



Weekly News

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Pen Mill Infant and Nursery Academy

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- our website at www.penmillinfants.co.uk
- the playground screen

Message from Mrs Manning, Acting Headteacher

Welcome to the school year of 2018 – 2019.

It has been lovely to see the children so excited about the new school year and we have enjoyed listening to their summer activities and the lovely family memories they have made. The year one and two children have already settled back into their lessons and daily routines and have been excellent role- models for our new starters. The children made excellent progress last year both academically and socially and we are truly proud of their positive attitudes and excellent behaviour.

We would also like to express a big welcome to our new nursery and reception children and their families to Pen Mill school. We have been delighted to see how sensibly and happily they have settled into school life and look forward to guiding, nurturing and teaching your children.

A key priority for our school's development this year is attendance. The national target for attendance in schools is 97%, sadly last year we only achieved 93%. Our aim as a school is to raise attendance to a target of 98% and ask that you support us in achieving this goal. Research shows that there is a direct link between good attendance and achievement in school. Poor attendance can have a direct effect on a pupil's attainment.

The class each week with the highest attendance will receive the award of 'Attendance Bear' in our celebration assembly starting from next week. The Attendance bear will join the children for a healthy teddy bears picnic as a whole class award on Friday afternoons.

The children's good behaviour and effort in lessons will also be rewarded in school and they will receive team points. The team names are Oak, Birch, Maple and Sycamore after trees which can be found in the school grounds.

Please do not hesitate to pop in and see myself or a member of the SLT should you have any concerns or updates about your child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Golden Book Pupils

Carle	Hollie & Ethan
Waddell	Carlton & Jude
Sharratt	Hanna & Caige
Potter	Lexi-Louise & Gabriel
Donaldson	Rhylee & Millie
Jeffers	Mason & Scotty

Attendance

Pen Mill Academy attendance - 93%

Highest class attendance - Donaldson class - 98%

Upcoming Dates - all dates can be found on our website

Inspire 'Phonics' Week	Monday 24th - Friday 28th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning	Friday 28th September at 2.30pm
Parents Evening	Tuesday 2nd October 3.30pm - 5.30pm Thursday 4th October 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Global Week	Monday 15th - Friday 19th October
Harvest Service in St Michaels Church <i>All parents welcome</i>	Tuesday 23rd October at 2pm
Individual School Photos	Monday 12th November
Celebrate and Evaluate <i>Parents invited into classes to view their child's work</i>	Thursday 15th November 8.30am - 9.15am or 3.15pm - 3.30pm
Cinema visit for children in Year 1 and Year 2	Thursday 22nd November
Nativity for Reception children	Thursday 13th December 9.15am or 2.30pm
Inset day	Friday 21st December