

# Christmas Newsletter

*December 2018*



This has been a very busy half term. Staff and pupils have been working very hard and I would like to thank Parents and Carers for their support.

## **Termly Pupil Progress Reports**

We are currently in the process of reviewing and updating the assessment tracking system that we use to create pupil progress reports for parents and carers at the end of each term. Teachers continue to give pupils individualised feedback in each of their lessons and share ‘Even Better If’ comments both verbally and on pupil work which help our pupils to deepen their understanding. Term 1 progress reports will be sent home early in the new term using the new assessment tracking system.

## **Penkford Gazette**

The Gazette is going from strength to strength. The Christmas edition is on our website. Well done to the newsgroup who write the stories.

## **Parents’ Group**

The group meets every half term. It is a valuable opportunity for Parents/Carers to socialise with each other, share ideas and give and receive informal support.

A Macmillan coffee afternoon for parents and carers was held at Parr Children’s Centre on Thursday 26 September 2018. Thank you for the money raised. Parents Group and Children’s event raised a total of £63.33.

A Christmas Baking Session was also held at Parr Children’s Centre on Wednesday 12 December 2018. This was well attended with parents baking Chocolate Logs and Rum Truffles. Everyone had a great time!

Feedback from Parents/Carers was very positive.

Future dates for next sessions will be published during next term.

### ADHD Conference 2018

The ADHD Foundation host their annual 2 day Conference every Autumn and the event attracts delegates and practitioners from across the country and also high profile international speakers.

Headteacher Ms Johnson was invited to attend the two days as a guest once again.

Thursday 8 November 2018 - Headteacher, SENCO, School Counsellor

Friday 9 November 2018 - Headteacher, Attendance Officer, ADHD Specialist Nurse

It was a useful conference and attendees have fed back to staff.

### ADHD Clinic

The first clinic was held on Thursday 29 November 2018. It was facilitated by two nurse practitioners.

### School Governors Update

Mrs M Neale – (Chair) – Co-opted Governor

Mrs A Robinson – Co-opted Governor

Mr P Round – Co-opted Governor

Mrs L Beirne – Co-opted Governor

Sergeant G Farley - Co-opted Governor

Mr Duncan Morrison – Co-opted Governor

Mr Peter Smith – Co-opted Governor

Mr K Cleary – LA Governor

Ms A Lawrence – Parent Governor

Miss J Duffy – Staff Governor

Mr D Evans - Parent Governor

Thanks to all of our Governors who work hard in their role of supporting and challenging us.

### Personal Development Behaviour and Welfare

Improving attendance remains a priority for our school. We have renewed our focus on Attendance. Our link Educational Welfare Officer is Janice Halligan. Please contact Ms Rachel Savage Attendance & Family Support Officer at school if you would like any further information or support about any attendance issue.

### Christmas 2018

Our Nativity Assembly on Wednesday 19 December 2018 was a great success. Well done to KS2 and Y7 pupils and staff.

**Christmas Lunch** for pupils and staff took place on Wednesday 19 December 2018.

**Assembly** - Our end of term Achievement Assembly took place at 10:30 am on Thursday 20 December 2018. The categories for the awards are: Attendance, English, Maths, Science, Art, Design and Technology, ICT, PE, Outdoor Education, Courtesy, Uniform and Behaviour. Pupils must be present on the last day of term and come up to the front to receive their prize.

### **Dinner Money**

Just a reminder to Parents/Carers who pay for their children's school dinners, the cost of meals from September is £11.75 per week (£2.35 per day). Money should be paid in advance, every Monday morning at the School Office.

### **Reminder that the new term begins at 9 am on Monday 7 January 2019**

***We expect all pupils to be on time and in full school uniform.***

***Please ensure hoodies and caps are left at home. They are not suitable for school.***

***On behalf of all the staff and pupils of our school, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year***

