

Pegswood Primary School News

Friday 18th September

Issue 2

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A reminder that we are holding a Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 25th September at 9.00am in the main hall. If you would like to donate a cake, please hand it to the office on Thursday.

Pegswood Heritage Day

The parade to Colliers Hill will leave school at 12.45. All children from school wanting to be part of the parade will need to be at school for 12.30pm. If your child is taking part in the parade an adult will need to stay. Once at Colliers Hill children will then need to be taken back by the adult as there are a number of activities run by the Friends of Pegswood Community Woods. If possible we would like all the children in the parade to wear a school jumper or hoodie. School trousers or skirts are not needed as I'm sure the activities after the parade may be muddy!

Attendance

Over the course of the last 18 months our attendance reward has been linked with George – our Gecko. The class with the highest attendance each week received his company! However, at the end of the year, our attendance had begun to be a real concern. From Monday we will be starting a new reward system. It will be based more on the individual, rather than the class. If your child is in school for every session during a week, they will receive a stamp on their chart. Each stamp is worth 50p towards a book at the bookshop we run each term. Each week starts afresh. Older children may wish to 'save' their stamps to save up for a more expensive book and it may be that our Year 5 children can order a book they want if the bookshop doesn't have it. We hope that this will be a good replacement for George as we feel it rewards the individuals who are in school. Obviously, there may be occasions when your child is ill and it is not appropriate for them to be in school. However, they will have the opportunity to gain their stamp the following week and add to their savings. We will still publish the weekly class attendance and these will be displayed on our website in the usual place.

PE teacher

Through working as part of the Ashington Sports Partnership, we have begun to work with a new specialist PE teacher – Mr Veitch. Primarily he will be working with our Year 5 class in their PE lessons on a Tuesday, although he will be working with other Year groups as and when there is a need. He will also be taking a club on a Tuesday night, initially with Year 5.

Brass project

Through the Music Partnership North (MPN) service that we buy into, Year 3 will be learning to play the mini cornets. This is a brass project that MPN have run extremely successfully in the Bedlington partnership. Year 3 will receive an hour lesson a week from an external tutor, along with Mrs Tantom. As they progress through the year an after school club will begin after Easter, aimed at starting a mini band. We are extremely excited as this is a three year project. Should there be any budding musicians amongst you, there may be the opportunity for adults to join the mini band as it becomes a community project over time. More details will follow later in the year as the project takes off.

Newsletter

If you would prefer to receive the newsletter by email instead of receiving a hard copy, please let Mrs Stanton know.

