

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 8th September

Tuesday 10th September

Saturday 14th September

Friday 27th September

Monday 30th September

Thursday 3rd October

Friday 4th October

Monday 7th October

Friday 18th October

Monday 21st October

Tuesday 22nd October

Friday 25th October

Monday 4th November

Friday 15th November

Tuesday 19th November

Friday 29th November

Friday 6th December

Tuesday 10th December

Wednesday 11th December

Thursday 12th December

Friday 13th December

Monday 16th December

Tuesday 17th December

Wednesday 18th December

Thursday 19th December

Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January

Tuesday 7th January

Pegswood Village Show

Friends of Pegswood Primary School meeting - 2.30pm

Pegswood Leek Show

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – 2.00pm

House Colour Day (Children come dressed in House colours)

Nursery – Autumn Colour Day

Healthy Living Week

Fitness Day

Harvest Festival

Harvest Deliveries

Individual photographs (more to follow)

'Wear it Pink' day in support of breast cancer

Parents Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)

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House non-uniform day

School closes for half term – 3.15pm

School opens after half term

Sale of Poppies

Children in Need

Bookshop

Christmas Fair (5.00pm-7.00pm)

Nursery Open Afternoon for new starters

KS2 Christmas event (Year 3 & 4 parents - 6.00pm)

KS1 Christmas performance (2.00pm)

KS2 Christmas event (Year 5 & 6 parents - 6.00pm)

Nursery & Reception Nativity Performance (9.30am)

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Christmas jumper Day

NO NURSERY AM

Nursery & Reception Christmas party (1.15pm-3.15pm)

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party (1.15pm – 3.15pm)

Christmas Dinner with Christmas jumpers

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party

Year 5 & 6 Christmas bowling

House non-uniform day

School closes for Christmas holidays (3.15pm)

School closed for Teacher Training Day

School opens for Spring Term

