



**PENNINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
JUNIOR SCHOOL  
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2016/2017**



**Welcome back to the new term and Happy New Year to you all!**

**Attendance**

As you are aware, we have tightened up our start of the day procedures and I am really pleased to report that most of the children are in school and busy working by 8.45am each day. A big thankyou to all of you for your cooperation with this. In case you have missed it, please note the following times:

- 8.35am - Doors open
- 8.45am - Register taken (children coming in between 8.45am and 9.00am will be marked as late)
- 9.00am - Register is closed (children coming in after 9am will be registered as an unauthorised absence)
- 12.10pm - 1.10pm - lunchtime
- 1.10pm - 3.15pm - Afternoon session
- 3.15pm - End of school day

Our attendance policy is now uploaded onto our School website for you to view. This is accessible via the About Us / Key Information / School policy section of our website.

**Improving Learning Attitudes**

This term we want to focus upon improving the learning attitudes and behaviours of all our children in order for them to have the best possible chance in their learning. By this, I mean their focus and concentration; their resilience and perseverance, to keep going, even when something is difficult. As part of this we will have one target per week which the children will work towards. This week our target is for children to use the toilet during break times, so they avoid leaving the classroom and interrupting learning time. Obviously if the children are really desperate, then they will be allowed to use the toilet but we are trying hard to reduce the number of visits during lesson time. If your child has a medical difficulty related to

this, then please do let the school office know so that we can keep a note to ensure the class teachers make the correct allowances.

**Reflection time in The Hub**

During their school life, from time to time, children may make wrong choices in their behaviour. This can result in a consequence in school. When this happens, as part of our behaviour policy and 'steps of consequence,' we may send your child to 'The Hub' at lunchtime for a fixed period of time. In 'The Hub', they will discuss the incident with a senior member of staff, including what went wrong and how they can avoid this happening again. Following the discussion we then expect the children to complete a 'reflection sheet' and this records the discussion and how children are going to improve their behaviour. We believe that the time spent on this will help to avoid the incident and behaviours being repeated. Where a child has difficulties in writing their response, staff will support by scribing the words that the child provides to complete the sheet.

**Before School Each Day**

We are still having a number of items such as PE kits and lunch boxes handed in at the start of each day. Please ensure your child has all their equipment and belongings before they come into school.

**115 Club Staff Vacancy**

We are keen get our after school provision (115 Club) up and running as soon as possible. In order to do this we would like to appoint a Club Leader and Play Worker. Please see the attached advert or speak to the School Office for more details.

**Weekly Coffee Mornings**

Our popular weekly coffee mornings are continuing in the Creative Arts Room in the Lower School playground. These informal sessions run every

Wednesday morning from 8:45am and are a great opportunity to meet and chat with other PJS Mums and Dads.

### **Free School Meals - Do you Qualify?**

Hampshire County Council Catering Services has an online form to check your child's eligibility for free school meals. This self-service option is available at:

<http://www.3.hants.gov.uk/caterers/freeschoolmeals>

If you do not have access to the internet, the office staff will be happy to give you a form to complete.

### **Buster the Boxer**

Year 5 have been writing recounts about Buster the Boxer from the John Lewis Christmas Advert! This week they received a letter from John Lewis saying they loved their recounts and the children were rewarded with a Buster the Boxer adventure pack! John Lewis are looking forward to hearing from the children in the future to find out more about Buster's adventures!

### **E- Safety**

I am sure you will be aware that there has been much in the news about keeping children safe on line. We take this very seriously indeed and to this end will be running E-Safety sessions in school for our children. In order for you to be fully informed and to support your child, we will be running parent E-Safety information sessions the day before the children's session. These will take place on Thursday 9th February at 2.45pm and 6pm. We hope to see as many parents as possible at one of these.

### **Clubs**

A new Spring timetable is attached with details of clubs we are offering this term. If your child is not able to attend a club they have signed up for, then please can parents either write a note or phone the school office to let us know your child is safe.

### **Oakhaven Donation**

Thank you to the generous audiences at the Christmas Production performances on Thursday 8

December. Your donations raised the fantastic sum of £167.45 which will be forwarded to Oakhaven on your behalf.

### **PTA News**

The PTA raised the brilliant sum of £648.51 at the Christmas Fair. Thank you to all of you who donated to and supported the fair. Your help is always much appreciated.

The next PTA meeting will be on Monday the 16th of January at 2.00pm in the staff room.

### **100% Attendance for Autumn Term 2016**

Congratulations to the following pupils who achieved 100% attendance during the term! Well done!

Casey Abbott, Alex Benson, George Buchanan, Lucy Clark, Michael Clark, Molly Clark, Archie Collins, Ava Collins, Emily Cooper, Madeline Cooper, JJ Cottee, Mary-Jane Cottee, Keyla Cox, Jack Doe, Ezmee Elnaugh, Keane Elnaugh, Daisy Farmer, Katelyn Garlick, Harry Glover, Dean Grindrod, Freya Grindrod, Eyra-May Hansford, Lily Harris, Alicia Hunt, Jacob Keeping, Isabella Lake, Paulson Manjooran, Benjamin Meli, Tommy Miller, Nikolette Negrescu, Ellie Newland, Skye Nicholls, Helene Olaberria, Dwayne Owiredu-Yeboah, Saule Poskute, Matilda Rivron, Claudia Rofes, Natalia Rofes, Oliver Savin, Abigail Sloan, Jazmin Smith, Tyler Smylie, Chloe Sparks, Jessica Stead, Ethan Stride, Eva Todd, Amelia Ward, Casey Witt.

### **Dates for your Diary:**

13 - 16 February	Year 6 Mock SATs
20 - 24 February	Half Term
Monday 27 February	INSET
	School closed

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*Best Wishes*

**Sue Saxby**

Headteacher