

NEWSLETTER

October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

It is hard to believe that we have completed our first half term of the academic year! We now have 115 pupils on our school roll – and all have made a smooth and positive start! I am also pleased to report that our new staff - just over 35 new members of staff have joined us – have also settled in well and are making positive relationships with the children. Along with the new facilities that the school has started to use i.e the Sports Hall, the new Music Room, Food Technology Room, Design Technology/Science Room and Library, we are lucky to have such a new and innovative learning environment! Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our Open Afternoon on September 23rd – it was a pleasure to show you around our lovely school. I am happy to report that all our children have settled in well and have made a positive start to their time at Pentland Field. Thank you for your support in making this happen.

Georgios Kostikas – class teacher of Swan Class - has decided to resign from his position of class teacher at Pentland Field School. Georgios has decided to move on and gain more experience in other teaching settings. We wish Georgios well and thank him for the work he has done during his time at Pentland Field School.

Events that have taken place this term:

Academy Sports Day

On Thursday 29th September – a large group of pupils from Pentland Field took part in the annual Academy Sports Day held at Uxbridge Leisure Centre. It was a little wet to start with, but all pupils soon got into the spirit of the games! Pentland Field did well!! All participants gained a medal and a certificate and had a great day out!

Harvest Assemblies

Thank you for your contributions for our Harvest assemblies on Thursday 6th and Friday 7th October – the pupils enjoyed bringing their food to the 'Harvest Table' and knowing that their food was going to people less fortunate. Our contributions were given to churches and foodbanks in the Watford and Uxbridge areas.



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Parents Open Afternoon and Parents Forum

It was lovely to see you all on Friday 23rd September to see the school's new facilities! Laura Cunningham our Chair of Governors was in the school and was extremely pleased to meet you all! We would encourage you to join our Parents Forum group – please contact me if you require any further details.

Events that are planned for the next half term:

Letters have been sent home regarding a free 15 week course to help improve the understanding of the English language if you are a non UK citizen. This will be held at Alexandra School in South Harrow starting in January 2017. Please complete and return the form to us if you are interested. The letter is available for translation on the Eden Academy website:

<http://www.theedenacademy.co.uk/our-approach/family-services>

Success Photography Company – an external company - will be visiting the school on **Friday 4th November** to take individual portraits of every child. Photo packs will start from £8.95.

Parents will have received notification of their child's Annual Review meeting which is taking place from **Monday 7th to Wednesday 16th November 2016**. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings. Please do complete the feedback questionnaires so that your views are included as part of the meeting.

We will be raising money for Children in Need on **Friday 18th November 2016**. The pupils have been able to vote on the theme of our fancy dress costumes and we have decided on Disney characters! Pupils are able to dress up in the Children in Need theme of dots or Disney characters! More details to follow after October half term.

On **Friday 2nd December 2016, Friend of Pentland Field (FOP)** will be holding our first Pentland Field Christmas Bazaar from 1- 3pm in the Sports Hall, selling lovely Christmas gifts made by the children and also from local providers – don't miss it!!

Flu immunisations will be taking place on **Wednesday 7th December 2016**, further information will follow after half term.



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We will also be fundraising for Slippers for Shelter on **Friday 9th December 2016**. Pupils can bring their slippers in to wear during the school day with a suggested £1 donation. All proceeds will go to Shelter who help those who are homeless or have difficulties with their housing.

Ickenham Community Festive Night also takes place on **Friday 9th December 2016** and we will be looking for pupils to help run a stall selling items that will be made across the school after half term, further details to follow.

Another date for your diary is our Christmas Service, taking place at St Giles's Church, 38 Swakeleys Road, Ickenham UB10 8BE **on Monday 12th December 2016**. We would love to see as many of you there as possible! You don't need to let us know if you are coming – just turn up! Do let your child's class teacher know in their Home School books nearer the time.

Monday 19th December 2016 will be our Christmas Jumper day and we will be having **Christmas lunch** together in the Sports Hall.

Some gentle reminders:

Please let the school office know if your child is unable to attend school no later than 8.30am on the day of absence. We also have the option for you to leave a voicemail message which is also acceptable.

We are a Healthy School – so can we encourage you to send in healthy snacks for your child to be consumed during snack time? If you require further advice, do not hesitate to contact us at school.

Please ensure that your child has spare clothes that remain in school in case of accidents. All clothes should be named and kept in a bag. This also includes swimming kit that should be named. If you are happy for us to launder your child's swimming kit on a weekly basis, please let your child's class teacher know via the Home-School books. All swimming kit and spare clothes will be sent home at the end of every term i.e. the end of the autumn, spring and summer terms.

Finally – the second half of the Autumn Term begins on **Tuesday 1st November 2016** at 9.00am – Monday 31st October is a staff training day. We have attached an updated version of our term dates - **please note that that there is now NO staff training day on 3rd July 2017 as previously published and pupils will now attend school on this date.**

Happy holidays!

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