

# Pegswood Primary School News

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Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July

## Autumn Term Milk

These letters will be going out on Monday. You will be able to pay for this on School Gateway as from Monday. If you would like your child to receive milk during the first week of term, you must send in the reply slip and pay for the milk by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, either online or at the office.

## Sports Days

Reception & KS1 (Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July) - We will keep the same theme as we have for many years for this event with fun, timed events taking place. The winning house will be the one who scores the most points throughout the afternoon. The Friends of Pegswood Primary School will be holding a raffle at each sports day.

KS2 (Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July) - This year's Sports Day will be a little different. The children will compete against children in their class in a variety of more traditional events. However, each person's individual time, or the distance they have jumped or thrown, will earn them points that go towards their House total. This will be based on QuadKids, a national athletics format that the children are used to when attempting to qualify for the Northumberland School Games.

## Pegswood Village Show

This takes place tomorrow (Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July). We are starting the show with a parade from the top of Longhirst Road, with the Heritage Day banner, and will end at the Welfare Field where the show will be taking place. Thank you to those children who have returned their reply slips to tell us they will be in the parade. We will also have a tombola stall – thank you to those who have donated items for this. Our Year 4/5 Dance Club dancers will be performing at 3.00pm, so if you are around, any support for the children would be fantastic.

## Bookshop

Thank you for attending Wednesday's bookshop. Thanks also to Mrs Layton for purchasing all the books and for organising the day. A total of £1500.50 was raised.

## E-Safety Meeting

Unfortunately this did not take place this week due to the lack of support. We will aim to run this information session again in the Autumn Term. In the meantime, we will endeavour to put the presentation onto our website.

## Proposed Strike Action – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

You may have read or heard in the media that one of the teaching unions is proposing industrial action on the above date. Whilst the teachers in this union in our school support the reasons behind the action, they have decided not to support the strike action on this occasion. **Therefore, our school will not be affected and will be open as normal for this day.**

## Half Dress Down Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July

We would like the children to come to school dressed in half their school uniform and the other half their 'normal' clothes (jeans/leggings/shorts and school shirt or school trousers/skirt and non-school top). If your child would like to participate then all we would ask is if you feel it is appropriate to make a donation. All money received will go to the **Little Hearts Matter** charity which supports families with children who have half a working heart. If you would like more information visit their website at: <https://www.lhm.org.uk/>



### Key Stage 2 Non-uniform day – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July

Whilst Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 will be having their Ugly Bug Ball, coming dressed as a variety of creepy crawlies, Key Stage 2 children and parents have been busy taking part in a live vote on School360 to decide what they will be wearing. The children have had assemblies deciding on a few ideas. The online vote has now closed and both parents and children have overwhelmingly chosen for the Key Stage 2 children to come to school dressed in pyjamas! Almost 75% of children and 71% of parents chose pyjamas. Thanks to Mrs Wallace for organising the vote on School360.

### Change to the school day

Thank you for the replies to the consultation that was sent out on 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We had 76 replies back in the timescale – 72 which were in favour of the changes. This equates to almost 95% in favour. This was discussed at the recent full governors meeting and they agreed that the school day should be extended so that school finishes at 3.15pm, starting in September 2016. Whilst we appreciate there were individual reasons for some as to why they thought the changes should not go ahead, the vast majority thought it should go ahead. Should anyone wish to discuss this with me please feel free to come in and chat.

### Cancer Run

If anyone still has outstanding Cancer Run money to hand in, please can it be handed in to Mrs Stanton as soon as possible. We appreciate some people may have paid online.

### Battle of the Somme

Key Stage 2 had a special assembly today remembering those soldiers and families that were affected by the start of this battle, which was 100 ago years today. Year 5 were very interested in the persuasive language used in the war recruitment posters as they are studying persuasive language in English at the moment.

### Enrichment Week

A reminder about our upcoming Enrichment Week starting on Monday, which will be focussing on South America/Brazil and the Olympics/Paralympics.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Samba drums - Reception to Year 5 will have the opportunity to learn to play these drums. If the weather is kind, we are hoping one of the classes will entertain you as you collect children at 3.00pm.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** – Key Stage 2 children will learn the non-combat martial art Capoeira. Each class will have a session and then we would like to invite **Key Stage 2 parents to a performance at 2.30pm.**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Reception to Year 5 children will have the opportunity to learn the Paralympic sport of Boccia. **There will also be an open session between 3.00pm and 5.00pm for adults to accompany children to have a go. Children must be accompanied by an adult for this session.**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July** – Classroom time

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 will learn a variety of circus skills based on the theme of 'Carnival' throughout the day. **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers are invited to their performance at 2.30pm.** Nursery parents will receive information about this and their involvement via Nursery.

We hope the weather will be kind and some of the activities will be outside during this busy week.

