

September Newsletter

Welcome back to a new term and a new school year. I hope you all enjoyed the lovely sunny summer we had.

The children have all returned settled and are already engaged in their learning, which is lovely to see. This year we are welcoming Mrs Karen Cassie to our team, she has joined the Year 1 team and is completing her teacher training with us.

Please look over the information in this newsletter as it contains some important messages as well as important dates.

Mrs. Spicer, Headteacher

Important reminders

Thank you to the parents who have already returned the data collection sheets. You recently received a copy of the Data Collection Sheet that is held on your child. This is the information we use to contact you in case of an emergency. Please check all the details, amend any details that are out of date, sign the form and return it to school by Friday, 21 September, please sign and return even if all the details are correct.

We will be using Parentmail as our main contact for school information. Using the system ensures that you do not miss any important information concerning school activities. If you haven't signed up you will shortly receive a text inviting you to join. If you have any questions about Parentmail please come into the school office and ask.

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Om in Nepal

A letter recently went home about Animal Day to fund raise for our sponsored child, Om who lives in Nepal.

Thursday 20 September will be a non-uniform day where the children have been invited to dress as an animal, there will also be a special Nepalese style lunch choice on offer.

We are raising money to sponsor Om in Nepal for our fourth year by asking you to bring in coins in the animal container you have made. Don't worry if you haven't made one please just send in some coins in a bag / container .

Privacy Notice

Following the guidelines of GDPR we have new privacy notices. These can be found on the school website under www.peelcommoninfantschool.co.uk/parents/useful-information/keeping-you-informed.

Inhalers and medication

Please ensure if your child suffers from asthma that you bring a pharmacy labelled inhaler and spacer to be kept in school office.

We have staff who have been trained to give medicines in school. They will give antibiotics to children who have them prescribed by the doctor. You must come into the school office and complete a permission form. The person collecting your child is responsible for collecting the medication from the school at the end of the day.

If you have given us permission for your child to be given Calpol we will endeavour to contact you before administering it. You will receive a note home stating dosage and time the Calpol has been given.



Attendance and Holidays

Attendance at school is vitally important for your child's education. The government states that children should **NOT** take term time holidays unless in exceptional circumstances. These are defined as circumstances that are rare, significant or unavoidable, which means the event could not reasonably be rescheduled at another time. Approval is down to each case on an individual basis and decided by the Headteacher, often in partnership with the Headteacher of schools where siblings attend.

Any family who takes an unapproved leave of absence from school that lasts for 10 sessions (5 days) may then be subject to being issued a penalty notice. The penalty notice comes with a fine of £60 per child per parent, so a family with 2 children could be issued with a fine of £240.

It is also very important that children arrive promptly for school as a child with persistent lates may also be subject to a penalty notice. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office to make an appointment to discuss the matter with me.

With this newsletter we will be sending the Hampshire County Council leaflet advice for parents and carers called "Information on Penalty Notices for non-attendance at school."

Friends

Don't forget to join the friends facebook page: 'Friends of Peel Common Infant and Nursery School' to keep up to date with fundraising and other events.



Due to recent fundraising and the Sports Premium grant the school receives from the Government we will soon be having some new play equipment installed in the playground. Look out for our exciting new 'Spider Climber' coming very soon!

Making Payments

Payments can be made via Tucasi for book bags, water bottles, water bottle lids and school trips.

Nursery parents are reminded that they have to pay if their children have a school dinner. This must be paid in advance. You also have the option to put money on account with Tucasi.

If you have any queries please contact the school office for further information. This system makes life easier for both you and us.

Online payments can be made via www.peelcommoninfantschool.co.uk



Woodpeckers

Our popular breakfast and afterschool club at the Infant School has spaces.

Please see the Woodpeckers website (<http://woodpeckerschildcare.co.uk/>) for more details or pop in before or after school if you would like to see what the club looks like and talk to the manager Mrs O'Leary.



School dates & Information

A reminder that all school letters and dates are on the school website. www.peelcommoninfantschool.co.uk



Dates for your diaries

20 September	Animal Day (non uniform)
26 September	British Day lunch
4 October	Welcome back to school lunch- Pizza Party
9 & 10 October	Harvest Assemblies 2.30pm
15 October	Individual Photographs
w/c 15 October	Science Week
19 October	Day closure for Nursery & Infant school
w/c 22 October	Half Term
5 November	Appointment Boards for Early Years Parents Evening
5 November	Open Day for Sept YR 2019
w/c 12 November	Early Years Parent Evenings
19 November	Open Day for Sept YR 2019
19 November	Appointment Boards for KS1 Parent Evening
w/c 19 November	Switch off fortnight
w/c 26 November	KS1 Parents Evening
3 December	Decorations workshop
11 December	PM Puppet Man
12 December	Flu vaccinations for YR/Y1/Y2
17 December	9.30am Year 2 Christmas concert
17 December	2.15pm Year 1 Christmas concert
18 December	9.30am EY concert
19 December	Christmas lunch
20 December	Christmas party
21 December	Last day of term School ends at 1.30pm
7 January	First day back Spring term
15 February	Day closure for Nursery & Infant school
w/c 18 February	Half Term
5 April	Last day of term for Easter
23 April	First day back summer term
3 May	Day closure for Nursery & Infant school
w/c 27 May	Half Term
5 July	Day closure for nursery & school
23 July	Last day of term School ends at 1.30pm