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PHEASEY PARK FARM
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School News

SPRING TERM 2022

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first Newsletter! Hopefully you all managed to see the letter last week from Mr. Grayson, CEO of the Trust, who explained we will be sending out a newsletter every 2 weeks. We will let you know important information, give reminders about upcoming events, pass on messages and share key dates. We will also highlight some of the activities our children have been enjoying in school. Look out for the next edition on the 11th February.

Last year, parents asked if we would be able to provide more information about what their children are learning in school and how parents can help at home. Our staff have created new 'Curriculum Information for Parents' which are uploaded every half term onto the website under the Curriculum section. There are many ideas outlined here of ways you can support at home which will reinforce learning in school. We hope you find them useful.

I hope you and your children have a lovely and relaxing weekend!

Mrs Arnold

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Although we had hoped for Parent Consultations to be face to face, we are not quite there yet with the additional measures still recommended in Walsall. Parents are able to select an appointment through Pay360 from 6pm this evening and a Teams invite will be sent prior to the meeting.

We will be able to hold a book fair in the KS1 hall which parents can visit with their child. More details to follow.

BIRDWATCH WEEK

Birdwatch Week has been a focus this week as part of a campaign run by the RSPB. Pupils have learned about the RSPB's Mission, how to identify birds from how they look, the benefits of birdwatching and how to get involved.



Pupils have enjoyed stories shared from the RSPB and the popular children's author, Michael Morpurgo during story sessions.

This weekend we are encouraging our families to count the birds in their garden or from a local park for one hour anytime between 28th and 30th January 2022.

A range of activities are available via the Learning Platform for all children and throughout the Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend, the RSPB will be hosting Big Garden Birdwatch Live on their YouTube channel.

Dates for your Diary

w/c 24th January
Thur 27th January
Sat 29th January
Friday 4th February
w/c 7th February
w/c 7th February
Tuesday 8th February
Friday 11th February
Monday 14th February
w/c 14th February
Monday 14th February
Tuesday 15th February
Wednesday 17th February
Friday 18th February

Bird Watch Week
Y5 Timezones Saxons Day
Flu Vaccination Catch Up Clinic - drop in, no appt needed, Aldridge Library
Numbers Day
Safer Internet Week
FS/KS1 Curriculum Days
Y6 Split Second Workshop
Y5 Space Centre Trip
KS2 Curriculum Days
Book Fair in School Mon—Thurs
Parent Consultations - 3:40pm - 5:20pm
Dance Festival in School - videos to be uploaded to Class Sites for parents
Parent Consultations - 4:00pm - 7:30pm
School Closes for half term



Saxon Day for Year 5!

We have had Time Zones in this week to work with our Year 5 children.

The children took part in a range of activities and learned about what life was like for the Saxons! Children said it was 'an amazing day!'



Uniform

Thank you to families for ensuring children are in full uniform. They do look very smart. Just a reminder - neither trainers nor boots are permitted and pupils will be asked to change into pumps if they arrive in this footwear.

Please ensure your child always has their PE kit in school.

If you have any old uniform that you could donate to school, we would be very grateful.

Thank you

Steel Pan lessons for Year 4



Each week, our Year 4 children take part in Steel Pans lessons taught by Forest Arts. They have been learning 'Take my breath away' and are now just starting to learn the James Bond theme! They will be performing their talents for parents later on in the Summer Term.

Items from home!

Please could you make sure children are not bringing additional items into school. This week we have had toys, perfume and face cream amongst other treasures!

This does distract from learning so please monitor items coming in.

Thank you

Covid Plan B restrictions to be eased

The Government have announced Plan B restrictions will be lifted, effective Thursday 27 January 2022. This includes compulsory face coverings on public transport and in shops, guidance to work from home and vaccine certificates.

These measures were introduced in December as the COVID-19 Omicron variant swept across the United Kingdom, including Walsall.

Stephen Gunther, Director of Public Health said,

"The Government will have based its decision to remove Plan B restrictions on available data and insight. In Walsall although we have seen the number of people testing positive for COVID-19 reduce slowly over the past seven days, the rates still remain extremely high."

Although the Plan B measures are being removed so the legal requirements are gone, I would urge Walsall residents to continue to be responsible and cautious at this time. It is vital we reduce the number of residents testing positive. This will help to ease pressure in our NHS, schools, care homes and workplaces."

Schools have been urged to 'proceed with caution' and therefore our existing covid measures will remain for the time being. Our risk assessment has been updated and is on the website.



PARKING

We are very aware that parking around our school site is causing issues for residents and putting the safety of our children at risk. As a school, we are not in control of the public highways and we do not have the power to address this - which is very frustrating for us. Despite warnings and numerous reports to the Police and Council from School and the community, some parents are continuing to park on the yellow zigzags at the entrances. We are again making a plea to parents to be considerate where they park.

Drives should not be blocked.

This creates problems for residents.

Cars should not mount the pavement.

This makes it very difficult for parents/carers with pushchairs or disabilities.

And cars should not be parking/waiting on the yellow zigzags.

This is putting children's lives at risk and during certain times is illegal. We

will continue to report any dangerous parking to carparks@walsall.gov.uk or aldridge@west-midlands.pnn.police

We urge parents and residents to do the same.

Coming up

next week...

Year 6 children will be taking part in a 'Split Second workshop' on Tuesday which explores the dangers of knife crime. On Friday, all children will be celebrating Numbers Day and taking part in 'fun-based' maths activities.