



# Pendock CE Primary School

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We aim to enable and encourage all those connected with Pendock school to be the best that we can be. By living out our Pride in Pendock values, we strive to inspire children, parents, staff and our wider community to fulfil their potential and enjoy life in all its fullness.

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Dear Families,

I can't believe that it's the Easter holidays already – it really is very early this year – the last 10 weeks seem to have flown by!

It's been a very busy week to end the term with Easter services, K'nex challenges and finishing off work on our enquiry questions, as well as enjoying some Easter fun. The staff team have been in school today, working on our next learning questions, planning provision and environments so we're ready to launch into the summer term. A huge thank you to all the staff for their dedication, resilience and enthusiasm which they display in abundance day to day.

### Easter Service

I was really sad to miss the Easter Service this year but by all accounts, the children did a fabulous job of presenting the Easter story in amongst both classes performing. It's always lovely to hear such positive feedback from community members and parents, so thank you very much for supporting if you were able to. There will be pictures and clips uploaded to Class Dojo.

Thank you to the FOPS team for organising the Easter egg hunt for when the children returned

from the church. It was a real treat for everyone.

### End of term assemblies

Thank you to the Open the Book team for regaling us with a wonderful ending to the Easter Story before we celebrated Mrs Evans' life at Pendock and wished her all the best for her onward journey.

It was lovely to end the term yesterday with our swimming certificates for Class 1 as well as tying up the Class Dojo awards for the Spring Term. It is always wonderful to see the children living out the PRIDE in Pendock values in all aspects of school life. We wish Ms Powell all the best in her next steps of the education world.

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the service and/or assemblies – it's wonderful to have your support.

### Staffing

Following on from last week's newsletter, we are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Bashford to the staff team on the 8<sup>th</sup> as she starts her role in the office.



We are also looking forward to welcoming Mr Logan to our staff team on the 8<sup>th</sup>. He will be working alongside Miss Chambers and Mrs Haroun in Class 1 full time.

We recognise that change is extremely hard for everyone; children, staff and parents and it is always our goal to keep things as settled as possible (in the short term and long term) as we respond to circumstances that present themselves.

We were keen to ensure that we had a good teacher in post for the start of the summer term (short-term supply or long-term supply options are never easy to navigate and cause further disruption to the children) and we were delighted by the response to the advert both in calibre and number of applicants. We had a really strong field and are confident that Mr Logan will contribute positively to all aspects of Pendock life.

Mrs Richards will continue to lead the staff team in Class 2 with Ms White, Mrs Finch, Mrs Davis, Miss Johnson and Mrs Duggins supporting her and the children.

Ms Moon will continue to support some of the teaching in Class 2 and will take over the role of SENCO.

As always, if there are any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

### **Class 1 News**

What a busy week wrapping up for Easter!

The children did fantastically in the Easter service, particularly with the singing! Well done to Mollie for her solo. The children have also enjoyed exploring a range of Easter activities, exploring the Easter story together.

The Year One and Two children wrote their non-chronological reports on the Great Fire of London. We are so impressed with the knowledge they have surrounding this terms enquiry question - How did the Great Fire of London get its name? The children also loved recreating of the Great Fire of London with their own houses!

We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Evans and Ms Powell this week and wish them all the best for the future. The children gave them a lovely send off, with cards and a song.

Have a lovely Easter, we will see you in two weeks.

Class 1 Team

### **Class 2 News**

This week, the worship committee led a lovely Easter service and we were treated to lots of singing and poetry to start the last week of term.

Class 2 also participated in a fantastic STEM workshop on Wednesday where all the children showed great teamwork, perseverance and problem solving to create a bridge and a mechanism that moves the bridge into place out of K'nex. There were so many great designs it was very hard to choose the winners however, congratulations to Jayden and Ethan who will be going on to represent Pendock at the next round.

We've concluded our work around the question **What do we mean by through the ages?** and we are looking forward to planning the learning sequences based around the Romans.

Wishing everyone a lovely Easter!

Class 2 Team

### **Logistics and next term**

There are a few key dates at the end of the newsletter – more dates will be added for the beginning of term so there is plenty of notice given for Sports Days etc...

PE days will be staying the same so PE kits to be worn into school:

Class 2 PE – Tuesday – this will turn into swimming from the 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Class 1 PE – Thursday

We are making a small change to Wednesday's Forest School sessions. Classes will alternate

week by week between Forest School and Field Skills/Activities (these will range from gardening to parts of the PE curriculum (orienteering etc..). Children will need to wear their own clothes for both sessions. This will enable skills and activities taught to be tailor made to age groups with clear progression through the classes and make each aspect of provision 'less busy'.

On our return, please can each child bring in wellies **and** spare shoes/trainers to change into for lunchtime. We do like to use the field and outside space as much as we can (especially as we may be getting milder and better weather); changing shoes enables our carpets and inside spaces to be kept as clean as possible.

Our new menu and club list will be released shortly – please keep an eye on Class Dojo.

### Friends' News

We are very pleased to announce that Sunday's Spring Chicken Run has raised **over £3000** for the school. We have a lot of thank you's to give out for making the event a success.

Firstly, to Nigel and Liz Tillott, Paul and Jo Evans and Ms Moon for their diligence and hard work in organising the event.

To the FOPS volunteers, school staff, Governors, Church volunteers and community volunteers for giving up their time last Sunday to help make the event run smoothly.

To Chris and Emma Humphreys, Steve Gooch Estate Agents and Claire Clarke whose kind help enabled us to make a bigger profit.

To the Humphreys, Philipson-Stow and Hines families for allowing us to use their land for running or car parking.

Lastly, to all the runners and their families and friends who turned up despite the awfully muddy and wet conditions to support the school. The sun shone beautifully on the day but we could have done without the rain the night before!

We hope everyone enjoyed the day; it was so lovely to see so many school families involved.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break, we're looking forward to the summer term!

### Community News

- The Governors have submitted their response to the local planning proposals.  
<https://plan.malvern hills.gov.uk/Planning/Display/M/23/01712/OUT>
- We have had some concern displayed regarding the amount of and spreading of dog poo on the footpaths outside school. Please continue to be vigilant and help to keep the paths outside of school as clean and safe as possible.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you back for the Summer term.

Team Pendock

### Future Dates for Your Diaries:

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Summer term begins
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Class 2 swimming begins
- **Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATS week**
- Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May – Bikeability
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – last day of term
- HALF TERM – 27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – First day of Summer 2

