



School closed – Inset day Tuesday 3rd January

Friday 2nd
December

Hello,

We are well and truly into the Christmas spirit at Pendragon. We have enjoyed a great Decoration Day today and will be sharing our brilliant classroom door competition entries in next week's newsletter.

The school has been buzzing with activities; there have been Haven trips, sports visits and cooking happening across the school.

We would like to remind you that we try to avoid parking in the lower part of the car park at pick up and collection times.

There have been some nasty bugs going around the school therefore we have upped handwashing to try and combat the spread of germs. If your child is unwell, please do not send them into school. If your child has had an episode of diarrhea or vomiting, they must stay away from school for 48 hours after the last episode.

Enjoy your weekend

Dates for your diary

- Christmas trees for sale in the car park Sunday 4th December 9:30—11:30
- Year 6 visit Hilltop 5th-9th December
- Foundation classes school play – 7th December 2pm & 6pm
- Additional Needs Support Group 12th December 9am – Daisy Building
- Toy donations due back by Monday 12th December
- Giving tree gifts to be donated by Monday 12th December
- Rock Steady performance to parents 9:30am Tuesday 13th December
- Christmas lunch Wednesday 14th December
- Last day of school Friday 16th December

Visit our website:

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

Communication

The school will aim to acknowledge letters and e-mails received from parents/carers within two working days during term time. This does not include weekends and teacher's non-working days. Teachers are encouraged not to check emails in evenings or weekends. Many do as there often isn't time during the working day, but it isn't expected.

All messages sent into the office are forwarded to the relevant staff members, if you have not had a reply within the expected period please contact the office asking for the message to be chased up; as we do, on occasion, have technical issues. Please note that if you have sent an email stating it is for the attention of another member of staff the office will not send you a reply explaining that they have sent the message on.

If there is an urgent query please telephone into the office as staff do not always get chance to check their emails due to their teaching commitments.



From Monday 5th December the Christmas Post Box will be open for children to post their Christmas cards to friends and teachers in school

Safeguarding spotlight

Operation Encompass

At Pendragon, we participate in a jointly run operation between Cambridge County Council, Peterborough City Council, Cambridgeshire Constabulary and our school, which is called 'Operation Encompass'. 'Encompass' has been set up to help schools and colleges provide support to children who have been present at incidents of domestic abuse and violence. We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when they are involved in, present at or are a witness to domestic abuse.

The school will receive a confidential, secure email from Cambridgeshire's Education Safeguarding Team, now working across both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, before 9 a.m. or as soon as possible on the morning of any domestic incident which Cambridgeshire Police have attended where a child at their school has been involved in, present at or witness to domestic abuse.

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads have received training from the Education Safeguarding Team to allow them to use the information that has been shared to ensure that the right support is available for children and their families who have been involved in or have witnessed such incidents.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe participation in Operation Encompass to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any concerns or questions, then please contact the school office to request a conversation with a Designated Safeguarding Lead and we will be happy to discuss this further. Further information can be found below.

OPERATION
ENCOMPASS

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹.

We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.

This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021



Year 6 have been making delicious soup!



The Musical Showcase was a huge success! Thank you to all the music teachers who organised the event. It was fabulous to see just how talented our Pendragon children are. Well done to all who put themselves forward to perform in front of so many people.



Well done to all those involved.





The Wimpole Cross Country event!



Christmas Present Appeal

Be a star and donate a toy to our appeal



You can choose to help The Salvation Army spread the joy of Christmas to families whose children would otherwise not receive a gift. This year, they are expecting the number of families requesting help to rise as a result of the cost of living crisis.

You can support your local Christmas Present Appeal by donating new, unwrapped toys and gifts for children who might not otherwise receive a Christmas present. The gifts will then be wrapped and distributed to those in need.

Please drop your donations into school by Monday 12th December

The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is now located in our entrance hall with labels of suggested donations for the elderly people at the 'Papworth day care centre'. If you would like to support this we ask that you take a label of a suggested gift and then buy/wrap the gift ensuring you attach the label and **return it to school by Monday 12th December.**



Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running!

<https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/pendragon-comm/digital-book-club>



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