# Pegswood Primary School News http://www.pegswood.northumberland.sch.uk/website

Issue 1







Friday 25th September

As we finish week 4 of our return to school, can we once again thank you for your ongoing support with our efforts to try and continue in school as normal as possible, whilst adhering to all the guidance that is given to us. Our attendance dropped slightly in the second week of term, but in subsequent weeks, has risen to a position today that is slightly higher than the same time period last year. Hopefully this shows that the children are desperate to be in school (and you're desperate for them to be in school!) and we are helping with that by our approach. Whichever it is, thank you. As we move to colder weather, please can you ensure your child wears plenty of layers under their uniform. The guidance that we will be following says to keep areas well ventilated.

# **School Admissions**

A reminder for parents of children in Year 6 that the Northumberland County Council School Admissions portal is now open to apply for Secondary places for September 2021.

You can log on via the Northumberland County Council website and all applications must be in before 31<sup>st</sup> October. Applications after this date will be classed as 'late' and will not be processed until all 'on time' applications have been allocated. Although it seems a long time away, it will be soon upon us, so please ensure you complete the process. In the past we have had children miss out on their place at Secondary school due to late applications.

# Virtual Open Evening at Ashington Academy

You should have received information via Dojo if you are parents/carers of children in Years 5 and 6 about the above. Unfortunately, you are unable to visit Ashington Academy for their annual open evening this year, so they are bringing their teachers to you!

They have created lots of content that will be available to view online until 30th September. You will be able to virtually 'meet' the Head of School, Mrs Weston and view videos from different departments. There will also be lots of information available on admissions dates, uniform and the school day.

## **Testing**

Please can I remind you that if anybody within your household or 'bubble' go for a Covid-19 test, the whole household should self-isolate until the test result returns as negative. Please do not send children into school whilst you are awaiting the results – even if it is not the children who have had the test. We have set up an email address for you to inform us that you are being tested and more importantly, the results. This address is: covid@pegswood.northumberland.sch.uk Thank you.

### **Diary Dates**

Unfortunately, we don't have any diary dates at the moment because of the current situation. This means events like the Macmillan Coffee Morning, our Harvest and school photographs won't be taking place at the moment. Information referring to how parents' evening will be conducted will be shared soon.

Unfortunately, it will not be face to face in school.













