

Pegswood Primary School News

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Year 6

It was lovely to see so many Year 6 children yesterday as they attended their farewell walk through school, saying goodbye to many members of staff who came into school for the event. As you now embark on the next step of your educational journey, we would like to wish you all the very best from everyone at school.

Transition videos

We hope that you found the videos sent out earlier on in the week. I know the teachers would have much preferred to have had the children in school to do a more 'traditional' transition, rather than have somebody filming them. However, in the circumstances, we hope you found it useful.

Reports

We hope that you received your report on Wednesday afternoon. Again, another different way than normal to distribute them and a way that took me 5 hours from start to finish. However, we hope that you found them informative. Should anyone require a paper copy, please contact school in September.

September

Plans for September are very much as were described in last week's newsletter. We have been reluctant to plan in any further detail at this stage because we are sure there will be updated advice during the 6-week holiday.

The main points are still:

- we expect all children to be able to return to school in September – attendance has been deemed compulsory by the government
- we are not proposing that we will need staggered start times and finish times. However, entry and exits points may be different – the only exception to this is Reception for the first 7 school days (Reception parents have this information sent out in the packs at the beginning of July)
- we will be creating 'bubbles' within school but these will not be solely one class bubbles
- whilst we will be aiming to restrict the number of adults working with different classes, some adults in school will be working with more than one class as the guidance says can happen
- break time and lunchtime will be staggered allowing fewer children on the yards and in the hall at any one time
- pencil cases and stationery have already been purchased by school and so your child does not need to bring in these items
- breakfast club is likely to be offered but after school club will not be operating initially
- there will be no extra-curricular clubs in the first term at least



As with all plans, they are not set in stone. If we try one particular thing and it seems to not be working, we may have to tweak. This may be with something like entrance and exit point in order to not have too many people in one place. Like many things in the last 16 weeks, things develop and we have tweaked the way in which we respond.

During this time away from school we have used Class Dojo as our main form of communication. We feel that this has worked extremely well as an effective way to contact you. This will continue next academic year. As of tonight, school will be closed and that means no one will be monitoring the phones, emails or Class Dojo communication. If you contact school via these methods, it is likely that the response will be given in September. The same is likely, if you contact your child's class teacher. Those that understand Class Dojo far better than me, will be working their magic to change class teachers to their 'new September' class. This will be done in September as well.

The school office will reopen (on normal hours at this point) on Tuesday 1st September. Please contact school with any queries or concerns on Tuesday or Wednesday 2nd September, as we imagine that Thursday 3rd September will be quite a busy day!

We will email you up-to-date plans before school starts. Please see the diary dates below as to when school opens.

I do keep including this in all my letters, but we can't thank you enough for the support you have given us over the last 4 months. As we started the school year back in September, none of us could have even imagined we would be ending the year like this, and have gone through what we have in the previous 4 months.

Goodbye and good luck to those families leaving us. I hope you all manage to have a fantastic summer break, in whatever form that may be, and we look forward to welcoming those returning, safe and sound in September.

A. Waterfield
(Headteacher)

Diary Dates

Monday 31 st August	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 1 st September	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	Teacher Training Day
Thursday 3 rd September	School open for all children

