

Pegswood Primary School News

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Issue 1



Friday 6th September

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

Friends of Pegswood Primary School (FOPPS)

The first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday 10th September at 2.30pm in school. This is an early opportunity to plan different events throughout the year and to offer your services should we need help with certain things (like the harvest bag pack).

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are holding a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 27th September at 2.00pm in the main hall. All are welcome as are any donations of cakes! There have been really good turn outs at the last few coffee afternoons and I am sure this will be no different.

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.

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 academic progress that children make over the year. We would really like to focus on our attendance again. Our reward shop seemed to help last year with our attendance improving. We will be continuing with this reward system this year, allowing children to gain points for when they are in for whole weeks. They can redeem these points each half term for 'prizes' or as the older children have done, save the points to get higher value vouchers.

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. If persistent absence continues, the Local Authority have the power to fine each parent.

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

Sunday 8 th September	Pegswood Village Show
Tuesday 10 th September	Friends of Pegswood Primary School meeting - 2.30pm
Saturday 14 th September	Pegswood Leek Show
Friday 27 th September	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – 2.00pm
	House Colour Day (Children come dressed in House colours)
	Nursery – Autumn Colour Day
Monday 30 th September	Healthy Living Week
	Fitness Day
Thursday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival
Friday 4 th October	Harvest Deliveries
Monday 7 th October	Individual photographs (more to follow)
Friday 18 th October	'Wear it Pink' day in support of breast cancer
Monday 21 st October	Parents Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)
Friday 25 th October	House non-uniform day
	School closes for half term – 3.15pm
Monday 4 th November	School opens after half term
	Sale of Poppies
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 19 th November	Bookshop
Friday 29 th November	Christmas Fair (5.00pm-7.00pm)
Friday 6 th December	Nursery Open Afternoon for new starters
Tuesday 10 th December	KS2 Christmas event (Year 3 & 4 parents - 6.00pm)
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Christmas performance (2.00pm)
	KS2 Christmas event (Year 5 & 6 parents - 6.00pm)
Thursday 12 th December	Nursery & Reception Nativity Performance (9.30am)
	KS1 Christmas performance (6.00pm)
Friday 13 th December	Nursery & Reception Nativity Performance (9.30am)
	Christmas jumper Day
Monday 16 th December	NO NURSERY AM
	Nursery & Reception Christmas party (1.15pm-3.15pm)
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party (1.15pm – 3.15pm)
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Dinner with Christmas jumpers
	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Thursday 19 th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas bowling
Friday 20 th December	House non-uniform day
	School closes for Christmas holidays (3.15pm)
Monday 6 th January	School closed for Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 7 th January	School opens for Spring Term

