

Pegswood Primary School News

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Issue 8

Friday 4th November 2022

Sad Goodbye

We would like to share with you all that after 43 years working at Pegswood Primary School Mrs Layton has decided to retire at Christmas. She has been a dedicated member of staff who has worked predominantly in our Early Years and we know you join us in wishing her a long, happy and healthy retirement.

School Admissions

The portal to request a place for our Reception class in September 2023 is now open and will close on 15/1/23.

To access this portal, you need to log on via Northumberland County Council website.

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/School-admissions-places-appeals-1/Reception-entry-applications.aspx>

Coffee and Cake Afternoon - Friday 4th November (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and Friday 11th November (Years 3, 4 5 and 6) at 2pm

Thank you to those parents that came along to the coffee and cake afternoon today. It was lovely to see you all. We are looking forward to seeing Key Stage 2 parents next Friday from 2pm onwards.

Phonics Workshop

We would like to invite our Reception parents into school to join their child(ren) for a fun phonics session with Mrs Smith on Monday 14th November at 2pm. This will include a brief explanation of our phonics provision followed by a phonics demonstration with your child(ren) and then there will be the opportunity for you to spend some time with your child(ren) in the Reception environment.

Parents'/Carers' Evening

A polite reminder that it is parent's evening next week. Nursery to Year 6 on Monday, Nursery, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 on Tuesday and Reception and Year 6 on Wednesday. You should have received a dojo from the class teacher with your appointment date and time. I apologise if you didn't get your chosen time.

Face to face parents' sessions for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 will take place in the main hall. Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 parents in the small hall in the Key Stage 2 building at the back of school. The main gate located next to the office will be open for you to access both halls.

Friends

Thank you to those parents who have offered to be part of the Friends group. It is not too late to offer your support however big or small. Contact Mrs Kennedy if you can support Friends in anyway.

Friends are helping us to organise our Christmas Fair. We would appreciate any donations you can make for the teddy tombola and the tombola. Each Key Stage will also be having their own stall at the Christmas fair and further information about these will follow.

Parent Helpers

Thank you to those parents who have offered to help out around school. It is not too late to be a parent helper if you have any free time then we would love you to come into school to help with jobs, reading and supporting children. If you are interested, please contact Mrs Kennedy in the school office for a DBS form which is free of charge.

Uniform donation

In the Spring Term we would like to launch a uniform exchange. With so many prices rising and extra bills to pay, keeping up with growing children can be tricky. We have lots of spare items in school that we have washed and sorted and would love for you to send in any items that you have at home and no longer need. Donations can include polo shirts, jumpers, cardigans, dresses, skirts, trousers and any items of school PE kit. Please send your donations into school with your child or leave them with Mrs Kennedy at the office.

Car Parking

Please can we ask you to be respectful of our neighbours when parking your car near school. We have had someone else contact school saying that their driveway had been blocked. We have suggested that the next course of action, should it happen again, would be to contact the traffic enforcement officer and the county council.

Christmas events

We have decided to add some Christmas events to our calendar. We would like to invite you into school to work alongside your child to make a Christmas themed item. Dates for these events have been added to our diary dates. More information about these events will follow.

Due to the unpredictable nature of our weather we have decided to move our Key Stage 2 Christmas Celebrations for parents to watch from outside into the school hall. However, due to number restrictions allowed in the hall we have decided to add another session to allow all parents the opportunity to be part of this event.

Non-Uniform day

The children have organised a non-school uniform day on 11th November. They are asking the children to bring in a chocolate donation for this. The chocolate donation will be used for the children's chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair.

Diary Dates

Date	Activity
Monday 7 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents Evening (Nursery to Year 6)
Tuesday 8 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents Evening (Nursery, Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5)
Wednesday 9 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents Evening (Reception and Year 6)
Friday 11 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee/Tea/Juice and Cake/Biscuit afternoon (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6) parents – 2pm
Monday 14 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception Phonics Session for Reception parents in school – 2pm
Friday 18 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children In Need Day (More information to follow)
Thursday 1 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Fair – 5pm to 7pm
Wednesday 7 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursery Open Afternoon- 1:30pm (New starters after Christmas)
Thursday 8 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 12 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Parent and child Christmas activity in school – 9am to 10am
Tuesday 13 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS1 (Years 1 and 2) Parent and child Christmas activity in school – 2pm to 3:15pm
Friday 16 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House winner's non-uniform day
Monday 19 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Years Christmas sing-a-long (9:15am) – Nursery parents only KS2 (Year 5 and 6) Parent and child Christmas activity in school – 9am to 10am Key Stage One Christmas performance (2:00pm)
Tuesday 20 th December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Years Christmas sing-a-long (9:15am) – Reception parents only Key Stage 2 (year 5 and 6) Parent and child Christmas activity – 9am to 10am Key Stage 2 Christmas celebrations – Year 3 and 4 parents
Wednesday 21 st December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Years Christmas Party (am) School Christmas Dinner (With Christmas Jumper) Key Stage Two Christmas celebrations - Year 5 and 6 parents
Thursday 22 nd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key Stage One Christmas party (am) Years 3 & 4 Christmas party (pm) Year 5 & 6 Christmas celebration (pm)
Friday 23 rd December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School closes for Christmas (3:20pm)
Monday 9 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Closed - Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 10 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School opens for the Spring term

