer Newsletter July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

We are coming to the end of the summer term which ends our academic year. Yet again this term has been a busy one for staff and pupils.

Year 11 - We said goodbye to Year 11 on Friday 30 June 2017. We wish them every success for the future. This year for the first time we offered a structured programme of activities during the month of June for Year 11 pupils. Uptake was positive. Results day is Thursday 24 August 2017 and we are hoping for a positive set of results.

Farewell and Thank you

Mr Carden is taking up a Headship in Lancashire. Congratulations and well done.
Miss Markey is leaving us to take up a permanent PE teaching post in Leeds. We wish her well
Mr Muir Learning Mentor leaves us to take employment nearer home. Farewell and thank you.
Mr Bennett has completed a year on supply as a Teaching Assistant in KS 2. He is training to be a teacher 2017/2018. He will return on Teaching Practice in the Autumn.
Mrs Parkinson has returned from Maternity leave.
Miss Maxwell is about to go on Maternity leave.

New Appointments – Mr Francis joins us in September 2017 as our new Deputy Head.

School Uniform - I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support with the issue of school uniform. Many pupils are now wearing full uniform and look very smart indeed! Any pupil who arrives out of uniform will be given items from our uniform store and will be asked to change. This is not open to negotiation. Sensible dark coloured **shoes** (no trainers)

Mobile Phones - I would also like to thank you for ensuring that your child leaves their mobile phone at home. This is a safeguarding issue. Phones are a distraction. They are not allowed in school. Any pupil found to have a mobile phone on them on the school site will have it taken from them. Any pupil needing to make a genuine call can use the school landline.

Please continue to support us and ensure your child is in full uniform and their mobile phone is left at home.

Change of Contact details - Please ensure that you inform school *as soon as possible if any of your contact details change*, we do need to be able to contact you in case of an emergency.

NB: All visitors to Penkford School will be expected to produce up to date photographic ID



Inclusion

We have two Safer Schools Police Officers PC Wendy Kindness and PC Jo Lawson. Our Learning Support Base continues to be a successful initiative. Room 15 is now firmly established as a venue that offers pastoral support. Our in house counsellor offers counselling sessions to pupils 4 days a week. Holistic therapies will continue next year. Commissioning in a Military Mentor to give intensive support and facilitate a Re-Engagement Programme has proved successful. We aim to be preventative and to offer support to pupils and parents/carers.

KS 2 Music Event

Our KS 2 pupils performed at the Town Hall on Tuesday 4 July 2017. It was a fabulous evening. Well done.

Youth Parliament Meeting

This event was held at the Town Hall on Wednesday 28 June 2017. Four pupils represented Penkford School. Pupils gained a better understanding of British values and democracy.

Artsmark Monitoring and Evaluation Visit

A representative from The Arts Council visited Penkford on Friday 23 June 2017. This went extremely well and the representative from the Arts council would like to signpost other professionals to Penkford to see our best practice. We all agree that the arts can boost self-esteem and confidence and improve mental health.

Re-Engagement Project

Led by Mr Muir and Military Mentor Steve Nicholls

This six week programme is called Pathway 7 and it was created because we recognise that sometimes very dis-engaged and troubled pupils need a completely different experience to help them to press their own 'reset' button". A four week off site programme was followed by a two week phased reintegration back into school life.

Successes 2016-2017

Thanks to staff for making these initiatives happen.

Please take a look at our website and Twitter feed for great photographs and video footage

- Penkford staff invited to give presentations at Conferences (ADHD Conference, SENCO network)
- Personalised Pathways implemented
- In house counsellor 4 days a week
- Whole school Resilience Project – Half Term 4
- Re-Engage Project – Half Term 6
- Teach Meet event attended by external professionals
- In house CPD workshops attended by external professionals
- Artsmark activities ongoing e.g. staff mosaics and Enrichment programme
- Outdoor reading space created
- National Sports week activities

Dinner Money - Just a reminder to parents/carers who pay for their children's school dinners, the cost of meals from September will be £11.50 per week (£2.30 per day). Money should be paid in advance, every Monday morning at the School Office.

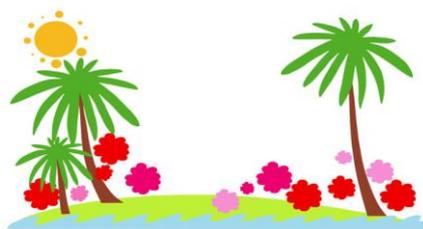
Exam Results - Results are available from 10 am on Thursday 24 August 2017 which is the official Results Day.

An end of year Achievement and Progress Celebration Assembly for pupils takes place on Friday 21 July 2017.

School will break up on Friday 21 July 2017 and pupils will leave after lunch at 1.15 pm. School transport has been organised for this time.

Finally - We recently enjoyed a glorious spell of hot sunny weather and I hope that this continues throughout the holiday.

Thank you once again for your support throughout this academic year and I hope that you and your family have a good Summer Holiday and I look forward to seeing our students on **Wednesday 6 September 2017** in good shape and in full school uniform.



Yours sincerely

Julie Johnson
Headteacher

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