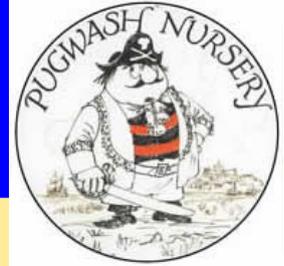




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NEWSLETTER 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a joy to see all of our children enjoying our new active trail on the playground today. It was a delight to be able to watch the older children help the younger children to follow the trail. At one point we probably had two thirds of school all following each other on the trail at once! All without incident, which is even better! It reminded me that growing up one of the phrases I had been taught at school was "only dead fish go with the flow". This is a good reminder to us to stand up for what is right and to stand up and be counted against injustice and unfairness. However, there are times in life when it is important to be facing and heading in the same direction as others. This is true with the position our school is in at the moment. It is so lovely to have so many members of the school community understanding that the road hasn't been as smooth as we would have liked, there may still be bumps in the road and narrow parts to navigate, but we all have the same vision. We all want to head in the same direction and make a really positive difference for our pupils. There is a real strength in looking outward in the same direction, there is a real strength in supporting one another when the road seems long. There is a real strength in looking to the people around us and realising that we are all in this together. Thank you for being part of our team and sharing with us as we move forward together for the benefit of all of our children.

With Best wishes,

Kelly Martin

Snacks

Just a reminder that children should only be bringing in healthy snacks for break time, such as fruit, vegetables, cheese or a yoghurt drink etc. Children should only have water in the bottles, not squash. They are welcome to bring in a drink of milk for playtime. Ks1 and reception children receive free fruit. Ks2 do not.

Blue books

Please remember to write messages for the teacher in the blue home school contact book. We have this week reminded all staff that these are to be checked daily and if a child has lost theirs then this will be replaced. Therefore, parents please do make good use of the contact books as a way of communicating with your child's class teacher.



Dinner money

Please remember that all dinner money must be paid on time. The kitchen can't provide meals without payment

Forest School

We are planning to start up a Forest School here at Rye Primary and would be very grateful for any unwanted wellingtons or waterproof clothing. This is an exciting new venture which encourages and inspires children of any age through positive outdoor experiences. It also helps to develop physical and social skills. Further details will follow.



Mobile Phones

There seems to be a large number of children bringing their mobile phones to school. Children should not be bringing their phone with them, unless they walk home alone, or take public transport, in which case the phone must be handed in at the school office first thing in the morning and collected at home time.

Attendance News

A huge well done to all our parents that have supported the school's focus on attendance, it is making a huge difference. We do still have a few pupils not attending school as well as they could, or being kept off for being 'under the weather'. Our advice would always be to send them to school, where we will keep a close eye on them and follow school procedures, if your child needs to be sent home. We know your child and we would call you if your child was unwell.

Punctuality

After an excellent start to Term 1 we have noticed that children are starting to arrive at school after the doors close at 8.45am. Thank you to those of you who have been on time. Children need to be in school between 8.30am and 8.45am. They can settle in class during this time and take advantage of the early morning learning session.

We will be contacting parents of any children with more than 5 late marks in a term to discuss strategies to help with morning routines.



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Your right to learn and to go to school

Parking Issues

Please be mindful when using the car park. There have been numerous issues just lately with cars parked along the double yellow lines making it impossible for the buses to manoeuvre round.

Does Your Child Really Need to be Off School?

Here are some guidelines to help you;

Coughs and Colds: Please send your child to school, we will encourage them to drink plenty of fluids.

Flu: Until recovered

Sore throat or Tonsillitis: Please send your child to school, we will encourage them to drink plenty of fluids. If your child is on antibiotics we will be able to administer them at school.

Diarrhoea and vomiting: Please keep your child at home, they may return to school 48hours after their last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Headache, earache and stomach ache: Please send your child to school, let the school office know that they have felt unwell and we will notify you if their condition worsens. If their condition persists then seek medical advice.

Conjunctivitis: Children can attend school.

Impetigo: Children must stay at home until lesions are crusted and healed or 48hours after starting antibiotic treatment.

Head lice: Children can go to school, however, they must be treated to prevent further spread.

Chicken Pox: Children may return to school once all vesicles have crusted over.

Measles and German Measles: Children may return to school four days from the onset of the rash.

Threadworm: Children can go to school, however, they must be treated to prevent further spread.

Mumps: Children may return to school 5 days after the onset of swelling

Scarlet Fever: Children may return to school 24hours after starting appropriate antibiotic treatment.

Please encourage your child to wash their hands using soap and water after using the toilet, before eating or handling food and after handling animals.

Scooters and Bikes

If your child comes to school on a bike or scooter they must get off and walk through the gate to the bicycle shelter. We are sure you can appreciate that it causes difficulties if children are riding their bikes / scooters on the premises when children and adults are coming into school. After school, children are not allowed to ride bikes and scooters until they are out of the school gates.

Pugwash News

Autumnal Learning

The children have been learning about Autumn, they went on an Autumn walk and even had a picnic snack whilst out! The children collected some leaves and conkers, and took them back to nursery where they have created an Autumn discovery tray. The children were able to explore the textures of the natural objects, they also created conker rolling paintings.

To develop their maths skills they have used the scales to weigh the conkers, to learn mathematical language and they also counted them.



Parents Evening

The Nursery are holding a parents evening for all Pugwash children on Monday 19th November 3.15-5.15. Please make an appointment with your child's key worker in the nursery.

Polite Reminder

Please could all parents ensure that Nursery fees are paid promptly within 7 days of receiving the invoice. Thank you.

Colder Weather

As the weather turns a bit colder please ensure that your children are wearing appropriate clothing and that they bring a coat, as we do like to go out in all weathers.

Oh we do like to be beside the seaside!

Marlin and Jellyfish have had a fabulous couple of trips to the beach over the past two weeks. As part of their study on the local area they visited Pett Level, where they learnt about the impact of the sea on the coastline and how sea defences are used to protect our coast from erosion. They also visited Camber Sands to study the impact of tourism on the beach and to learn about different ways that the dunes are managed. Luckily, on both trips, the sun shone and the children thoroughly enjoyed a taste of fresh sea air!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

- 9th Harvest Festival - Rev Fiona Gill - food donations for Food Bank
- 9th 6 & Y2 swimming
- 11th KS2 Cross Country after school
- 16th Parent Consultations
- 16th Y6 & Y2 swimming
- 18th Whole School Parade around field / playground - 10th Anniversary
- 18th Parent Consultations
- 19th Pink Day
- 19th Last Day of Term
- 29th Term 2 begins



November

- 5th Creative Christmas parents course a.m. Children's Centre
- 6th Y1 & Y6 (lifesaving) swimming
- 8th Poppies for sale around school
- 9th Poppies for sale around school
- 12th Creative Christmas parents course a.m. Children's Centre
- 12th Individual / Sibling photographs - hall out of use
- 13th Individual / Sibling photographs - hall out of use
- 13th Y1 & Y6 (lifesaving) swimming
- 14th Individual / Sibling photographs - hall out of use
- 15th Able Maths Day - 3 x Y5/6 pupils
- 15th Individual / Sibling photographs - hall out of use
- 16th Nursery photographs - hall out of use
- 19th Creative Christmas parents course a.m. Children's Centre
- 20th Y1 & Y6 (lifesaving) swimming
- 23rd Clubs Event p.m. - hall out of use
- 26th Creative Christmas parents course a.m. Children's Centre
- 27th Y1 & Y6 (lifesaving) swimming
- 30th Flu Vaccinations - Children's Centre



December

- 4th Y1 & Y6 (lifesaving) swimming
- 10th Foundation Stage Christmas Performance 9.30a.m.
- 11th Parent's Forum 9.00 - 10.00a.m. and 2.00 - 3.00p.m.
- 11th Y1 & Y6 (lifesaving) swimming
- 12th KS2 Christmas Performance at St Mary's Church 6.00p.m.
- 13th KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30 - 10.30a.m. and 6.00 - 7.00p.m.
- 19th Christmas Dinner
- 19th Class Christmas parties from 1.30p.m.
- 19th Last day of Term

