

Menu for  
the week...



Growth mindset  
thought for the week



Week 3

Don't go through life, grow through life.

16<sup>th</sup> December 2016

## Dates for your diary

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 – School open for staff and pupils

12<sup>th</sup> January – Y6 SATs information evening



We have reached the end of a very busy Autumn Term and I am sure that all pupils will be looking forward to the Christmas break. The last few weeks have been actioned packed. Children have been working hard completing tests in some subjects and have been completing question level analysis afterwards to see where their gaps in learning are. We had a fantastic Advent Fayre which raised £1,367.22. The Christmas Concert this week was another huge success, as were the performances in our Christmas Assembly. Thank you to all of you that supported these events. Teachers have started to record homework on the school website and we will also be linking this to Facebook after Christmas. Please follow us on Facebook or Twitter for regular updates of all the exciting things that are going on here at PMS. After Christmas, we will be starting 'Focus Fortnights' in L'Hebdo to celebrate the great work that is going on in each subject. We are starting with Humanities.

Over the last few weeks we have had an increasing number of pupils coming in slightly late in the morning and many pupils coming to school without the correct equipment for lessons. Please can you ensure that your child arrives to school on time and that they bring with them a handwriting pen, pencil, ruler and reading book? Thank you to many parents who are currently doing this. Children should not bring multiple pencil cases full of other stationery as this can act as a distraction in lessons. Stationery would be an ideal stocking filler at Christmas. We also sell pens etc at a very reasonable price in our school shop, which is run by pupils in the library during lunchtimes.

Finally, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

Mrs Frost



## Star Pupil of the Week

Week Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### Year 5

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Grace Ellam   | 5JB  |
| Robert Burton | 5LM  |
| Aaron Heath   | 5CWK |
| Ellis Millard | 5SC  |

### Year 7

|              |     |
|--------------|-----|
| Damien Jones | 7LW |
| Emily Smith  | 7EN |
| Isabel Dodd  | 7JW |
| Megan Wells  | 7KM |

### Year 6

|                      |     |
|----------------------|-----|
| Olivia Wenlock-Evans | 6SB |
| Betsy Moran          | 6AP |
| Molly Williams       | 6LK |
| Georgia Starr        | 6CA |

### Year 8

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Lily Pedley    | 8SH  |
| Ross Weatherer | 8SS  |
| Joshua Hickman | 8RC  |
| Connor Heath   | 8CWT |

## Maths Groups

At Penkridge Middle School, we are continually assessing how we can provide the best education for your child. We have recently assessed individual Maths groups throughout the school and have decided to make some adjustments to re-balance groups according to children's progress. This will give your child an opportunity to work alongside children of more equal ability. By making the groups more balanced, we can better personalise lessons to pupils' needs. This will mean that teachers can plan even more effective lessons and pace the work to suit all the children in each group.

The changes will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

## Lost property

During the Christmas holiday please could you check that your child has the correct uniform, PE bag etc. as we have some pupils who have misplaced some items. Can you also ensure that items are named too. Thank you.

**Please note the PE curriculum changes for January 2017**

| <b>Gender</b> | <b>Year</b>                              | <b>Learning through the module of:</b>  | <b>Kit required:</b>   |
|---------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Boys</b>   | <b>5LM/CWK</b><br>(Tues P4/<br>Thurs P4) | Health-related fitness<br>(Mr Sutton)   | Red top, black shorts,<br>white or red socks and<br>trainers   |
| <b>Girls</b>  | <b>5LM/CWK</b><br>(Tues P4/<br>Thurs P4) | Dance<br>(Mrs Harwood)  | White top, black shorts,<br>white socks and trainers   |
| <b>Boys</b>   | <b>5SC/JB</b><br>(Tues P3/<br>Thurs P3)  | Tuesday Period 3 –<br>Swimming continued or<br>Health-related fitness<br><br>Thursday Period 3 –<br>Football continued<br>(Mr Sutton) | Boys– red top, black<br>shorts, red socks &<br>trainers (boots and shin<br>pads for Thursday)                            |
| <b>Girls</b>  | <b>5SC/JB</b><br>(Tues P3/<br>Thurs P3)  | Tuesday Period 3 –<br>Swimming continued or<br>Health related fitness<br><br>Thursday Period 4 –<br>Dance<br>(Mrs Harwood)            | Girls – White top, black<br>shorts, white socks,<br>black sweater and<br>trainers<br><br><i>Swimming kit (as before)</i> |
| <b>Boys</b>   | <b>6</b>                                 | Gymnastics/Dance<br>(Mrs Harwood)   | White/Red top, black<br>shorts, red or white<br>socks & trainers   |
| <b>Girls</b>  | <b>6</b>                                 | Football/Hockey<br>(Mr Sutton)  | White top, black shorts,<br>red socks, shin guards,<br>black sweater & trainers  |
| <b>Boys</b>   | <b>7</b>                                 | Orienteering and Problem<br>Solving<br>(Mr Sutton)  | Red top, black shorts,<br>white or red socks &<br>trainers   |
| <b>Girls</b>  | <b>7</b>                                 | Dance<br>(Mrs Harwood)  | White top, black shorts,<br>white socks & trainers   |
| <b>Boys</b>   | <b>8</b>                                 | Gymnastics<br>(Mrs Harwood)   | White top, black shorts,<br>white socks & trainers   |
| <b>Girls</b>  | <b>8</b>                                 | Football/Hockey<br>(Mr Sutton)  | White top, black shorts,<br>red socks, shin guards,<br>black sweater & trainers  |