

L'hebdo



MENU FOR THE WEEK

WEEK THREE



GROWTH MINDSET THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

DON'T GIVE UP UNTIL YOU ARE PROUD



ISSUE DATE

05/10/18

Attendance Matters

If your child is ill, please let the school know before 9.30am. The school operates a 'First-Day-Calling-System' to ensure that parents/carers and school coordinate any absences. Our Attendance Officer will call you if your child is absent and we do not know the reason. Please, where possible, make medical and dental appointments outside of the school day. Where this is not possible, pupils should attend school for the remaining part of the day. However, please don't send your child to school if you feel that they are too poorly and need to be off. If you do need time off for anything other than medical reasons, please complete a Leave of Absence form, which is available from the school office. Headteachers are unable to authorise holiday in term time, however, for safeguarding reasons, we need to know where children are when not in school. Please avoid taking holidays in term time. A student's absence can seriously disrupt the continuity of their learning. Not only do they miss the teaching provided on the days they are away; they are less prepared for lessons upon their return and it can be unsettling for children. There is a link between low attendance and under-achievement.

This year we have seen a real increase in children taking holidays at the start of the year. This is very detrimental to their learning as it is a key time to learn new routines, timetables and meet new teachers.

Penalty notices will be considered when:

- There is a period of absence not authorised by the Headteacher or in excess of the period authorised by the Headteacher, (e.g. family holiday) which; exceeds more than 5 days in a rolling calendar year, results in the child's attendance being below 95% over a calendar year, on returning from the absence/holiday (i.e. they have missed 10 days/20 sessions) over the calendar year or is during periods of National testing.
- There is unauthorised persistent absence. "Persistent" means at least 20 sessions of unauthorised absence over a period of twelve school weeks, excluding holidays. These absences do not need to be consecutive.
- There is persistent late arrival at school, i.e. after the register has closed. "Persistent" means at least 10 sessions of unauthorised late arrival over a period of 12 school weeks, excluding holidays. These late episodes do not need to be consecutive.
- An excluded child is found to be present in a public place at any time during school hours in that child's first five days of exclusion.
- Our National Testing is for Y6 (KS2 SATS) week beginning Monday 13th May 2019. After SATS test week Y6 are working towards their writing Teacher Assessment for much of June so again it is crucial to be in for this.

Safeguarding and Online Safety

New statutory safeguarding guidance states that we must have 2 emergency contacts for all pupils. We would be very grateful if you could provide a second contact if we only currently have 1.

Just a reminder that Mr West is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Hodson and Mrs Frost are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads for our school. If you have any concerns that a child is being harmed, you can discuss them with the safeguarding leads or telephone the First Response Team on 0800 13 13 126.

PREVENT

Prevent is the Government's strategy to stop people becoming Terrorists or supporting Terrorism in all its forms. It's about working together to build stronger, safer communities. Terrorists can come from and target any background, any community, any religion or faith. They can be young or old, male or female. If you see or hear something that could suggest a terrorist threat, even if it seems minor or not worth mentioning, trust your instincts and ACT by reporting it. Report it online at www.gov.uk/ACT, contact the Staffordshire Prevent Team on 01785 232054, or call the confidential Anti-Terrorism Hotline on 0800 789 321.

Grammar Jargon Buster for Parents

The national curriculum is littered with technical jargon which can be a little overwhelming for both students and parents. In order to help you, we're sharing this handy jargon buster as well as a parents' guide to grammar. We hope it helps!

To view the documents please visit our website www.penkridge.staffs.sch.uk and click on **Parents** the **Grammar Resources**.

Fundraising

Thank you to all Y5 parents/carers that attended the Coffee morning last Friday or donated cakes. We raised an impressive £541.88 towards Macmillan.

Also, if you contributed to our Harvest Collection we would like to thank you for your continued support.

Star students

Week commencing Monday 17 October 2018		Week commencing Monday 24 October 2018	
Class	Star Student	Class	Star Student
5CWK	Noah Ralph	5CWK	Laura Birks
5SJ	Harriet Ball	5SJ	Ted Cooper
5JB	Denis Angelov	5JB	Tobias Hussey
5TG	Poppy Dennis	5TG	Will Barnett
6CA	Isaac Payton	6CA	Maggie Trumper
6LK	Ella Holmes	6LK	Kian Murray
6AP	Isabelle Reed	6AP	Lucy Axcell
6AG	James Murphy	6AG	Lilia Dockery
7DM	Jack Beardmore	7DM	Isobelle Bramwell
7LW	Ben Walmsley	7LW	John Glover-Smith
7KM	Nathan Proud	7KM	Farleigh Spencer
7EN	Amy Rudge	7EN	Ellie Glover
8RC	Frances Lyons	8RC	Georgia Starr

Superstar Writers

This week our Superstar Writers are:

- Fraser Hodges
- Charles McAleenan
- Olivia Cochrane
- Amy Rudge
- Lowri Morris
- Emily Pugh
- Will King
- Isabelle Reed
- Erin Morris
- Eddie Doig

Individual student achievements

Daniel Sargent (7LW) passed his grading on Saturday 29th September for Tae Kwon Do and is now a red stripe. Good job Daniel!

If your son or daughter has achieved something outside of school that you would like us to celebrate in l'hebdo, please email the school office.

Reading Cafe

Reading Café Rota 2018/19

Date	Class	Date	Class
12 October 2018	6AG	15 March 2019	8RC
19 October 2018	6SE	22 March 2019	8JM
09 November 2018	5CWK	29 March 2019	8SH
16 November 2018	5SJ	05 April 2019	6CA
23 November 2018	5TG	10 May 2019	6AG
30 November 2018	5JB	17 May 2019	6AP
07 December 2018	7EN	24 May 2019	6SE
18 January 2019	7JW	07 June 2019	5CWK
25 January 2019	7LW	14 June 2019	5SJ
01 February 2019	7DM	21 June 2019	5TG
08 February 2019	7KM	28 June 2019	5JB
08 March 2019	8SS	28 June 2019	5JB

Dates for your diary...more details to follow

Wednesday 10 October	Year 5 Settling in meetings
Thursday 11 October, 6pm	Wolgarston Open Evening
Tuesday 23 October	Africa Day
Friday 26 October	INSET Day - school closed for students
Monday 29 - Wednesday 31 October	#SORTED Holiday Club

Thank you for reading our key messages...

Read on for year group specific notices and information about additional opportunities for PMS students that are provided by partner organisations...

**REMEMBER TO FOLLOW US FOR UP TO DATE
MESSAGES AND CELEBRATIONS OF STUDENTS**



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Year 5 Only – Settling in Evening

On Wednesday October 10th from 4pm to 7pm, Year 5 class teachers will be available to speak to parents about how their son/daughter has settled into Penkridge Middle School. It is also an opportunity to ask any questions you may have or to raise any concerns. Please be aware that appointments are limited to 5 minutes, and if you wish to discuss any matter for longer a separate appointment will need to be made.

Please fill in the slip below to indicate your preferred time for appointment. We will do our very best to accommodate your request.

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Year 5 Parents' Evening Wednesday October 10 2018

Name of Pupil..... Class.....

Preferred Time Slot (please tick):

<input type="checkbox"/>	4.00pm – 4.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.30pm – 5.00pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	5.00pm – 5.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	5.30pm – 6.00pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	6.00pm – 6.30pm	<input type="checkbox"/>	6.30pm – 7.00pm

Teacher's Use Only: Your Appointment Time is