

July 2018

Summer Newsletter July 2018

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 29 June 2018. 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 2018** and we are hoping for a positive set of results.

Farewell and Thank you

We say goodbye and thank you to Counsellor Hazel from Barnardo's.

Mr Lane, Teacher of ICT leaves us as his two term temporary contract comes to an end to go to a teaching post in Knowsley.

Mr Atherton TA leaves us to work in the Social Care System. Congratulations and well done on your promotion.

New Appointments

Mr Bennett, Mr Collins and Mrs Barton join our Teaching Staff in September 2017.

Successes 2017-2018

Thanks to staff for making these initiatives happen.

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

- Reading Quality Mark Silver – September 2017
- ADHD Award November 2017
- WW1 Trip February 2018
- In house Counsellor 2 days a week from February half term
- Children's Mental Health Week Programme – February 2018
- School of Military Project – Half Term 5
- Y7 Breakfast enterprise on Fridays launched Summer Term 2018
- Artsmark activities ongoing e.g. Glass kiln project
- Outdoor reading space established
- "Pupil Voice" group launched Summer Term 2018

Press Coverage - Glass Kiln Project

As you know we have invested in a Glass Kiln as part of our Artsmark journey and our pupils have made some beautiful glass tiles to celebrate the 150th birthday of St Helens town. There has been lots of wonderful press coverage of this. Do take a look. We have been featured in St Helens Unlimited

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

and in the St Helens Star online and also in the paper edition of the St Helens Star (Dated 5 July, page 22). Well done everyone!

Dinner Money - Just a reminder to parents/carers who pay for their children's school dinners, the cost of meals from September will be £11.75 per week (£2.35 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 2018 which is the official Results Day.

An end of year Achievement and Progress Celebration Assembly for pupils takes place on Friday 20 July 2018.

School Uniform - I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing support with the issue of school uniform. 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.

School will break up on Friday 20 July 2018 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 5 September 2018** in good shape and in full school uniform.

A text reminder about the start date will be sent out nearer the time.



Yours sincerely

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