

## March Newsletter

March is upon us- it seems to have come round very quickly but we are all looking forward to seeing some sun and feeling some warmth once this cold snap finishes!

We have had a busy first couple of months of 2018- the children all enjoyed the surprise 50th birthday party and receiving their Teddy Bears. Watch out for more details of how the 50th birthday celebrations will be continuing in the summer.

Please look closely at the dates on the back of this newsletter as there are some important dates to note.

**We have been asked to be a polling station for the local elections on May 3rd so the Infant School and Nursery will be shut on that day.**

Please remember to check the website frequently. This contains the most up to date dates in case of any changes and also important information, policies and all letters sent out can also be found on the website.

The website also features useful links for both adults and children.

The website can be found at [www.peelcommoninfantschool.co.uk](http://www.peelcommoninfantschool.co.uk)

Mrs Lesley Spicer, Headteacher

### Safety on the school site

Please can we remind you to use the school site safely, this means:

NO dogs on site.

Please DO NOT ride bikes and scooters on the school grounds.

Please DO NOT climb on the boards outside the Year 1 classrooms.

Please keep close supervision of your children before school so that they do not disturb any equipment that may have been prepared for the lesson that day.

Please DO drive carefully around the school and be considerate to our neighbours when parking.

**DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF GARAGES OR DOUBLE PARK ON THE DRIVE, THE PARKWAY OR CHICHESTER CLOSE AS RESIDENTS ARE BEING BLOCKED IN.**

Please also remember that the car park is for STAFF ONLY and should not be used by parents dropping their children to school. The car park is not a safe environment for children. Please use the designated paths to travel between the two schools on foot.

Thank you for your help in these matters.

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## Charity events

This year we are supporting the Brain Tumour awareness charity by having a 'Wear a Hat Day'. This charity is close to our hearts as we have a number of families in school affected by brain tumours. We are asking that everyone comes to school in a hat on Wednesday 28th March (the last day of school before Easter). The crazier the hat the better! We ask that children bring a suggested donation of £1.



Due to this event we will not be having a Sport Relief day however we will have a collection box in the office on Friday 23rd March if anyone wishes to still make a donation.

## Free School Meals Pupil Premium

For some children, schools are able to claim Pupil Premium which helps provide further support for children who may need it.

Qualifying for Free School Meals Pupil Premium gives you financial support towards the cost of school uniform and school trips.

The criteria for eligibility is where parents/guardians are in receipt of one or more of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are **not** also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs<sup>1</sup>
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- All Universal Credit claimants are currently eligible for education benefits'

A parent or guardian may wish to check their child's eligibility for Pupil Premium or we can check on your behalf. Please see the school office for more details of how to check.

## Sickness and medicines in school



We are grateful to parents who phone in and let us know that their child is sick. It saves the office staff from chasing up later in the day.

Please could we remind you that you need to let us know **exactly what is wrong** with your child so that we can track any illnesses that may be contagious and if necessary alert parents and any vulnerable people to illnesses in school.

A reminder that we have staff who are able to give prescribed medicines and Calpol to children at school. If your child is prescribed medication but well enough to come to school you can bring the medication into school and fill out a form in the school office.

## Emergency contact details



If you have moved house or changed your mobile telephone could you please remember to give the school office your new details to use in case of an emergency.

We will be trialling a system on Monday, 6 March where if your child has a minor bumped head in school we will send a text to the primary contact via parentmail.

## Spare Clothes

*We are in need of boys pants and socks for our spare clothes cupboard. If you have any you could donate please bring them to the school office.*

## Lunchtimes



The summer dinner menu begins after Easter, this new menu has some brand new recipes which sound delicious! It also has a blue choice for a cold packed lunch. These are a very popular choice for the children but please let your child's class teacher know if you DO NOT want your child to choose this as an option.

As the weather continues to get warmer we like to allow the children who have packed lunches and blue choice dinners to sit outside for a picnic. Children are allowed to choose to stay indoors if they wish to. If you have any concerns about your child eating outside please let the class teacher or the office know

## Pierced Ear rings and PE

On health and safety grounds children should NOT wear earrings for PE. If your child cannot remove them on their own please take them out before they come to school on PE days. If you are unable to could you please cover their ear rings with plasters or tape. If you wish you can supply plasters or tape which will be kept in the classroom cupboard for your child to put on.

## Dressing up Clothes

We are in need of generic dressing up clothes to enhance our role play areas. e.g male jackets, trousers, hats, tabards etc. If you have any you could donate please bring them to the school office.



## Dates for your diaries

1 March	World Book Day— dress up as a book character with themed lunch
w/c 5 March	Appointment Boards in foyer for parents evenings
9 March	Years 1 and 2 reports to parents
w/c 12 March	Parents Evenings
15 March	Class photographs
23 March	Sports Relief Day (optional collection box in office)
28 March	<b>Wear a hat day-</b> Brain Tumour- suggested £1 donation
29 March	Day Closure for School and Nursery
w/c 2 & 9 April	Easter Holidays
16 April	Incredible Eggs in school
23 April	Fire Engine visit to Year 1
24 April	Toucans visit Swanwick Nature Reserve
26 April	Parrots visit Swanwick Nature Reserve
<b>NEW 3 May</b>	Day Closure for School and Nursery
7 May	Bank Holiday- school and Nursery closed
w/c 21 May	Walk to School week
w/c 28 May	Half Term
6 June	Yr R and Nursery visit Marwell
w/c 18 June	Appointment Boards in foyer for Early Years parents evenings
19 June	Year 2 visit Portchester Castle
22 June	Early Years reports to parents
w/c 25 June	Early Years parents evenings
5 July	KS 1 reports to parents
6 July	Day Closure for School and Nursery
w/c 9 July	KS 1 parents evenings
20 July	<b>Last day of term for children</b>
23 July	Day Closure for School and Nursery



Just a reminder that if you shop online, you can make a free cash donation to the school with every purchase if you join [www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk](http://www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk).