

# Pegswood Primary School News

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## The Queen's Hat

You may remember that for our celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we created our community display based on The Queen's Hat by Steve Antony. At the time, we tweeted our display and included Steve Antony in the message, thus entering into his competition. We received a tweet from Steve last night to say that we had won the competition and would be receiving four signed copies of his Queen's Hat series for our library and potentially a live Zoom visit from Steve. We are quite excited about that!

## Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) day

Children from Nursery to Year 6 had a fantastic day working with Alexandra Knight yesterday on STEM themed work. Alex is a qualified Mechanical Engineer and has appeared on television, presenting and so we felt very privileged that she joined our school for the day. The theme for the day was 'Reach for the Sky'. The aim of the sessions was to raise awareness of what STEM actually is and why it is important in our world. Children learnt about forces and made their own straw rocket blasters. Key Stage 2 also had an additional task of designing a solution to a problem that they cared about. The sessions also encapsulated our school value this week of 'enjoyment'.

## Bugs and Stuff

Reception were treated to an amazing morning with lots of different creatures. They met a snake, tarantula, scorpion, cockroach, giant millipede, Domino beetle, two varieties of stick insect, a gecko and a Blue Tongued lizard! Reception were so well behaved during the morning, the company stayed for longer! We did make sure that each carrier that brought the creatures into school had something in it before they left!

## Fire Station Visit

Year 5 visited Pegswood Fire Station on Tuesday as part of a Northumberland County Council Road Safety morning. They learnt lots about road and bike safety as well as watching a display from the fire service about rescuing a casualty from a crashed car. This involved cutting doors off and even the roof of the car! Once again, it was commented how well behaved the children were.

Photographs of the above events are either on the school website, or will be shortly.



## Year 6 Ashington Academy Transition Day

Our Year 6 children transferring to Ashington Academy will have their visit on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. Children should not come to our school at all on that day, but make their own way to the academy as per the letter that you will have already received. Those children not transferring to Ashington Academy will have separate transfer days and those schools should have communicated this with you directly. Those children not transferring to Ashington Academy should come into school as normal on Thursday.

## After school clubs

The final sessions of after school clubs will be this coming week. There will be no sessions in the final two weeks of term.

## Year 6 Lockers

Please ensure that the Year 6 locker keys are handed in by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Lockers need to be completely clear. Please ensure keys are handed in, otherwise we will keep the £5 deposit to replace the key. Please hand all keys to Mrs Sligo in a named envelope with the number of the locker key clearly written on the envelope.

## Lunch money

Please ensure that any outstanding dinner money is fully paid before the end of term. If your child is in Year 6 and you pay by direct debit, please do not cancel this until the July payment has been taken in August. If you wish to pay school directly, please ensure the account is up to date before the end of term.

## School Dinners & Breakfast Club

At a recent governors meeting, it was decided that school meals should remain at the current price of £2.40 for the coming year. This is now the third year where we have held the price. It was also decided that Breakfast Club charges should also remain the same - £3.00 for the first child and £2.50 for subsequent siblings. This price has also been held for many years now. This is reviewed on an annual basis by the governing body.

## Parking

Once again, can I please politely remind you to be mindful of where and how you park your car when dropping off and collecting from school. With lots of cars being parked on the roadside, it is increasingly dangerous for people to cross from behind or in front of parked cars. If you feel you wish to report anything in connection with parking, please contact Northumberland County Council direct, as this has more affect than school contacting them. The Community Hub and the Church Rooms have both said our community can park in their areas in order to ease congestion. Thank you.

## Classes for September 2022

The arrangements for next year's classes are below.

Class	Teacher
Nursery	Mrs Layton & Mrs Miller
Reception	Mrs Smith
Year 1	Mrs Vallons
Year 2	Mrs Hume
Year 3	Mrs Miller / Mrs France
Year 4	Mrs Welsh
Year 5	Mrs Provett
Year 6	Mrs Sligo



## Diary Dates

Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transition Day (Ashington Academy)
	Transition morning in school
	Reception & Key Stage One Sports afternoon (1.30pm – parents welcome)
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery AM Sports morning – (9.00am – parents welcome)
	Nursery PM Sports afternoon (1.00pm – parents welcome)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Ashington Academy Year 6 evening (6.00pm at Ashington Academy)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Key Stage Two Sports afternoon (1.30pm – parents welcome)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Open afternoon (more information to follow)
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 presentation Evening 5.00pm (more information to follow)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	School closes for the summer holidays (3.15pm)