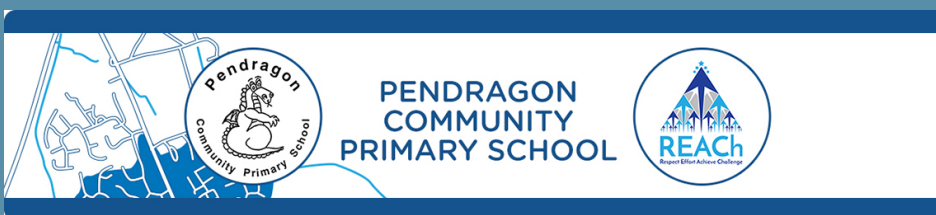


# Welcome back!



Friday 9th  
September  
2022

## Welcome back to the Pendragon families.

After hearing the sad news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, we held an assembly this morning to acknowledge her death. We will continue to think about and research her life including the ways she represented our school motto REACH. Next Friday, we plan to hold a celebration assembly and share what we have found out.

What a cracking start to the new school year! The children have settled back into school life and are following the school routines with ease. I have been welcomed with open arms by our polite and inquisitive children. I have met lots of families on the playground and look forward to meeting many more, please introduce yourself if you haven't already.

I am local to Cambridgeshire and as a child, I spent many summer holidays paddling in the Papworth pool. I completed my teacher training at Homerton College, Cambridge University and began my teaching career in Hackney, London, I then taught just down the road in Cambourne.



**We are all very excited to share the recent OFSTED report as soon as it comes through which is likely to be later this month.**

Visit our website:  
<http://www.pendragon.cambs.sch.uk/website>

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## Email communication

From Monday 11th September all emails will be channeled through our [office@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk). **We request that families no longer contact teachers via email directly.** We ask that emails are sent to the office with a line explaining who the message needs to be forwarded to.

If your message is of a personal nature, you can email the office asking for a teacher to give you a call or arrange a meeting.

We appreciate your cooperation with the new process. This decision has not been taken lightly and we understand that it is a big change. This process is more inline with the county model and ensures that all the appropriate members of staff are aware of issues and or concerns. Staff will respond to all emails via the office.

The Pre school system remain the same.

'Education is the most powerful weapon you can choose to change the world.' Nelson Mandela

## Uniform

All the children have returned to school looking very smart and we have been impressed with the effort that has been made. **If you do not label your children's clothes, they are impossible to find.** Staff are busy preparing for your children's education and will not be available to search for lost jumpers etc. Please encourage your child to be responsible for their belongings and you are very welcome to look in lost property at the front office.

Although we love sports, we request that children refrain from wearing football kits for PE. A plain white/blue or house colour T shirt is preferred.

## Music lessons

### Guitar and ukulele lessons

Mr Boyde gives weekly lessons on both instruments at the school, and has one or two vacancies for new pupils this term.

He visits the school on Wednesday mornings and you can contact him on this email [hugh@hughboyde.com](mailto:hugh@hughboyde.com) if you would like further details or to arrange a taster lesson.

### Drum lessons

Drum lessons will begin Thurs 15th September with Sarah Green. If you wish you get in contact with Sarah regarding lessons please email her on [sarita.owen@gmail.com](mailto:sarita.owen@gmail.com)

### Piano lessons

Jenni Pinnock will be starting piano lessons on Thurs 15th September and if you wish you get in contact with her regarding lessons please email [jenni@jennipinnock.com](mailto:jenni@jennipinnock.com).

## Dates for your diary

- Class link ups - Wednesday 14th September
- Reading dragons will begin for y1-4 wc 19th September
- Parents evenings wc 17th October
- Open Phonics lesson in EYFS Thursday 13th October 9am
- Open Phonics lesson in Year 1 Tuesday 11th October 9am
- Open Reading lesson in Year 2 Friday 14th October 9am
- Open Reading lessons for Y3-6 Monday 3rd October 9am

# Oral Health Takeaway

We are delighted that Devonshire House Dental Practice in Cambridge are continuing to support our tooth-friendly snack policy of fresh fruit and vegetables (not dried) as well as helping us to promote good Oral Health habits to the whole school. They are kindly continuing to fund the 1<sup>st</sup> day back carrots for KS1 morning breaktime snack as well as the Oral Health Takeaways which your child will bring home this evening. The e-version is attached to access video and other links. Awesome Oral Health CIC, the social enterprise which runs the Raising Awareness dental link up, has further resources on the website [www.awesome-oral-health.com](http://www.awesome-oral-health.com) which can be downloaded for free. This will soon also include a guide on "How to find an NHS dentist" which has become increasingly difficult in recent years. NHS dental care for children under 18 is free but spaces are limited. It is important that every child visits a dentist for a check up at least once a year even if they are having no problems. Please note that if you do manage to get your child registered with an NHS dentist that you must keep going regularly for appointments to stay registered. If you require further assistance please contact the school office.



Pendragon lunches are healthy and delicious. All children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to have a school dinner for free. School dinners are available at a cost of £2.30 per day for all other year groups. These can be paid for at the beginning of the week, on the day or half termly in advance using our online payment Parent Pay system. Access arrangements for MCAS (My child at school) will be given to you once your child has started school.

Year 3 -6 are encouraged to bring a piece of fruit for their mid morning snack. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have a piece of fruit provided for them.

## CLASS PE DAYS

Reception - Mon and Weds starting from 19/9/22

**Y1 Lynx - Mon and Thurs**

**Ocelots - Tues and Thurs**

Y2 Bobcats - Mon and Weds

Sand Cats - Mon and Tues

**Y3 Puma - Thurs and Fri**

**Jaguars - Weds and Fri**

Y4 Leopards - Thurs and Fri

Panthers - Mon and Thurs

**Y5 Tigers - Weds and Fri**

**Lions - Mon and Thurs**

Y6 Mountain Lions - Tues and Thurs

Snow Leopards - Weds and Fri



For all SEN communications please continue to use the [senco@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:senco@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk) email address and Mrs Samuels will be in contact.