

Pegswood Primary School News

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Walk to School Week – 16th May



This is a national initiative where communities are encouraged to walk to school all week instead of using the car. Lots of the children already do walk to school, but we would like to encourage those who don't to leave the car at home this week and set out on foot! Obviously this isn't practical for everyone – those who live outside the village and those who are working families who drop off and continue to work. For these children there will be an opportunity at break time to walk around the playground or field to 'get' their walk for the day in. We would hope that for others, if you are able to walk, you will. Let's see if we can ease the congestion on the roads at the front of school.

Bikeability

Well done to all those children in Year 5 who worked on their cycling skills on Monday and Tuesday with their cycle instructors. The instructors were full of praise for the children in their approach to the activities, their manners and their enthusiasm. They rode both in school and on the quieter roads in the village. We have been asked by the instructors to bring to the attention of the children and parents the laws around cycling and road use. Once the children reach the age of 10 they shouldn't be cycling on the pavement (this has more to do with 10 being the criminal age of responsibility rather than the cycling on the pavement part). For children to be judged as able to ride on the road safely, they need to have passed Level 2 of the Bikeability course. For those children who are 10 and did not manage to pass Level 2 this time, we would suggest they continue to come to school on their scooters rather than their bikes. We are hoping to host the Bikeability course again in the Autumn term to allow those children who need to improve on certain elements of the cycling the chance to do so.



Extended entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds

You may be aware from the recent alerts on the County Council website and press releases that the 2nd phase of parent applications has begun based on address eligibility for the extended entitlement - 30 hours free childcare. To qualify for this you need to:

- **Ensure you meet the national eligibility criteria** - families where both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone-parent family) and each parent earns the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the national minimum or living wage and earns less than £100,000 a year. For further guidance please see the NCC website.

There is also a survey that NCC are conducting aimed at parents/carers who currently have one or more children between the ages of Birth-4 years old. Please type in the following web address to participate in the survey.

<http://goo.gl/forms/nnDRqFc8bL> The survey will need to be completed by Friday 27th May.



Greggs Cancer Run

Good luck to Mrs Tantom, Mrs Layton, Mrs Vallons and all the children and families running in this on Sunday. We hope the weather is kind and the course dry! Good luck.



Diary Dates

Sunday 15 th May	Greggs Cancer Run	
Wednesday 18 th May	Year 5 leave for Kingswood	
Thursday 19 th May	Year 4 trip to synagogue	
Friday 20 th May	Year 5 return from Kingswood	
Wednesday 25 th May	Reception / Nursery am trip to Whitehouse Farm	
Thursday 26 th May	Year 4 Striking & Fielding Festival	
	Nursery pm trip to Whitehouse Farm	
	Indian themed lunch	
Friday 27 th May	School closes for Half Term (3.00pm)	
Monday 6 th June	Teacher Training Day – School closed to children	
Tuesday 7 th June	School opens after Half Term	
Wednesday 8 th June	Uniform try on session 3.00-4.00pm (Please note you cannot buy uniform)	
Thursday 9 th June	Uniform try on session 6.00-7.00pm (Please note you cannot buy uniform)	
Friday 17 th June	Reception New Starters meeting 9.00am Main Hall	
Friday 24 th June	Year 4 visit – Lifepath	
Monday 27 th June	Nursery Big Toddle (9.00am & 1.00pm)	
	Parent/Carers Lunch – Reception	
Tuesday 28 th June	Parent/Carers Lunch – Year 1	
Wednesday 29 th June	Parent/Carers Lunch – Year 2	
	Bookshop (New date)	
Thursday 30 th June	Parent/Carers Lunch – Year 3	
Friday 1 st July	Parent/Carers Lunch – Years 4 & 5	
	Nursery Open Afternoon (September starters)	
Saturday 2 nd July	Pegswood Village Show	
Monday 4 th July	Enrichment Week	
Friday 8 th July	Nursery Sports Day (9.00am and 1.00pm)	
Tuesday 12 th July	Sports Day – Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4 & 5) (1.00pm)	(New date)
Wednesday 13 th July	Sports Day – Reception & Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) (1.00pm)	(New date)
Friday 15 th July	Open Afternoon	
Monday 18 th July	Ugly Bug Ball - Early Years & Key Stage 1	
	Key Stage 2 info to follow	
Tuesday 19 th July	House DVD	
Wednesday 20 th July	No Nursery PM	
	School Closes for summer holidays (3.00pm)	
Monday 5 th September	Teacher Training Day	
Tuesday 6 th September	Teacher Training Day	
Wednesday 7 th September	School opens for Autumn Term	

