



# Penn Fields School Newsletter

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## Elm Class & Forest School

Elm Class recently started their Forest School lessons and have been exploring the forest area at the back of the school playing field. Elm Class students have also been excitedly exploring the Sensory Garden, and other areas of the school field! Students even had the opportunity to pick some home-grown apples and pears from these areas.

All of the students are looking forward to seeing the wonderful autumn colours this term and we all look forward to sharing more photos and Elm Class' experience with the great outdoors.

Thank you to parents and carers for preparing the children with suitable outdoor clothing and footwear.



## Black History month

During the month of October, as part of Black History Month the English Department have been busy reading 'Journey to Jo'burg' and researching South Africa with Year 8 students. We are also studying poems from other cultures with Year 9, 'Not My Business' and 'Nothing's Changed.' Year 7 have been enjoying the series on Netflix called 'Bookmarks' where celebrities read books by Black authors to spark discussions about equality and anti-racism. This is just one way the students celebrate and learn about equality and diversity within both the World and our local community.



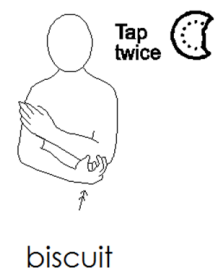
## Makaton Corner

Makaton is a visual way to develop communication skills which helps to stimulate sounds and words. This in turn encourages language development (i.e. putting words together) – Makaton aids understanding by giving you an extra visual clue to what's being expressed.

### Top tip for signing with your child:

Guide your child's hands so they can feel what it's like to perform the sign

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



## Twitter - head@pennfields



Ms Thackaberry now has a head@pennfields Twitter account, where she will be sharing information on the school for parents to see. This already has included, a welcome back message, the staff INSET day, word of the week, Coopers supervision of students arriving at school and Sixth Form students working in the outside sensory garden space. Please take a look and give the account a follow.

## Food Bank Donations

Penn Fields School has had a food bank for a number of years, to help give that little extra bit of support when needed to our students and their families. Over the years we have been able to replenish the food bank with the kind donations from both staff within school and supporting external agencies. We are now reaching out for your support. If you are in a position to donate a few items this would go a long way to help others, but please only do this if you are in a position to do so and thank you to those who have already been able to support the food bank.

### Below is a list of items we are trying to stock

#### **Toiletries:**

deodorant, toilet paper, shower gel, shaving gel, shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, hand wipes

#### **Household items:**

laundry liquid detergent, laundry powder, washing up liquid

#### **Feminine products:**

sanitary towels and tampons

#### **Baby supplies:**

Nappies, baby wipes and baby food – but NOT formula milk due to UNICEF regulations

#### **Food Items:**

Cereals

Soup

Pasta, rice, pasta sauce

Beans, tinned meat and tinned vegetables

Tinned fruit

Biscuits

Tinned tomatoes

Fruit juice (from concentrate)

Tinned rice pudding

Sponge pudding

Tinned fruit

## Children In Need Day

Child in Need day will take place on Friday 13th November. Students are allowed to wear an item of children in need clothing, a yellow top or spotty top for the day and donate £1 to the charity via the school reception / class teacher. Students will also be taking part in the final 20 minutes of the Joe Wicks 24 hour PE challenge taking place on Friday 13th November at 09:05 in their classrooms. There will also be a number of fun educational activities relating to Children in Need taking place during the school day. Students will continue to remain within their class / tutor bubble for the day to ensure Covid 19 control measures remain in place.



## Word of the Week

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

## Parents, please remember to

Keep your distance from others & wear a face covering when dropping off and collecting your child from our school.

Thank You

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## Dates for your Diary

Start of Autumn Term 2:

Children In Need Day:

School Photographs:

Christmas Jumper Day:

Last Day of the Autumn Term:

Tuesday 3 November—Friday 18 December 2020

Friday 13 November 2020

Wednesday 25 November 2020

Friday 11 December 2020

Friday 18 December 2020 (School closes at 13:30)

