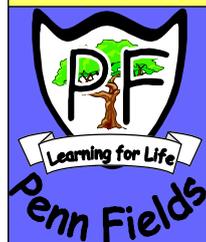


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Quick Check - Diary Dates

JANUARY

18th—AM GCSE Chemistry exam
20th—AM Physics GCSE exam
21st PM—GCSE Maths exam

FEBRUARY

15th-19th —HALF TERM BREAK

MARCH

1st—5th—Annual Review Week
8th—12 —Annual Review Week
8th — GCSE Maths Exam
17th—25th - WJEC Entry Level Exams
Weds 24th (6pm-8pm) - Parents Evening

APRIL

Thurs 1st —Last day of spring term.
2nd-16th April—EASTER HOLIDAYS
19th April—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

School re-opens to pupils on Tuesday 20th April 2010

Please keep this page as it contains important information for the coming term.

ASSEMBLY ROTA

Parents/visitors are welcome to attend class assemblies.

January

Weds 13th—Class 11

Mon 25th—Mr Yates

Weds 27th—Class 10

February

Mon 1st—EG's Literacy Group

Weds 3rd—Class 4

Mon 8th—Mr Hussain

Weds 10th—IJ's Literacy Group

Weds 24th Feb—KH's Literacy Group

March

Mon 1st—Class 3

Weds 3rd—Class 2

Weds 10th—Class 1

Mon 15th—Outreach Team

Tues 23rd—Mrs Callister

Weds 31st—Mrs Morgan's Lit. Group

* GCSE & WJEC Exams will be held in hall, hence some assemblies will be on a Monday or a Tuesday.

Occasionally assemblies may have to be cancelled or the dates changed. If there is any doubt, please telephone the school on Tel. No. 558640

TEXTING SERVICE

I'm sure you will agree that our texting service to parents has proved to be extremely useful, especially during the recent adverse weather conditions. In order to continue and further improve this service, can you please ensure that you keep school notified of the most up to date mobile number that you can be contacted on.

School Dinners

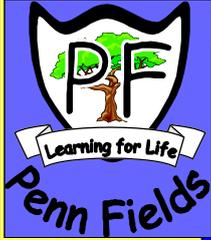
The cost of school Dinners is now £1.80 per day. This should be paid weekly (£9), in advance, on the first day of the week. Please ensure you give the office at least a weeks notice if you wish to change your child's meal arrangements.

Breakfast Club

If your child attends Breakfast Club, the cost is £1.50 per day, payable on the day or paid weekly in advance, on the first day of the week.

Milk Money

If your child is in class 1-4 and you would like them to have milk, the cost is now £8 per term. This should be sent in by Friday 22nd January at the latest.



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PENN FIELDS LITTLE STARS

Shine Star Shine.



What a performance! Lower school sang, danced and played to bring you a very exciting Nativity. They told the story of the Star that couldn't shine. The cast finally per-

suaded the star to shine brightly, just in time for a very special birth. A big well done to all the children, and a huge thank you to the staff for their hard work.



Dear Pupil, Parents/Carers, Governors and Friends

Welcome back! The end of the Autumn term 2009 proved to be a very busy one. Our wonderful Shine Star Shine lower school production was followed by an OFSTED inspection on December 10th & 11th. I am so pleased to be able to inform you that our school was judged as 'outstanding'. What a great end to a very hectic but successful year! When the final report is published, I will send copies out to you. I would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a Happy New Year. I look forward to meeting you throughout the new term.

Miss E Stanley
Acting Headteacher





Wombrook and Ironbridge

Class 9 have been on two fields study visits. Firstly we went to Wombrook to do a stream study. We measured how wide it was and how deep it was. In Wombrook we saw the speed of the stream. The stream's banks are big also plants grow there like weeds and nettles. Cans and bottles are very bad because the creatures might get killed. We tested the water to see if it was clean. The water had a ph7 this is neutral. We worked as a team and helped each other on this trip. Secondly we visited the River Severn. We saw the floodplain and meanders at Cressage. It was so flat; the river can easily flood it. We saw the River Severn in the Ironbridge Gorge: it was much narrower and straighter. We went to Ironbridge and walked over the Ironbridge. Everyone enjoyed our visits.

Sharanjit Binning

Shoebboxes for

Soldiers

I would like to thank all who contributed items for the 'Shoebox For Soldiers' Christmas Appeal. Approximately 20 boxes were filled and sent off to be distributed in time for Christmas. Can I also thank the pupils who helped to pack up the boxes.

Speech and Language Therapy

During this term we have introduced the 'Talking mats' strategy as a communication tool. Some pupils have enjoyed using this tool to communicate their likes and dislikes, using picture symbols to support their ideas. We hope to extend our use of Talking Mats in the spring term for the benefit of other pupils experiencing communication difficulties.



Class 1 Got Married!!

Class 1 got married again! Pupils experienced a pretend wedding at Beckminster church and learned about wedding celebrations.

In addition, Pupils in class 1 went on a Santa Safari at the West Midlands Safari park. They saw Santa's Reindeer,

white lions and tigers, a sealion show and took a Sleigh ride to Santa's grotto to see the man himself! The children's behaviour was excellent and they were a credit to the school.

Secondary School activities

All new pupils have settled well into school life. The parents evening allowed parents to find out more about what happens in the secondary stage of the school.

This term, pupils have participated in activities to support their learning.

TOGO and NOGO road safety has been continued with Year 9, in the classroom and in the local area.

A theatre company performed an anti cyber bullying play with reference to mobile phones and computer safety.

There have been under 14 football matches against Wightwick with exceptional results.

Year 10, participated in sports coaching sessions at the Dome, Aldersley, led by Wolverhampton Wanderers. A group of pupils from Year 10 are following an accredited sports course at Westcroft, Year 11 are following a work placement at Timkens and a new course of Life Skills is being introduced for Year 10. A new language awareness curriculum is also being developed by Mrs Stirling Edge for pupils in Year 8 and 9.

In KS3, pupils have taken part in a competency curriculum on Friday afternoons. There has been work celebrating Roald Dahl day, (displaying their own work), food fortnight, Diwali, Bonfire night, anti - bullying, and visits from the Fire Officer about fire safety. Pupils have also worked towards their Christmas displays. Relationship lessons and social communication lessons have also been attended.

Christmas was celebrated with some pupils taking part in the choir as part of the school production. KS3 had their disco with everyone spending a great deal of time getting ready. KS4, went bowling and had a buffet at school upon their return.

Penn Fields and Highfields Inclusion Project



For the past six weeks, Year 7 pupils from Penn Fields have been visiting High Fields Secondary School to begin to build relationships between the schools before they co-locate in 2012.

The project has been a huge success and the pupils have enjoyed working on a range of projects together including making posters and collecting items for the Christmas shoe box appeal, making gifts and cards and even taking part in a pantomime and an end of term party.

Lots of the pupils made new friends and they are looking forward to the project continuing in the new year.

Well done to all of the pupils that took part for very mature and polite behaviour and thank you to the Highfields pupils for making us all feel so welcome!

Youth Clubs and overnight camps



The autumn term saw the start of our new youth clubs, with children from both the lower and upper schools going on a bowling trip. Some KS4 pupils had the chance to take part in our first ever overnight school camp. All events proved extremely popular, and we hope all children will be given the opportunity to participate at some point during the year.



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

NEW P.E. KIT NOW IN STOCK

Prices: £10.00

P.E Kit comprising: Pump bag with logo
Blue t-shirt with logo
Blue Shorts

Individual Prices

T-shirts

Age 3/4 – 11/12 £4.00

Size S,M,L – XL £4.50

Shorts

18/20 – 26/28 waist £3.00

30/32 – 34/36 £3.50

Pump Bag £3.00

School Uniform

Polo Shirts

24" - small £6.00

Med–XL £8.00

Sweat-Shirts

24" - 32" £8.00

Med–L £9.00

XL–XXL £11.00

KS1-3 Royal Blue KS4 Black

BREAKFAST CLUB

Everyday the school runs a breakfast club from 8.30am–8.55am. This consists of toast, healthy cereals, fruit juices etc. The cost of a breakfast is £1.50.

Also on a monthly basis the school has breakfast specials. These are notified on a flyer that is sent home with pupils. Next months breakfast special will be pancakes on 12th February 2010 to mark 'Pancake Day'. There will be a choice of fillings available.



The breakfast specials also cost £1.50. Breakfasts can be paid in advance for up to a week or on the day. Keep an eye out for those specials!

Hellos and Goodbyes

The end of the autumn term saw us waving temporarily goodbye to Miss Moran and Mrs McGregor as they both started their maternity leave.

This term we are welcoming 4 new members of staff. Mrs Morgan will be teaching in KS3 and 4, while Miss Parry and Miss Burdett have joined our support staff. Mrs Hollingshead joins us as a lunchtime supervisor. Welcome to all of you.



Education City

If you replied to the letter sent out this term about a free subscription to Education City you should have received a password to be able to use Education City at home by accessing www.educationcity.com. Your child will be able to play a wide range of educational games designed to help develop their skills in Literacy, Numeracy, Science and, where appropriate, Spanish, at their own level.