

# Pegswood Primary School News

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## **30 Hours of Free Childcare for Eligible Nursery Age Children**

You may already be aware of the government's proposed scheme to offer 30 hours of free childcare to 3 and 4 year olds of working families during term-time. This includes the 15 hours currently available plus an additional 15 hours. Further details are yet to be provided, but for a child to be eligible both parents should be in work or a lone parent must be in work. It has been announced that Northumberland has been successful in its bid to become a pilot local authority for this scheme and the pilot will begin in September 2016. As yet we don't know whether we'll be one of the participating schools, nor do we have any more information or details on the eligibility criteria. However, we are being updated on the status of the pilot scheme on a weekly basis and will let you know as soon as we have any further relevant information. We have been assured it will be in the near future.

## **School Gateway**

Thank you to those of you who have downloaded the app or registered on their website. Many of you now have done this. We have also started our payments system that allows you to pay for school meals. I would urge you to do this, if you pay for your child's meal, as it is a simple quick way to do this without sending money into school. More items to pay will appear on School Gateway in the future.

## **Bookshop**

Our termly Bookshop is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Times for different year groups are below:

Nursery – 11.30am in the small hall.

Reception – Year 2 – 2.30pm onwards in the main hall.

Years 3 – 5 – 3.00pm in the main hall.

For Nursery to Year 2, please collect your child from their classroom and then take them to the Bookshop. You may take your child home after visiting the bookshop if it is before 3.00pm.

For Years 3 and 4, please wait in the normal place to collect your child at 3.00pm and then accompany them into the main hall.

Year 5 may visit the bookshop at 3.00pm unaccompanied and then walk home or go to homework club (see below).

## **Year 5 homework club**

This will be on a Wednesday afternoon 3.00pm – 4.00pm. It will be an opportunity for our eldest children to stay behind and complete any homework or study work they may have, in the classroom. Mrs Wallace will be present in the classroom throughout the hour although the session will not be a teaching one. Resources in the room can obviously be used as can the library and ICT equipment to complete work. Work that needs to be completed must be done in this session – it's not an hour where the children can play on computers or iPads or an alternative hour's childcare. Children may not need to stay for the whole hour to complete work and so may leave to go home during the hour. Please talk to your child as to whether they will be staying and they know their arrangements regarding getting home.

## **Attendance**

A huge 'WELL DONE' to Miss Appleby's Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5 who all managed 100% attendance this week. Never before have three classes all had 100% in the same week!!! This is also Year 5's second 100% in a row. Lots of bonus School360 points will be heading towards those three classes. It is important to keep our attendance on the rise, so let's see if these or other classes can match 100% next week!

