

Pegswood Primary School News

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Issue 1

Friday 9th September

Welcome back to school! I hope you all had a fantastic summer break. The children have come back into school very enthusiastically and seem very settled already. A special welcome to all our new starters and their families.

Building work

Whilst not as extensive as last year, school has been a busy place over the holidays. Mr Rea has painted our Key Stage 2 area, removed disused doors which has widened the corridor and had entrance carpets fitted at either end. The fence separating the front playground and the entrance has been painted and we have had new lights fitted to the Small Hall, the Year 6 and Year 3 classrooms. New sinks and taps have been fitted to Nursery and Key Stage 1.

Mrs Sligo

We would like to congratulate Mrs Sligo who gave birth to Eliza Violet Sligo on Wednesday afternoon. Eliza, her sister, mum and her dad are all doing well!! Well done to Bethany in Year 5 for choosing the correct name.

Clubs

The majority of clubs will begin on 19th September – watch out for letters next week. Mrs Wallace's Year 5/6 Dance Club will begin on Wednesday 14th September.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are holding a Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 30th September at 9.00am in the main hall – all welcome as are any donations of cakes!

Jeans for Genes

We will be supporting the Jeans for Genes day which is on Friday 23rd September. Children are asked to wear a pair of jeans on this day and to bring in a donation. They should still wear their school uniform on the 'top half'.

Water Stations

A reminder that we have two water stations in school and encourage children to drink at regular intervals throughout the day. Please would children come to school with their water bottles full and use the school stations to 'top up' when empty.

Punctuality

The start of term seems to have begun very well and we would like to thank you for this punctuality. A reminder that the gates will be locked at 9.00am and the only entrance is then through the main office where the late register will need to be signed.

House Points

Children will be earning House Points as usual this year and they will be displayed in the hall as usual. We are also hoping to hold more House events for different age groups over the year – both sport related ones and non-sport, so children can earn House Points in different ways. The rewards for winning Houses are also changing this year. Each half term, the winning House will earn their right to a non-uniform day. Each half term the scores then go back to zero. We have also allocated all teachers and teaching assistants in to Houses, who may take part in their own competitions to win points for their Houses and of course, reap the benefits should their House win!

Attendance

Now is the time to make habits stick firm for the whole year. As with good punctuality, good attendance is crucial to the rate of progress that children make over the year. We would really like to focus on our attendance this year and as such are currently discussing a different way to reward the children with excellent attendance each term. This means stamps will not be given to spend at the bookshop. You should endeavour to bring your child into school each day unless they are too unwell to attend - coughs and colds will be dealt with in school.



It may seem like just the odd day, but odd days throughout the year add up to lost learning. If a child's attendance is 90% or lower they are classed as persistently absent by the government. We work closely with the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) for our area and persistent absence will result in referrals being sent to the Local Authority and them becoming involved. 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. Should your child be too ill to attend school, please notify the school office before 9.30 on each day of absence.

Diary Dates

Friday 23rd September
Friday 30th September

Jeans for Genes Day
Macmillan Coffee Morning
House Colour Day (Children come dressed in House colours)
Nurse – Autumn Colour Day
Healthy Living Week
Harvest Festival
Individual photographs & family (more to follow)
Parents Evening
Parents Evening
House non-uniform day
School closes for half term – 3.15pm



Monday 31st October

School opens after half term
Halloween Fancy Dress Day
Halloween parties – Reception & KS1 (1.15pm – 2.15pm)
Years 3 & 4 (2.15pm – 3.15pm)
Years 5 & 6 (3.15 – 4.15pm)

Friday 18th November
Friday 25th November
Wednesday 30th November
Friday 2nd December
Tuesday 6th December
Wednesday 7th December

Children in Need
Christmas Fair (5.00pm-7.00pm)
Bookshop
Nursery Open Afternoon for new starters
Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance (1.30pm)
Key Stage 2 Christingle making workshop (9.00am – 10.00am)
Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance (6.00pm)
Foundation Stage Nativity Dress Rehearsal for Grandparents (9.30am)
Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance (1.30pm)
Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance (6.00pm)
Foundation Stage Nativity (9.30am)

Thursday 8th December

Friday 9th December
Monday 12th December

NO NURSERY AM
Nursery & Reception Christmas party (1.00pm-3.15pm)
House non-uniform day

Tuesday 13th December
Wednesday 14th December

Key Stage 1 Christmas Party (1.00pm-3.15pm)
Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party (1.00pm – 3.15pm)
Year 5 & 6 Bowling trip (times to be arranged)

Thursday 15th December

Christmas Dinner
Attendance reward afternoon

Friday 18th December

Christmas jumper day
School closes for Christmas holidays (3.15pm)

Tuesday 3rd January

School re-opens for Spring Term

