



**PENDRAGON  
COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
November**

What a great week at Pendragon! We were graced with the presence of the amazing African drumming group, Kakatsitsi all the way from Ghana. The children were buzzing after our whole school assembly, which got us all in a good mood. Lots of classes had an additional workshop where they were taught drumming techniques and traditional dance moves. We look forward to more inspirational visitors now restrictions have been lifted.

Decoration Day is coming up soon and although we had slightly altered the format there will still be a rotation of small groups during the morning. If you have a current DBS specifically for Pendragon and would like to come in and help please drop [head@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:head@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk) an email with you availability.

Kind regards, Pendragon staff

### **Dates for your diary**

- Flu vaccination Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November
- New to Reception tour Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 5:30pm
- Year 6 Faith tour Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November
- Children in need – Non uniform 'spotty theme' and cake sale Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November
- New to Reception tour Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6pm
- Year 3 Flag Fen trip Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November
- New to Reception Stay and play 3:30pm – 4:15pm Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November
- Decoration day Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

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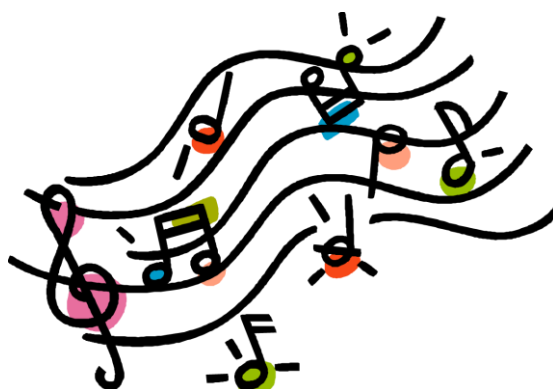
<http://www.pendragon.cambs.sch.uk/website>



We will be kicking off our Anti Bullying week with 'Odd Socks Day' on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022.



On Thursday 1st December at 3.30pm we'll be holding our next Musical Showcase in the school hall. Musical Showcases happen roughly once a term, and are lovely relaxed concerts open to any child having music lessons in or out of school. If your child would like to perform please contact Mrs Pinnock - [jenni@jennipinnock.com](mailto:jenni@jennipinnock.com).



# 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 can we ask that all donations are handed into school by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December

On Friday we held a Remembrance Day assembly where we discussed the meaning behind the day. We were joined by Martyn Gridale who performed 'The Last Post' on his trumpet.



There will be a Remembrance Service on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November starting 10:45 in the Village Hall, Papworth.





## African drummers!



A massive thank you the Co Op in Papworth for huge donation of just shy of £2,000 from their community fund raising project. We look forward to welcoming them into school to present the cheque.



## Email communication

We continue to request that emails are not sent to staff's personal email accounts. Please send all communication via the [office@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk). If the email is of a personal nature please send it as an attachment or request a phone call from the member of staff.

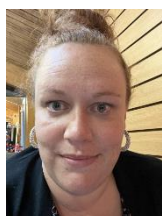
Anything you deem urgent, please call the office or drop in first thing to inform the office of the issue.



## Office closure

The office will be closed between 12:30-13:00 each day. There will be a member of staff who will be available in case of an emergency or if a child needs to be collected or dropped off. We request that you avoid calling during this 30mins period.

**If you have any safeguarding concerns please speak to one of our Designated safeguarding leads or send us an email.**



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# Safeguarding spotlight

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guidance, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### BULLYING

Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

#### EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

This common issue with group chats can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unsuitable images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that group, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

#### SHARING GROUP CONTENT

It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

#### UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Within larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host but not necessarily friendly toward your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share after they've put them online.

#### NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO

A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats are often an arena for young people to gain social status. This could cause them to do or say things on impulse, which could upset others in the group. Encourage your child to consider how other people might feel if they engaged in this behaviour. If your child does upset a member of their group chat, support them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

#### GIVE SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Remind your child that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded in a group chat, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their hurt feelings and help to put them back in control by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. On a related note, you could also empower your child to speak up if they're in a chat where others are being picked on.

#### BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If your child is in a chat where inappropriate content is being shared, advise them to block the users sending the material, report them to the host app or platform and exit the group. If any of this content could be putting a minor at risk, contact the police. Emphasise to your child that it's OK for them to simply leave any group chat that they don't feel comfortable being a part of.

#### PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

In any online communication, it's vital for young people to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Discuss the importance of not revealing identifiable details like their address, their school or photos that they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they lose control of where it may end up and how it might be used.

#### AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Sadly, many individuals online hide their true identity to gain a child's trust – for example, to gather information on them, to exchange inappropriate content or to coax them into doing things they aren't comfortable with. Ensure your child understands why they shouldn't add people they don't know to a group chat – and, especially, to never accept a group chat invitation from a stranger.

#### SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Having a phone or tablet bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be a massive irritation and distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to your child that they can still be part of the group chat, but that it would be healthier for them to turn off or mute the notifications and catch up with the conversation at a time which better suits them.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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9am-12pm



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