

Pegswood Primary School News

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Friday 10th June

Welcome back after half term, to our final stretch before the summer holidays. This is an extremely busy half term with lots going on.

Attendance

Over the year, our school attendance has steadily dropped and now hovers around 95%, sometimes going slightly higher, sometimes slightly lower. Attendance is an indicator that OFSTED will take into account when they arrive to inspect our school. If this is too low it can have serious effects on our overall rating. We work extremely closely with the Local Authority who sends an Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) into school every half term to monitor attendances. If your child's attendance is below 90% they are classed as persistent absentees and action could follow. We monitor attendance very closely and will send out letters after working with the EWO to remind you of your child's attendance and work with you to improve it. Sometimes with bouts of illnesses, you are not aware of your child's attendance percentage. It doesn't take many absences for the percentage rate to drop. Coming to school regularly sets good patterns and there is strong evidence to show that missed days affect the children now and in the future. Thank you for your help in this.

Parents'/Carers'/Relatives' lunches

You should have received a letter today about this popular event. Please return the reply slip by Friday 17th June so that the kitchen staff can plan numbers for the week.

Breakfast and After-School Club

If you are a user of either or both of these services please can we ask that all payments are made to members of staff that run the Breakfast or After-School Club. When paying, you will be issued with a receipt. If you are unable to do so as your child is older and walks home from After-School Club, or they get collected by the Pegswood Hub, please hand in money in a sealed envelope with the name of the child, how much money is in the envelope and what it is for to Mrs Stanton or Mrs Douds. This will not be dealt with straight away, but passed unopened to the After-School team, where a receipt will then be issued once opened. Please would you ensure that the week's usage is paid for by the end of each week. Failure to do this on a regular basis may mean that this service will be unavailable to you. Thank you for your help in this.

Enrichment Week

This will take place during the week of 4th July. The theme this year will be South America, with special focus on Brazil and sport (linked with the Olympics and Paralympics). We are in the final stages of organising activities for this week together, but we already have Samba drums, a group working with KS2 on Capoeira (A Brazilian non-contact martial art that was developed in Brazil, that combines elements of dance, acrobatics and music, and is usually referred to as a game), somebody who is coming into school to introduce the Paralympic sport Boccia to the children, and a carnival themed circus entertainer to work with Early Years and KS1. More information will be sent out when final plans are in place.

E-Safety

We will be running an e-safety information session on Tuesday 28th June at 5.30pm. A Northumberland County Council e-safety consultant will be helping us run the session which I hope will be informative and keep this important safeguarding issue at the forefront of our thoughts and practises, both in school and at home.



Uniform

Thank you to those who came into school on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening to try on uniform. Uniform needs to be ordered via the Emblematic website (a link is set up on our website) before 1st August in order for it to be available for the new term in September. Deliveries to school during the school holidays will not take place and I would imagine we will receive any deliveries made to school on the Teacher Training Days ready for you to collect.

Diary Dates

Friday 17 th June	Reception New Starters meeting 9.00am Main Hall
Monday 20 th June	Year 1 trip to Seven Stories
Wednesday 22 nd June	Northumberland School Games – Yr 5 Hockey team
Friday 24 th June	Year 4 visit – Lifepath
Monday 27 th June	Nursery Big Toddle (9.00am & 1.00pm)
	Parent/Carers Lunch – Reception
Tuesday 28 th June	Parent/Carers Lunch – Year 1
	Year 3 trip to Northumberlandia
Wednesday 29 th June	Parent/Carers Lunch – Year 2
	Bookshop (New date)
Thursday 30 th June	Parent/Carers Lunch – Year 3
	Year 2 trip to Beamish
Friday 1 st July	Parent/Carers Lunch – Years 4 & 5
	Nursery Open Afternoon (September starters)
Saturday 2 nd July	Pegswood Village Show
Monday 4 th July	Enrichment Week
Friday 8 th July	Nursery Sports Day (9.00am and 1.00pm)
Tuesday 12 th July	Sports Day – Key Stage 2 (Years 3, 4 & 5) (1.00pm)
Wednesday 13 th July	Sports Day – Reception & Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) (1.00pm)
Friday 15 th July	Open Afternoon
Monday 18 th July	Ugly Bug Ball - Early Years & Key Stage 1
	Key Stage 2 info to follow
Tuesday 19 th July	House DVD
Wednesday 20 th July	No Nursery PM
	School Closes for summer holidays (3.00pm)
Monday 5 th September	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 6 th September	Teacher Training Day
Wednesday 7 th September	School opens for Autumn Term

