

Menu for  
the week...



Week 1

Growth mindset  
thought for the week



Your attitude determines your direction.

1<sup>st</sup> December 2017

## Dates for your diary

7 <sup>th</sup> December	Advent Fayre from 1.30pm – 3.30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 & 6 Theatre visit
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Parents' Christmas Assembly
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Students' Christmas Dinner
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert 7.00pm (see attached letter)
19 <sup>th</sup> December	School finishes 1.00pm



## Star Student of the Week

### Week Beginning 20th November 2017

#### Year 5

Josh Grube	5JB
Frazer Hodges	5LM
William Jones	5CWK
Elliot Baker	5SJ

#### Year 7

Kieran Widdowson	7LW
Dan Hughes	7EN
Maddison Ross	7JW
Kelly Williams	7KM

#### Year 6

Ethan McCormack	6SB
Abi Phillips	6AP
Ethan Rowley	6LK
Sophie Flint	6CA
Cameron Tarplee	6PM

#### Year 8

Nathan Howes	8SH
Lily-Rose Cuthbert	8SS
Thomas Binns	8RC
Nathan TARRIER	8BH

## Dark Nights

Now the nights are getting darker please can we ask all parents to ensure that children are very clear about their after school arrangements? We suggest that all bike riders ensure that they are wearing helmets and have lights on their bikes. We suggest where possible that children walking, walk in pairs or small groups.

This week we have had a couple of children report possible strangers acting suspiciously, one on foot and one in a vehicle. Often, this is entirely innocent but we have asked students to inform an adult straight away if they have any concerns over 'stranger danger'. We did report our students' concerns to the local police.

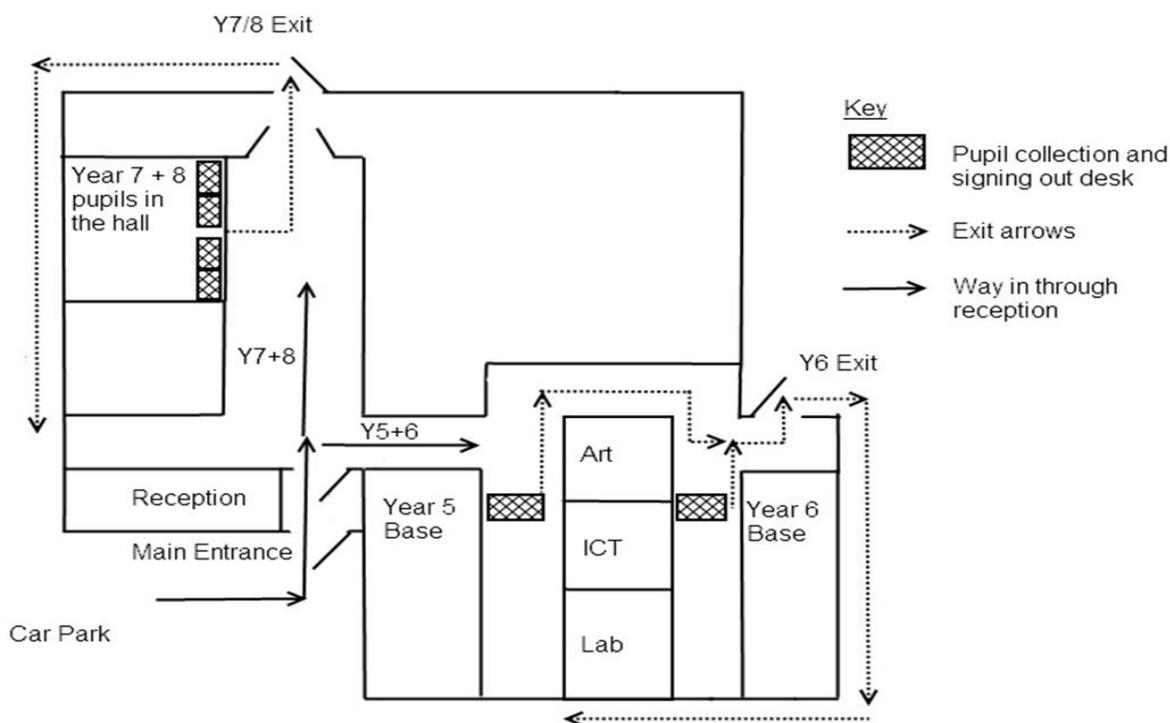
On a similar note, we have had a complaint about parents dropping off/ parking dangerously outside the school gate from a local resident. We know most parents are very thoughtful but please can we ask that all parents respect local residents properties when they park? Many thanks in keeping all of our children safe.

## Snow Closure procedure

It is very rare that we close the school due to snow but if we do need to close we will send out a text message, post the information on our school Facebook and Twitter and put the information on our school website. If any children arrive at school, we will of course keep them and contact parents to arrange for them to safely return home.

If we did need to close during the school during the school day, then we ask you to follow the following procedure. Again, we would send out a text and inform parents as above. We would of course keep children until parents were able to collect them.

## Full Closure During the School Day



- All parents are to enter school through the main reception
- Parents of Y5 report to the Y5 base, giving the name of their child to staff on the Y5 collection point. Please wait for your child to be signed out at the desk and then leave the building via the **Y6 cloakroom door** to head round the right side of the building towards the car park.
- Parents of Y6 report to the Y6 base, giving the name of their child to staff on the Y6 collection point. Please wait for your child to be signed out at the desk and then leave the building **via the Y6 cloakroom door** to head round the right side of the building towards the car park.

- Parents of Y7 and Y8 are to report to the main hall, giving the name of their child to staff on the Y7/8 collection point. Please wait for your child to be signed out as you collect them from the desk and then leave the building via the **Y7 cloakroom door**, turning left around the building towards car park.
- If you're collecting children and their siblings from different year groups, please collect the youngest first, ensuring that each child is signed out from the relevant collection point.
- If children are to walk home themselves, parents must inform the school before their child is allowed to leave the school premises. Those pupils should be signed out from their year base collection points.

### **Humanities Student of the Month**

Congratulations to all of our hardworking winners for November. You have been recognised by your humanities teachers for being conscientious, hard-working and having a positive attitude in lessons. Keep up the good work!

Mr Cole

#### **Year 5**

Lily Kellner

Finlay Howell

#### **Year 6**

Imogen Griffiths

Emma Binns

#### **Year 7**

Hannah Prosser

Katie Evans

#### **Year 8**

Ciara Shackleton

Lachlan Manley

### **Christmas Assembly**

We will be holding our Christmas Assembly from 9.15am to 10.15am on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Families are invited to attend if they wish. We have space for up to 30 people. Places will be allocated on a first come/first served basis. Please phone the School Office if you would like to attend.

## **Christmas Concert**



Penkridge Middle School invites everybody to come along and join in our annual Christmas concert on Monday 18th December at 7pm. The students have been working very hard to prepare some wonderful musical performances for all to enjoy. There will be refreshments available 6.45pm onwards. Please fill in and return the attached slip and money to the School Office if you would like to buy tickets. Early booking is advised due to restricted seating in the Hall.

May I take this opportunity to thank everybody for their support. We are really looking forward to seeing you there!

Head of Music  
Mr. D Mason

## **Staying safe with new technology**

With Christmas time fast approaching, many of us will be looking forward to welcoming some exciting new technology into our homes. With that in mind, now is a great time to remind ourselves of some of the things we can do to help keep our young people safe online.

With new tech, it is vital that we know what its online capacity is. Many devices now have internet access, including gaming consoles, smartphones and smart-TVs. To help everyone to stay safe online and to encourage responsible use of the Internet, we recommend that families talk about their browsing habits. Alternatively, any time spent on the Web could be done together or in a shared room.

Another aspect of new technology we should be aware of is the ability to communicate with others, through various apps and messaging services. Again, it's recommend that if a young person has access to a phone or tablet with this ability, then a responsible adult should keep themselves informed with whom they are messaging and the content of their conversations.

We hope that everyone can get great enjoyment from their new gadgets this Christmas, whilst also staying safe online.

Thank you

Mr Meredith

## **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2016**

Thank you to parents for letting the children buy their poppies and related merchandise during break times. We are very pleased to inform you that we raised £235.11 for the Royal British Legion. Mrs Kemble did a lovely assembly explaining the importance of Remembrance to the whole school, supported by speakers from the Royal British Legion

## Advent Fayre

Our Advent Fayre takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2017 in the School Hall from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

If you would like to attend the Fayre at the same time as your child, the year groups will be visiting the stalls in the Hall at the following times:

1.30 to 2.00pm: Year 5

2.00 to 2.30pm: Year 6

2.30 to 3.00pm: Year 7

3.00pm to 3.30pm: Year 8

Please encourage your child to bring coins to spend as change can be in short supply, especially during the early part of the Fayre.

We are in need of items of **bric-a-brac** to sell (always a popular stall so perhaps it's an opportunity to have a good clear-out at home of unwanted items that can be bought by others) plus **bottles** and **chocolate** for the tombolas.

We would also appreciate any **raffle prizes** (Chocolates/Biscuits etc. Cakes to be handed in on the day before or on the day itself, please).

During the last few years, we have put together a **wine hamper** consisting of 10 assorted wines. The tickets cost £1 each. If you would like to purchase one of these tickets but are unable to attend the Christmas Fayre, you can fill in the slip below, returning it with your money, and we will make sure that your name is put into the draw. We also run a General Raffle at 50p per ticket. If you would like some of these tickets, please include it on the form below, returning it together with the correct money.

Thank you for your support in other fund-raising events which have taken place. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday 7th December. If you are able to help in any way on the afternoon, then please contact Miss Barnes or Mrs Watts at school.

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## Advent Fayre

Please send me .....ticket/s for the wine hamper. ....raffle tickets. I enclose £.....in payment for these.

Parent/Carer Name .....

Pupil's Name/Class .....



**PENKRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

Christmas Concert

On

Monday 18th December 2017 at 7.00p.m.

In the school hall

Performances by various solos, duets and small groups.

We hope you will be able to join us on this occasion.

The price of the tickets will be Adults £1.50 and Children £1.00.

Early booking is strongly advised due to restricted seating in the Hall.



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**Christmas Concert**

Name of pupil..... Class.....

I require..... Adult tickets £1.50 each

..... Children's tickets £1.00 each

Total enclosed.....

Signed..... Person with parental responsibility



Christmas Menu

Seasonal Roast Turkey  
Served with  
Sage & Onion Stuffing  
and Gravy  
Bacon Wrapped Sausage  
Roast Potatoes  
Fluffy Mashed Potatoes  
Peas, Carrots and Sprouts  
Ice-cream  
or  
Iced Chocolate Sponge  
or  
Homemade Christmas Pudding with Custard

**Christmas  
Dinner**

A Turkey lunch will be provided on Friday 15th December, at the normal price of £2.20. As all the food needs to be ordered well in advance, so we do need to know how many children will want a Christmas dinner.

Please send in the return slip below if you would like your child to have a lunch on that day. Dinner money should be **paid on the day please (unless you pay in advance which will include this dinner)** in an envelope marked with your child's name and class. **No alternative meal, other than a vegetarian option, will be provided on that day.**

If your child has free school meals and does not want a hot meal, they can, of course, order a sandwich.

If your child requires a vegetarian meal, please indicate this on the slip below.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IF A MEAL HAS NOT BEEN ORDERED, YOUR CHILD MUST BRING A PACKED LUNCH FOR THAT PARTICULAR DAY PLEASE.**

**TO BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN Monday 4th DECEMBER 2017.**

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**Christmas lunch**

I wish my child to have a turkey lunch on Friday 15th December at a cost of £2.20.

**(Please pay on the day)**

A vegetarian meal is required please



Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Person with Parental Responsibility



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**SkillShare**



## FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND IN STAFFORDSHIRE

SkillShare is a project funded by The Big Lottery and managed by SEND Family Partnership (Information Advice and Support Service) to provide FREE training for parents and carers of children and young people with special needs aged 0-25 years in Staffordshire.

Delivered by Ruth Fidler who presented the extremely popular PDA workshops, Skillshare is delighted to bring you...

## Promoting Emotional Wellbeing in Children and Young People on the Autism Spectrum

### Overview:

This course will consider the factors which contribute to raised anxiety in children with autism. It will encourage parents to recognise and understand stress in their children and to develop strategies to support them.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018  
Holiday Inn,  
Newcastle Under Lyme

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
Snowdome  
Tamworth

Session will begin at **9.30am** for registration and finish at **1.30pm** and will be followed by **FREE** lunch.  
**BOOKINGS ARE STRICTLY LIMITED AND WILL BE ALLOCATED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS, ON RECEIPT OF COMPLETED BOOKING FORM.**

To request a booking form please contact:

**Tracy Munday**

SkillShare Co-ordinator on:

**01785 356930**

Or email [skillshare@sta\\_ardshire.gov.uk](mailto:skillshare@sta_ardshire.gov.uk)

