



Week 2



Mistakes are: Expected, Inspected, Respected and Corrected

8th September 2017

Dates for your diary

12 th September	Y6 Meeting 6pm re: Laches Wood & SATs
25 th September	Year 8 Girls HPV
27 th September	Whole school photographs
28 th September	Parent Forum

Welcome to the new academic year at our Visible Learning School

It has been lovely to welcome back our Y6,7 & 8 students and to welcome our Y5 students into the PMS family. Staff started back on Monday this week but it didn't feel like a proper school until we were surrounded by a sea of red jumpers! Thank you to parents who have ensured all of the children have come back looking so super smart. Please can we remind you that no extreme hair styles are allowed which includes patterns in the hair?

We have had two assemblies this week on the theme of Visible Learning. For Parents/Carers new to the school, we are training to become a Visible Learning school, based on the research of educationalist John Hattie. This week, we have discussed what it means to be 'in the pit' and the use of 'enable stations' in the classrooms.

On Monday and Tuesday of this week Teachers and Learning Support Staff were learning about Effective Questioning in class and different methods of Marking and Feedback, as these are our Learning Foci this term. Over the term please ask you child about lessons and what sort of questions and feedback they receive.

Home School Agreement in the Student Organiser

Your child has been issued a new organiser this week to enable them to record their homework. Please can you look at it each week and sign to say that you have seen it? Non-urgent messages can be put in it but teachers don't check them every day so urgent messages are better sent by telephoning the school office.

Please can all parents/carers read and sign the Home School Agreement which is near the front of the organiser.

Mobile Phones

This week we had a huge number of children handing in their phones. Whilst we understand some children need to have them due to travelling alone please can you discuss with your child whether they really need to bring a phone into school each day? This would really help us to manage our numbers of phones.

Car Park

In a similar vein, the car park has been incredibly busy this week. Thank you to parents that have been so patient getting in and out of the car park. Please ensure that as you enter the car park in a vehicle you are not blocking other cars coming out because we often need some cars to come out before we can fit more in. We also have buses that pick up from us and other schools so please give way to them if possible. If your child could walk to school or even part way and meet you at another area of the village you may find this more convenient and it would ease congestion. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Contact Details & Medical Issues

Please let us know if you have changed your mobile numbers or address so that we have up to date contact details. Also, please ensure that we have got up to date information about medical issues. If your child needs medicine or an inhaler to be kept in school, please pop into the Reception to discuss and fill in the relevant paperwork. For students with serious medical issues please feel free to contact Mrs Hodson, our Pastoral Manager if you need to discuss care plans etc.

Y6 only

There is a meeting on Tuesday 12th September at 6.00pm for Y6 Parents and Carers so that we can inform you of important information related to the Latches Wood visit and give a brief introduction to the KS2 SATS that your child will sit later in the year.

Remember to follow us on Facebook or Twitter for up to date messages and celebrations of students.

Physical Education Update:

Welcome to Year 5 and welcome back to our Y6, Y7 and Y8 students. In Physical Education (PE), your child/children will follow a broad and balanced curriculum - learning through various activities. To aid you in knowing what is being taught and the kit required, we publish the information in the newsletter prior to it starting. The modules for this half-term will be published in next Friday's newsletter. Your child will learn through Sportshall Athletics prior to this and will only require their PE top, shorts, socks and trainers.

Each activity will then require specific kit. They may require items additional to the standard kit (E.g. shin guards). Students are to attend PE lessons with all their kit so that learning can take place from the moment they enter the PE department. It is important for you and your child to know that students will receive lunch-time detentions for kit or part of kit that is forgotten after one instance in a half term.

However, we are aware that the new PE kit is out of stock until 20th September.

Useful things to know: Please note that some of the information below refers to students who have our previous kit and not the new PE kit.

- Your child will be able to participate fully in a lesson if they have all the kit required for the activity.
- Please ensure all kit and uniform is named. In the event of loss of an item of kit or uniform, then anything found is put in the 'lost property' boxes at the end of the PE corridor. Please encourage your child to look in these boxes if they have misplaced/lost something.
- In the event of your child abstaining from PE; then a separate note must be provided and signed by the parent/carer. They must also change into their kit and may take an alternative role in the lesson. We understand that this won't always be possible.
- A towel is required when the lesson is football. Pupils are encouraged to demonstrate good hygiene, washing their arms and legs, as time does not permit a full shower.
- Black tracksuit bottoms are an option during the colder months if the teacher deems it necessary to wear them. Please bear in mind that your child still needs shorts when the weather keeps us indoors.
- It is important that your child wears the appropriate top for the weather (i.e. red top/black sweater/black PE fleece - cold days, white top –warm days)
- Pupils with long hair must have it tied back. For safety reasons, ear studs, watches and charity/friendship bands are to be removed at the beginning of PE lessons and when participating in any other physical activity.
- If your child wants to have his/her ear pierced, then can we suggest the start of the summer holidays so that it can be removed for PE lessons when they start back in September?
- If you choose to have the ear/s pierced at any other time then the parent of the child should supply him/her with something to cover them during the lesson. Please note that your child will be unable to participate in activities where the piercing poses a risk even if it is covered up.
- Please encourage your child to keep their nails short, especially in games like basketball/netball.
- Aerosols/deodorant aerosols are not allowed in PE/School.
- Please encourage your child to be hygienic and not to wear their kit under their uniform before or after the lesson.
- Appropriate sports footwear should be worn for the lesson that has adequate grip and support for the activity being taught. School shoes are not appropriate.
- If you have any questions/issues about kit or the above points then please contact the PE department on 01785 413400.

Year 5's only:

All pupils in 5SJ (Mrs Jones) and 5JB (Mrs Baker) will have received a letter today regarding swimming in Year 5. **If you have a reason for your child to wear goggles, then please ask your son/daughter to collect a letter from the Main Office and return it once signed – thank you.** Please take some time to read these letters, so that you are aware of if and when your child requires their swimming kit. Swimming is on Tuesdays and the module begins next week; Tuesday 12th September.

Extra-curricular PE clubs:

The clubs that we provide in the PE department are led by PE staff; Mr Sutton, Mrs Harwood and Mr Mobberley. We do use outside agencies or coaches who provide clubs for the pupils of our school. For example, Sandra's School of Dance has been working with our pupils for many years and representing our school in the annual dance show at Wolgarston. Any clubs provided by the PE staff are **free** and are part of our extra-curriculum. Dance and other clubs will be at a cost to you.

However, we do use some of our 'Sports Premium' monies to support new activities, such as golf, taught by Tom Gibbs from the Three Hammers Golf Club or archery/fencing with Progressive Sports.

We aim to publish the extra-curricular club timetable in the coming week after confirming the activities, days and staff. We look forward to offering these clubs to our students at Penkridge Middle School, so please encourage them to get involved and have fun!

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Mr Sutton

Head of PE

Kitchen

Please note from Monday 11th September school dinners will be £2.20. You can pay either cash or cheque made payable to SCC.

- Daily £2.20
- Weekly £11.00
- Half termly - 11/09/2017 – 20/10/2017 - £66.00

New menus:

WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY (International Day)	WEDNESDAY (Roast Day)	THURSDAY	FRIDAY (Chip Day)
MAIN MEAL	Swedish Meatballs & Spaghetti	Chicken Chow Mein	Roast Turkey With Stuffing	Chicken Lasagne	Fish Goujons & Chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN	Quorn Meatballs	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Cheese & Potato Pie	Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetable Fingers & Chips
GRAB AND GO	BBQ Chicken Panini	Chilli Tacos	Italian Sausage Melt Panini	Chicken Fajitas	Chicken Burger
SIDES	Sweetcorn Jacket Potatoes	Mixed Salad Jacket Potatoes	Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables Jacket Potatoes	Garlic Bread & Green Brans Jacket Potatoes	Baked Beans & Garden Peas Jacket Potatoes
DESSERT	Tiger Sponge With Orange Frosting, Fruit Pots	Pineapple Steamed Sponge & Custard, Fruit Pots	Cheesecake Of The Day, Fruit Pots	Shortbread, Fruit Pots	Chocolate Belgian Waffles , Fruit Pots

WEEK 2	MONDAY <i>(International Day)</i>	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY <i>(Roast Day)</i>	THURSDAY	FRIDAY <i>(Chip Day)</i>
MAIN MEAL	Sweet & Sour Chicken	Chicken Tikka Marsala	Roast Pork Loin and Gravy	Hunters Chicken (chicken, bbq sauce and melted cheese)	Fish Fingers & Chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN	Vegetable Spaghetti Bolognaise	Ravioli	Quorn Sausages , Mash & Gravy	Quorn Peppered Steaks	Vegetable Burger & Chips
GRAB AND GO	Hot Dog	Ham & Cheese Panini	Ham Salad Wrap	BBQ Pork Panini	Chicken Nuggets & Chips
SIDES	Sweetcorn & Steamed Rice Jacket Potatoes	Steamed Rice Or Naan Bread Jacket Potatoes	Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables Jacket Potatoes	Croquette Potatoes, Coleslaw Jacket Potatoes	Baked Beans & Garden Mushy Peas Jacket Potatoes
DESSERT	Flapjack Fruit Pots	Apple & Rhubarb Crumble & Custard Fruit Pots & Jelly	Steamed Jam Sponge & Custard Fruit Pots	Chocolate Shortbread Fruit Pots	Rainbow Iced Sponge Fruit Pots

WEEK 3	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY (Roast Day)	THURSDAY (International Day)	FRIDAY (Chip Day)
MAIN MEAL	Cottage Pie	Chicken & Bacon Pie	Roast Beef Dinner With Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy	Tortilla Beef Lasagne	Breaded Cod With Chips
VEGETARIAN MAIN	Italian Puff Pastry Slice	Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake	Bean Burgers	Italian Pasta Bake	Quorn Hot Dog & Chips
GRAB AND GO	Tuna & Cheese Melt	Roast Turkey & Stuffing Bap	Pepperoni Melt	Margareta Pizza	Cheese Salad Wrap
SIDES	Carrots & Broccoli Jacket Potatoes	Seasonal Vegetables & Sweetcorn Jacket Potatoes	Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables Jacket Potatoes	Mixed Vegetables & Salad Jacket Potatoes	Baked Beans & Garden Peas Jacket Potatoes
DESSERT	Muffins Fruit Pots	American Pancakes & Toffee Sauce Fruit Pots	Rice Pudding And Strawberry Sauce Fruit Pots	Chocolate Chip Cookie Fruit Pots	Ginger Cake Fruit Pots

Year 8 only

Visit to Coventry Cathedral 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

In recent years we have arranged for the children in Year 8 to visit Coventry Cathedral as part of their studies in RE. This year we are reviewing our offering of additional educational opportunities and would like you to consider the following choices.

Firstly, a school visit to the Cathedral this year with transport will cost approximately £25 per student. The team at the cathedral offer our students a wide range of experiences within and around the building to explore and understand issues around conflict, peace and reconciliation.

Secondly, as an alternative to visiting the Cathedral, we can arrange for the specialist guides to visit school and present to each class for 1 hour on the subject of peace and reconciliation. The cost of this visit is approximately £4 per student.

It is important that we receive an accurate response for every student as any cancellations will incur costs. Please indicate your preference on the return slip and return with your child to reception. Responses should be returned to reception by **Wednesday 13th September 2017.**

Yours faithfully,

Mr R Cole
Head of Humanities

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Expression of interest for an educational activity

Please do not send any money into school at this stage.

Please complete this form and return it to the school reception by **Wednesday 13th September 2017.**

Educational VISIT TO: Coventry Cathedral

Educational PRESENTATION: Peace and reconciliation

I would like the opportunity for my **son/daughter** to attend the **visit/presentation** detailed above.

I understand that for either activity to go ahead enough contributions must be made, otherwise costs will be incurred due to cancellation.

Name of son/daughter..... Class.....

Signed..... Date.....

Year 5 only

Professor McGinty Visit 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

The humanities department have arranged a visit from **Professor McGinty** which will run on **Thursday 19th October 2017**.

Professor McGinty – ‘The Time Travelling Detective’ will visit our school to present an interactive workshop on the theme of Ancient Egypt to Year 5 pupils.

Each class will have an hour’s workshop with the professor with exciting artefacts, special effects, sounds, vision and music.

The visit is to compliment your child’s learning about Ancient Egypt in their humanities lessons this year. The Professor has been visiting the school for many years and he is a very popular, knowledgeable and entertaining performer.

As this visit takes place in school time it is necessary to ask for a voluntary **contribution of £5 per student**. There is no obligation to contribute and no student will be omitted from the visit because they do not pay or do not pay in full. However the visit cannot go ahead if the school does not receive sufficient parental contributions. We would be grateful if you donate using **Parent Pay by Friday 29th September**.

Please only return the reply slip if you’re not paying by Parent Pay.

If there are any questions you would like to ask about the presentation, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Cole (Head of Humanities) or your child’s teacher.

Yours faithfully

Mr R Cole
Head of Humanities

Please only return if you’re not paying by Parent Pay

Presentation by Professor McGinty on Thursday 19th October 2017.

PARENTAL CONSENT

I agree that my son/daughter/dependent can take part in this activity

I enclose the **£5** to cover the costs of this presentation.

Name of son/daughter Class

Signed..... Date..... Person with Parental Responsibility



PMS Spanish Club - All Years

Thursday after school – starting on 14 September 2017

3.30 - 4.30 pm Room 72

Would you like to join Spanish Club to learn another language for holidays, or pleasure or to get ready for Wolgarston?

The cost is £4.00 per session payable half-termly in advance.

Can you please complete the slip below and send it in to School, if your child wishes to attend.

Regards

Alison Fowler (Mrs)
Spanish Club Tutor

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PMS Spanish Club - Thursdays 3.30-4.30

My child would like to attend Spanish Club

Name of pupil:.....

Class:

I will send £4 for the first session

My child will walk home/I will collect my child from school

I give permission for my child to try Spanish food (snacks are provided every session)

Signature of person with parental responsibility:

Contact Numbers (Landline + Mobile)

Sandra's School of Dance

Is returning to penkridge middle school.

Every Thursday 3.30/4.30pm

This club is open to all year groups at the cost of just a £3.00 a class,

Payable on a weekly basis to the dance teacher.

Limited places so please complete form below and return to the main office

By 15th September to secure your place.

CLASS START DATE WILL BE THURSDAY 21st SEPT.



SANDRA'S SCHOOL OF DANCE.

After school dance club.

Penkridge middle school.

Child's name.....class.....

Emergency telephone no'

Any medical info.....

I will be sending £3.00 each week for my child's dance class.

Signature.....

name.....parent/guardian



CALLING ALL STALL HOLDERS!

We are inviting stall holders to be a part of this year's Codsall Christmas Fair on Friday 1st December.

This great community event is back this year bigger and better and we are aiming for nearly double the amount of stalls! If you have joined us before, you'll know what a great event it is.

Last year's turnout of 3,000 people is expected to be topped this year, making Codsall Christmas Fair the place to be.

Stall Rates:

- Standard Site: (up to 2.5 x 3m) – £20.
- Larger Sites: Pro Rata
- Food Outlets: 15% of day's takings.

Trading begins at 4 p.m. and will continue until 8 p.m.

Other main attractions include:

- Santa's Grotto
- Fairground Rides
- Live Music
- Local Artists
- Street Entertainers
- Hot Food & Drinks

To book or stall or for more information please contact Megan Barrow on 07702 310939.

