

# Pegswood Primary School News

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Issue 1



Friday 14th September

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

## Jeans for Genes

We will be supporting the Jeans for Genes day which is on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Children are asked to wear a pair of jeans on this day if they would like to and to bring in a donation. They should still wear their school uniform on the 'top half'.

## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are holding a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 2.00pm in the main hall – all welcome as are any donations of cakes!

## Sainsbury's School Games Mark

You may have missed in our final newsletter of the year that after submitting all our data to register for the School Games Mark, it showed that we were eligible for another Gold award – our 5<sup>th</sup> in a row! However, School Games Mark have brought out a special award of Platinum Mark. Written evidence was then submitted documenting a case study on a particular question. As you can see from the logo, we have been successful in achieving the PLATINUM standard. This award stands for two years.

This recognises the importance we give to sport and the opportunities we offer to participate in it at school. It also recognises the leadership opportunities that are offered to the children. A huge 'Well done!' to everyone.

## 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 last year. 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.



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 16<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Pegswood Village Show

Jeans for Genes Day

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)

Friends Bingo Evening

Parents Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)

Parents Evening (3.30pm-6.30pm)

House non-uniform day

School closes for half term – 3.15pm

School opens after half term

Sale of Poppies

Pegswood Community Hub Christmas Fair

Children in Need

Bookshop

Christmas Fair (5.00pm-7.00pm)

Nursery Open Afternoon for new starters

Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance (2.00pm)

Year 3 & 4 Christmas event (6.00pm)

Nursery & Reception Nativity Performance to grandparents & community (9.30am)

Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance (6.00pm)

Nursery & Reception performance for parents (9.30am)

Year 5 & 6 Christmas event (6.00pm)

NO NURSERY AM

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

Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party (1.30pm – 3.15pm)

Christmas Dinner with Christmas jumpers

Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party

House non-uniform day

School closes for Christmas holidays (3.15pm)

School opens for Spring Term

