



Penn Fields School Newsletter

Where every moment is a learning opportunity and that every moment matters

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Important Message - Friday 18th December 2020

As normal, the last day of term is a reduced school day. This term, we have had to adjust the timings a little to ensure the safe collection and exit of all students, working alongside High Fields Academy supporting the safe collection and exit of their students as well.

Last day of term collection times are as follows:

Garden / Willow / Acorn / Ash / Elm / Oak & Nurture classes - Parent collection 12:30, alongside students leaving on student transport

KS3 / KS4 & KS5—Parent collection 13:00, alongside students leaving on student transport

Students will have their lunch as normal before leaving for home.

Artist of the Week

Artist of the week is Victoria in Nurture Class - Well Done!

Victoria has created a Cyanotype by placing a natural object on top of UV sensitive paper and exposing it to sunlight. Cyanotypes are like creating a photograph without a camera.

A Cyanotype is a 170 year old photographic printing process that produces prints in a distinctive dark blue. The word cyan comes from the Greek, meaning "dark blue substance."

The process was invented by Sir John Herschel, a brilliant astronomer and scientist, in 1842.



Christmas Dinner at Penn Fields 2020

Over the last week, both students and staff have been enjoying their annual Christmas dinner, with some students deciding to wear their Christmas jumper, a Christmas hat or a gold crown. This year the arrangements had to be modified to ensure class / tutor bubbles did not mix, but all the staff at Penn Fields were determined to allow the dinner to go on as normal as possible. The dinner included turkey, stuffing, carrots, brussel sprouts and lots of roast potatoes. For desert, students had the option of jelly or chocolate cake and the feedback from students was very positive and they are already looking forward to next years Christmas dinner.



Makaton Corner

Research has shown that using signs and symbols actively encourages the development of speech and language skills. When using Makaton we always speak while we sign or use symbols to make the link between the sign/ symbol and the spoken word. Many children then drop the signs or symbols naturally at their own pace, as they develop speech.

Top tips for signing with your child:

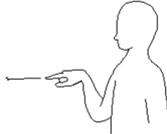
Don't give up! It may take a while but it is worth it in the end



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Head to the Penn Fields website www.pennfields.com for past newsletters, where you can look back at all the Makaton Corners to date.

For more information on Makaton, please visit: <https://www.makaton.org/>

Wolverhampton's Sikh Toy Foundation

As part of the wider community work that Penn Fields School is involved in, Mrs O'Connor has been volunteering with the Sikh Toy Foundation, who are also donating Christmas presents for some of our students. The toys will be presented to Ms Callaghan and Mrs O'Connor this weekend and presents will be shared with identified students at the end of term.

If you would like to make a toy donation, please post or drop off new toys at the Sikh Toy Appeal, Unit 22 IMEX Business Park, Moorfield Road, Wolverhampton, WV2 4QT

You can also contact the foundation on 0800 038 9807 or e mail info@thestafoundation.org or visit the website at www.thestafoundation.org

Charity Registration Number: 1182084

Word of the Week

Next weeks "word of the week" is **Elated**. All Upper School students in their English lessons, will learn the meaning of the word and put it into sentences to check their understanding.



Covid 19 Cases Over the Christmas Holiday

The below information outlines the arrangements regarding positive COVID19 cases during the holidays:

- Where a student tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should **NOT** be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a student or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school – Please e mail office@pennfields.com where your e mail will be picked up by either Ms Thackaberry or Mrs Payne, who will respond in a timely fashion.
- School staff will not remain on-call or conduct any contact tracing more than 6 days after the final day of teaching. The last day for student contact tracing will be Thursday 24th December 2020. There will be no student contact tracing beyond Thursday 24th December 2020

If your child is required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term, you

Dates for your Diary

Last Day of the Autumn Term:

Monday 4th January 2021:

Tuesday 5th January 2021:

Wednesday 6th January 2021:

Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2021:

Friday 18 December 2020

School Closed - Staff INSET Day

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Start of Spring Term 1 - All students return to school

Half Term Holiday

