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Nut Free School

PJS is a nut free School. Please can we remind parents that packed lunches and break time snacks should not contain nuts. We do have children at school who have severe nut allergies and cannot come into contact with them.

Sickness

If your child is poorly and cannot make it into school please can parents call in as soon as possible and let us know. Some children walk to school alone so if a child is not in school and we do not receive a phone call we are concerned about their safety.

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.

Parent Consultations

We will be holding an open evening for parents and carers on Monday 13th February between 3.15 and 4.30pm

The children's books will be on view for you to come and look at and the teachers will be available for you to have an informal chat. The PTA have kindly offered to provide tea and coffee to support the evening.

If you are unable to attend, please remember that you can arrange an appointment with your child's teacher at any mutually convenient time.

Board Games

The current wet time play time games are in poor condition and missing parts. If you have any board or card games in good condition that you no longer use or are willing to donate to the school they would be much appreciated! Any donations should be left at the school office for us to allocate them fairly to all classes.

LSAs

The closing date for our LSA posts is Friday 10th February. We are looking for full time and part time classroom assistants and 1:1 support for children with additional needs. If you are interested in applying and need an application form please look on our website.

Goodbyes

Mrs Cantrell, Mrs Gray and Mrs Hunt will be leaving us at the end of this half term. They have worked hard for the school and we would like to thank them for their many years of dedicated service. We wish them well for the future and hope they will come back and visit us from time to time.

Please be aware that the Office will be extremely busy while we are short staffed and recruiting for the vacant posts.

School Business Manager

We are currently advertising for a full time School Business Manager. This is an exciting opportunity for the right applicant. If you feel you have the skills and experience to fulfil this role, then please look on our website for further details and an application form or ask at the school office for an appointment. We would be pleased to discuss the role more fully with interested candidates.

Lost Bicycle

A girls pink bike has been found on Highfield Green. If your child has lost a bike please come into the office for us to contact the finder.

E safety talk for Internet Safety Day

Safer Internet Day is coordinated by the Insafenetwork and is celebrated every year across Europe, and in other countries worldwide.

In the UK, Safer Internet Day is organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre (www.saferinternetday.org.uk), and this year's theme is "Be the change: Unite for a better internet."

Our school is participating alongside hundreds of other schools across the UK and students will be learning about how to use the internet safely and positively.

To celebrate the many positives of the internet, and to raise awareness of the issues that children and young people face online today, Pennington C of E Junior School will be hosting an online safety information evening for parents and carers of children in every year group and we will be delivering this presentation. The UK Safer Internet Centre who developed this presentation are experts in the field of online safety education and we highly recommend that you attend this event. The session will provide practical advice and safety tips to help manage online safety issues, and discussions surrounding suitable behaviour online.

The sessions will be on Thursday 9th February at 2:45pm and again at 6:00pm and will last for 30 minutes, with time for questions too.

We believe that internet safety education is a crucial element of the curriculum and an essential part of young people's development. This session is designed to help you become more aware of the safety messages that your children

receive in school in order to reinforce them in your home environment.

We really hope that you will be able to attend and look forward to seeing you there.

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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Headteacher

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