

# Pegswood Primary School News

<http://www.pegswood.northumberland.sch.uk/website>

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Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
October

## Harvest

Once again, many thanks for all the contributions of Harvest for our appeal. All the produce collected will be delivered to the Community Hub in the village for them to distribute.

## Parents & Carers Evening

These will take place in school during the week of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November. More details will come out after half term.

## Andy Cope Books

We have been notified by the safeguarding team at the Local Authority that the children's publisher Puffin has issued an alert regarding books authored by Andy Cope including those in the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pup series.

Within the books, there is a link, which encourages children to find out about additional information told during the story. The link is intended to take children to Mr Cope's webpage, however the domain is no longer owned by him and instead the link will direct children to a webpage now owned by a third party. This third party is publishing pornographic content. There is no suggestion that Puffin or Mr Cope are responsible for the pornographic materials, and the content of the actual stories are fine to read, however if any children access the link with the intent to learn more about the story online they will be exposed to highly inappropriate materials. Puffin has paused sales, and libraries and retailers have removed these books from their shelves until further notice.

Please look and see if your child have these books at home. We had one book in our library that has now been removed. Thank you to the notifications we have had from parents as well, in case we had not heard.

## Admissions Portal for Year 6 parents

The admissions portal for secondary school is now open for parents of Year 6 children on the Northumberland County Council website. The link to the site is [here](#).



## Open Afternoon

The advert for this is now on Facebook and our new website. This is for parents and carers of children who are thinking of sending their children to us – no matter what their age. If you know of anybody that is thinking of sending their child to our school, no matter what their age, please direct them to the advert.

## Crazy Hair Day

On 24<sup>th</sup> October (final day of half term), we will be having a crazy hair day instead of a non-uniform day. Children will be expected to come to school in their uniform, but as the name suggests, can go to town with their hair. All that we ask for is a donation of chocolate for our chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair.

## World Mental Health Day

Thank you to Mrs Hume and the Peer Mentors in school who stayed behind after school last night to decorate biscuits and finish off making bracelets in aid of World Mental Health Day today. All children in every class had a decorated biscuit, delivered by the Peer Mentors. Thank you for the donations, totalling £25 that they received (although we did not ask for any). This money will be donated to the Young Minds charity.

## New website

Our website has undergone a significant update over the past few weeks. If you would like to check in on it, it can be found [here](#).

## Diary Dates

Week Beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> October	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Reception Parents Phonics workshop (9.00–9.30 am)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Halloween Party EYFS (During afternoon of school) KSI – 3.15 – 4.30 KS2 4.45 – 6.00
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Crazy Hair Day
	Flu Sprays
Week Beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> October	
Half Term	
Week Beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	School Opens
Week Beginning 10 <sup>th</sup> November	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Open Afternoon for new parents
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Top Tips Workshop (2.00–3.00 pm)
Week Beginning 17 <sup>th</sup> November	
Parents' & Carers Week (Mon-Wed)	
Week Beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> November	
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Fair