

# November Newsletter

We are now firmly into the half term and the weather is changing. This is always an exciting half term with Christmas fast approaching. It is even more exciting this year as we have finally had our new climbing equipment installed. The children are looking forward to being able to use it next week (if the weather is kind to us!) PLEASE DO NOT let children use this equipment before or after school as it needs to be supervised by school staff.

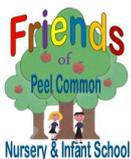
Thank you once again for your generosity both for our Harvest collections for the food bank and for your donation of £140.94 to Children in Need. This year we will once again be joining in with Christmas Jumper Day to support Save the Children. We are also a drop off point for Wave105 Mission Christmas (please see details overleaf)

I hope you will be able to join us for some of our festive celebrations arranged both by the school and by the Friends which are coming up in the coming weeks.

Mrs Lesley Spicer

## CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The Christmas activities letter will be sent home shortly.



- Flyers have gone out about the Friends activities;
- Christmas Fayre on 6 December after school
- Non School Uniform Day on 30 November giving donations for the fayre.
- Film night on 14 December to see The Grinch.



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## Class Lists

Whilst we have previously issued class lists to parents on request we have made the decision to no longer offer this service. We have changed our policy in line with the new Data protection guidelines that came into force this year with GDPR and following policies that other school have in place also.

## Health & Safety and PE

All parents are asked to comply with these Health and Safety measures for the children's safety while doing PE. We ask that if your child has pierced ears that they be removed before coming to school on PE days or if this is not possible for you to tape the earrings before coming to school. No jewellery including watches and bracelets should be worn.

Your child's PE day will be on their classroom notice boards.

## Small cars for donation

As you all get ready for Christmas some of you may be having a clear out over the next few weeks. May I ask that should you be getting rid of any small toy cars in good condition, would you please consider donating them to Mrs B. She has been asked by the children she works with if they can have some to play with in the time spent with her.



## Wave 105 Mission Christmas

We have registered the school as a drop off point for 'Mission Christmas' Wave 105's annual charity event to provide a Christmas gift for a child or young person who may not otherwise receive anything on Christmas morning. More information about this will be coming home soon but you can visit the Wave105 website for more details. Please see the guidelines about the gifts and drop them off anytime before Friday 14th December. <https://planetradio.co.uk/wave-105/charity/events/mission-christmas-wave/>

## Switch off fortnight

November is energy month and 'Switch Off Fortnight' is being held in different schools across the country and we have signed up as a school. Starting on the 19<sup>th</sup> November running until 30 November, Switch Off Fortnight will begin! We really hope we can all work together to try and save energy across the two weeks. Throughout the two weeks everyone will try to use as little electricity as possible.

We will be reminding everyone to switch off electrical appliances when not in use. Be prepared for the children to come home and remind you how to save energy! Go to <http://jointhepod.org/student-zone> which has lots of information and games that can be played on-line.



We have a box in the foyer to collect old batteries

## School places—September 2019

Parents can now apply for a Year R or Year 3 place for September 2019.

To find out about schools and to apply on line visit [www.hants.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) or contact the school office for a paper copy.

If you require any help with the application please contact Mrs Roberts in the office who would be happy to assist you.

The deadline is 15 January 2019.

If you know of anyone needing a Year R place please tell them to contact the office to arrange a visit to the school.



## Nursery places

Places are available in nursery for children the term following their third birthday. Application forms are available from the school office.

If you are working you can apply for the 30 hour child care entitlement, our nursery is offering places on a 30 hour basis if required. For further information please contact Mrs Spicer.

If you know of anyone needing a Nursery place please tell them to contact the office to arrange a visit to the school to come and see our wonderful Nursery.

## Dates for your diaries

w/c 19 November	Switch off fortnight
w/c 26 November	KS1 Parents Evening
30 November	Non uniform day for Christmas Fayre
3 December	Decorations workshop
6 December	Christmas Fayre
11 December	PM Puppet Man
12 December	Flu vaccinations for YR/Y1/Y2
14 December	Christmas Jumper Day
14 December	Friends Family film night
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
8 February	Drama workshops
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
24 July	Last day of term School ends at 1.30pm

For all letters and dates go to our website

[www.peelcommoninfantschool.co.uk](http://www.peelcommoninfantschool.co.uk)