



**PENNINGTON CHURCH OF ENGLAND
JUNIOR SCHOOL
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Start times, entrances and exits

A big thank you to you all for supporting the changes and improvements to the start and end of day arrangements. We have been delighted at how well everyone has settled into this. We are happy to report that the children are quickly getting used to these new arrangements and we can see the impact that they are making to the efficient start of the day.

Please may we politely remind you that no child should be entering or exiting through the car park gates as this is not safe. If you meet your child at the end of the day, could we also ask you to do this on the playground rather than outside the school gates.

Emergency School Closure Notification

In the unlikely event of an emergency school closure, please check the school website for information, we will also send you a text alert. Please ensure we have your most recent mobile phone number so that we can contact you. Thank you.

M&M Theatre Company

Last week the children were lucky enough to enjoy live theatre, performed in our school hall. The M&M Theatre Company staged a wonderful performance of 'Beauty and the Beast.' Our enormous thanks go to the members of the PTA for supporting us to put on this event.

Parent E-Safety Sessions

Just a reminder Parent E-Safety sessions will be run in school on Thursday 9 February at 2.45 pm and 6 pm. Child safety on line is a serious issue and we hope as many parents as possible will be able to attend.

Staffing

We are continuing to experience a little turbulence within staffing at the moment and a recruitment process is ongoing. I would like to reassure you that we are working as hard as we can to resolve this and will endeavour to keep you as informed as possible throughout.

Lighthouse Build Project

Please would parents be able to bring in any empty 2L plastic bottles. We will be using them to build lighthouses! We will need these by Monday 30th January.

Positive Parenting Programme

Through our family link work we are able to offer our parents the opportunity to attend the Triple P Group Parenting course. It is free to our parents and is a well-regarded course. The programme gives parents practical strategies to help them confidently manage their children's behaviour and build strong healthy relationships. To get the best from the programme it is beneficial to attend all sessions. If you wish to attend please contact Louise Evans on 07590 147623 to reserve your place as spaces are limited. The dates for the course are as follows:

Tuesday 14th February - 9:15am-11:15am
Tuesday 28th February - 9:15am-11:15am
Tuesday 7th March - 9:15am-11:15am
Tuesday 14th March - 9:15am-11:15am
Tuesday 21st March - 9:15am-11:15am
Tuesday 4th April - 9:15am-11:15am

Library Volunteers

We are desperately seeking parent volunteers to help us to maintain our school library. If you would be willing to help us out one or two afternoons a week, please leave your name at the

school office. We will provide you with training and information of what is needed - we are looking forward to hearing from you.

Job Vacancies

Vacancies have arisen this term for Learning Support Assistants and one to one Special Needs Assistants. These are exciting opportunities for the right applicants. Please take a look on our website for more details and an application form, or ask at the school office.

Chickens

At the present time we are unable to use the key safe that enables parents, on the chicken rota, to access the chickens. Therefore, for now, staff will undertake to look after the chickens at the weekends. Thank to everyone who has kindly signed up to help on previous occasions.

PTA Valentine Disco

The PTA will be organising another Valentine disco this year for the children. This will be held on Thursday 16th February and will be £2 per child. Permission letters will be sent out soon.

Dates for your Diary:

9 February:2.45pm and 6pm	Parent E-Safety Sessions
13 - 16 February	Year 6 Mock SATs
16 February	Valentines Disco
20 - 24 February	Half Term
Monday 27 February	INSET School closed
2 March	World Book Day
30 March	Non-uniform Day
7 April	Easter Fair

Don't forget to visit our website:

www.penningtonjunior.com

Best Wishes

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