

# Pegswood Primary School News

<http://www.pegswood.northumberland.sch.uk/website>

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We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and a belated Happy New Year from all at school. It seems that whilst the rain has not quite run out, it may be running out soon! However a cold spell now seems to be starting. Please read below for the procedures should we need to close school at short notice. This will only ever be as a last resort.

## Uniform sales

As from now you will be able to purchase school uniform online using the website from Emblematic. If you visit our school website following the address at the top of this newsletter, you will find a tab for 'Emblematic' which links directly to our section of their website. You will find all our items there to buy directly from Emblematic. School will no longer be able to take orders. This service will replace the uniform sale we have in school in May. However, there will be times made available for you to come into school to check sizes of clothes. Orders can be delivered to your house for a charge or they can be delivered to school free of charge and we can hand them out. Should there be problems with your purchases, Emblematic will be your first port of call, although we can store the items in school for Emblematic to collect should they need to be returned.

A new addition to our uniform will be a navy Forest School hoodie, similar to our already established red school hoodie. This will be able to be worn as part of our school uniform. We have also taken the decision to allow Reception and Key Stage 1 children to purchase both the Forest School hoodie and the school red hoodie and to wear them in school. Also new to our range is a PE kit for years 5&6. If your child is in Year 5, the PE kit will be phased in ready for the start of Year 6. If you wish to buy it whilst they are still in Year 5, then that would be great. Some items on sale will have no logo and so may be purchased from other sources.

## School Dinners on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Our termly census takes place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January and as a part of this census the government collects information on how many children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have a universal infant free school meal. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and has a school meal at any time during the school year, we would like as many of these children as possible to have a school meal on this day. This will ensure so that our funding will cover costs for the remainder of the year. Thank you for your help with this.

## Repairs

With all of the wet weather that has been with us for so long, it has highlighted the odd drainpipe and guttering that is in need of repair. This is in hand with a company, but unfortunately they are in need of dry weather before they can repair. Fingers crossed in the near future!

## Incredible Years Coffee Morning

Parents/Carers of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 are invited to a coffee morning to find out more information about the Incredible Years course that will be running in our school starting soon. The coffee morning is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 9.00am in our main hall.



## **Education City**

Children of all ages use Education City in school and have done for many years. It offers them a fun way of practising maths, English, science or French (KS2 only) topics that they have been doing in class. Up until now, this hasn't been able to be used at home because of licensing rights. However, we are looking into this 'home' service and have acquired a two week free trial so that children can use Education City at home. It can be used as either a 'free roam' around the site, dipping into a variety of different activities, or it can be more focussed with homework being set by the teacher and the child going to the 'homework' area when they log on.

If you get a chance, please would you encourage your child to log on to Education City. Once again, there is a direct link on our website to the page. The children log on with exactly the same username and password as they do for School360 and Abacus maths. Any feedback would be welcomed to either the class teacher or myself.

## **Adverse weather arrangements**

Although we have had relatively mild weather so far, the temperature has taken a change. We would like to confirm arrangements for those times when we need to close school at short notice.

- All parents/carers will be sent a text message.
- A notice will be posted on the school website as soon as possible  
( [www.pegswood.northumberland.sch.uk/site](http://www.pegswood.northumberland.sch.uk/site))
- Parents/carers can also check the school closure on the Northumberland County Council website  
([www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk))
- Parents/carers can also listen to frequent updates on Radio Newcastle

**Parents/carers should presume that school is open at all times unless the above information is received.**

If you have changed emergency contact details or mobile phone numbers, please keep school informed.

## **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Hula Hooping Festival Incredible Years Coffee Morning (9.00am)
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 Extreme Skipping Festival
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Italian themed lunch
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Valentine's lunch School closes for Half Term (3.00pm)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	School opens after Half Term
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Bookshop
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents / Carers Evening
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents / Carers Evening
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Activity Week (More details to follow)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	House DVD afternoon
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	School finishes for Easter holidays (3.00pm)
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	School opens for Summer Term

