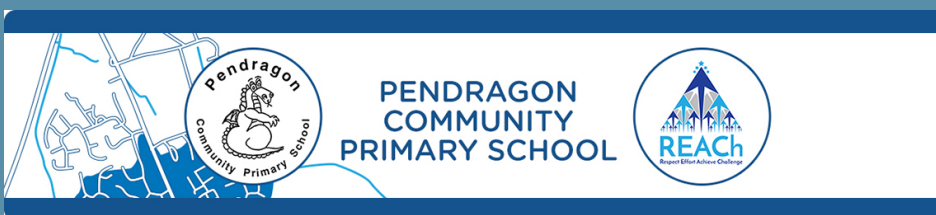


# Welcome back!



Friday 23rd  
September  
2022

## REACH goals!

We are so proud of all of the children for how hard they are working in school and demonstrating our school values of REACH. This week we had an assembly to announce our School Council representatives as well as hosting our Year 6 House Captain hopefuls. Well done to all the children who put themselves forward for the democratic vote.

From next week, if your child has achieved an award outside of school (e.g. a swimming badge or sports trophy), they are very welcome to bring this into school on a Friday so that we can celebrate achievements outside of school as well as issue our Friday awards.

Our fabulous FRIENDS, who are meeting on Monday 26th September at 7pm are planning on meeting with our pupil leaders to discuss the resources they would like in school. We'll keep you posted!

## Safeguarding

*'Pendragon Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.'*

If you have any concerns about children in our school please speak to one of our team.

Designated safeguarding  
lead Emily Samuels

Deputy Designated  
safeguarding lead  
Tracey Brown

Deputy Designated  
safeguarding lead  
Kathryn Dailly

Our Safeguarding  
Governor is Annika  
Bennet

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

SEN group at the Daisy building -  
more information to follow.

Here are a list of the dates

3/10/22

17/10/22

Then half term holiday

31/10/22

14/11/22

28/11/22

12/12/22

## Reading and Phonics sessions

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school for the reading and phonics sessions. We ask that you drop your children off as normal and then queue up at the front office. A member of staff will be able to tick off your name so we can ensure we have a record of who is in the building.

We politely request that you remain a spectator and do not intervene with the children or distract them. As these sessions are learning time for the children we ask that younger siblings do not attend.

'Children must be  
taught how to think,  
not what to think.'  
Margaret Mead

## Attendance

It's really important that children come to school every day and on time. Our gates open at 8:35 a.m. and now close at 8:55 a.m.

Please do not book holidays during term time as we cannot authorise these (except in exceptional circumstances) and you may be fined. Please try and book medical and dental appointments before or after school, where possible.

If your child is unwell, please let the school office know as soon as possible on 01480 830267 or via email:

[office@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@pendragon.cambs.sch.uk)

Please note that if we do not hear from you, we will call to make sure everyone is okay.

## Harvest festival

This year's Harvest Festival assembly will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September. We would be grateful if you could send in donations of food on the day for the Godmanchester Food Bank. They are in particular need of jam; biscuits; UHT semi-skimmed milk; tinned veg - peas, carrots, sweetcorn, potatoes; tinned meat - ham, corned beef, chilli, chicken in sauce; tea and coffee, rice (500g or 1kg bags); tinned fruit; tinned pasta such as hoops, ravioli and orange/ blackcurrant squash. However, anything you can spare will be gratefully received.

Thank you for your support.

## Dates for your diary

- Balanceability for Reception Monday 26th to Wednesday 28th September
- Harvest festival assembly Thursday 29th 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
- School closed on Friday 30th September for INSET day





Year 5 and 6 have started their exciting new 'Bookflix' reading incentive this week. They collect points on their loyalty card each time they read a book (appropriate to their reading level) and complete a book review. Once they have completed their loyalty card by reading ten books, they can then trade in their card for a reward. This replaces the 'reading rainbow' system that we were using previously. Thank you for your support with this.



Let us introduce our  
new  
*School  
Council*  
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# Safeguarding spotlight

In our PSHE lessons this half term, we will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse." In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The lesson will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate.



More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at [nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule](https://nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule).