



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,

It's the Friday eve of the 2024 Spring Chicken Run – a huge thank you to those who were able to join us for the setting up process. We are as ready as we can be for Sunday – we just need it to stop raining!

It is great to see so many children signed up – we would advise 'old' trainers or trail shoes even though most of the 1k is on the road as the field at the end is really quite wet. There will be blue overshoes to wear when entering the building, especially if you are heading into Class 2 – please encourage everyone to use them and help us 'save the carpet'! If anyone is running the 5k or 10k, trail shoes are also advised – the top of the course (this is the top of the hill) is muddy!

A huge thank you for all the donations; chocolate eggs, cakes, sweet treats and fresh eggs – your generosity and support is very much appreciated.

We are really looking forward to Sunday and enjoying this event as a community. A huge thank you to Nigel Tillott (our race director), Mrs Evans and Mr Evans (and all their Black Pear volunteers), all the volunteers from the

community (Church team and residents), volunteers from Tewkesbury Running Club, our wonderful FOPS team for all their hard work in the background and build up to the event as well as the children for preparing thank you posters, colouring in and crocheting the medals.

We are very lucky to have such amazing support which enables us to raise further funds for the school and our children.

Easter Service – Tuesday 19th March

We're really looking forward to our Easter Service next Tuesday. It will be a mixture of readings, songs and poems with each class having part to play. We will be leaving school just after 9am so please can all children be in school in good time so we can get them settled and ready to walk down to Pendock Cross Church. If you are able to join us, please sign up on the event page on Class Dojo so we can make sure we leave enough seats.

End of term assemblies

A reminder of the assemblies for the end of term – these are open for parents to attend if you are able to.



Wednesday 20th March at 9.00am – this will be Mrs Evans' last day.

Thursday 21st March at 8.50am – this will be our final celebration assembly of the term and Ms Powell's final day.

Outstanding payments

We are coming to year end so please can you double check that all payments are up to date by the end of term. This applies to catering, breakfast club, after school club (invoices went out at the end of last week) and any contributions to the school, e.g. swimming. These payments are essential for the school as we close the budget for 2023-2024 and set the budget for 2024-2025. We subsidise as much as we can from school budgets for the provision and opportunities that we provide to try and ask for as minimal input from parents.

Class 1 News

This week in maths the Pentagons children have been learning to measure in cm and m. They have then used this knowledge to compare lengths and heights using the key vocabulary, greater than, less than and equal to. The Hexagons have now finished their unit on place value to 50 and have started length and height. The Reception children have been identifying 3D shapes.

In English, the Year 1 and 2 children have been learning the skills they need to write their non-chronological reports. They will write these next week using all of their knowledge about the Great Fire of London.

We have finished the week with a design and technology focused day. The children wrote their own design criteria and used it to design a 1666 style house. They have made their own house, which look fantastic! Pictures are on Class Dojo!

Class 2 News

Class 2 started the week weaving walls out of willow with Ms White and are becoming quite the weaving experts! They enjoyed the experience so much, they have been keen to

In science we have been looking at forces. Year 5 and 6 have been exploring the relationship between gravity and mass. Year 3 and 4 have been looking at push and pull forces.

We have been looking at fractions and decimals in Maths. Year 6 have been continuing their SATs preparation.

In History, we have begun exploring Iron Age hill forts and comparing them to Stone Age structures. The children have enjoyed gathering information from different sources.

Class 2 have a STEM workshop next Wednesday which we are looking forward to as well as the other Easter fun we have to come.

Staffing

Mrs Bashford will be joining the Pendock Team at the start of the Summer term as our School Business Manager. She is very excited about starting and is keen and eager to get stuck in!

She will also be taking on the Clerk to Governors role.

The advertisement for the Early years' role closed today. We are pleased to say that we have had a healthy interest in the role and therefore will be interviewing next week. There will be further updates about staffing in Class One for the summer term once we know the outcome. We appreciate that change is really hard – we will endeavour to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Guitar

Mr Halliday is in school on Wednesday to make up the missed session earlier in the term.

Friends' News

A huge thank you to everyone for all their time and help ahead of the Spring Chicken Run on Sunday. If you've offered to help us on the day, please could you aim to get to school around 9am or before, as that is when the runners can start to register. Now we just need it to stop raining!

Also, another shout out to Chris Humphreys Firewood, Steve Gooch Estate Agents and Claire

Clarke, whose kind sponsorship helps us to make as much money as we can for the school. See you on Sunday!

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 a restful and hopefully dry weekend.

Team Pendock

Future Dates for Your Diaries:

- Sunday 17th March – Pendock Spring Chicken Run
- Tuesday 19th March – Easter Service – 9.30am at Pendock Cross Church
- Wednesday 20th March – celebration of Mrs Evan’s life at Pendock
- Thursday 21st March – final celebration assembly
- Thursday 21st March – Pupils’ last day (Friday 22nd March is a TED)
- Monday 8th April – Summer term begins