

May Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. This half term is short but busy as always.

This newsletter contains some important date announcements, so look out for those and further information regarding these dates.

We are all hoping that the sun will make a return and continue to shine throughout the rest of the summer.

Mrs Lesley Spicer, Headteacher

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Lunch times



As the weather hopefully gets 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 and if you have any concerns about your child eating outside please let the class teacher or the office know.

Please also provide your child with a sun hat as the weather starts to get warmer.

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Thank you

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Purple Epilepsy Day. We raised the fantastic sum of £1947.60.

Mrs McKay completed the Marathon in a very respectable time and we are all very proud of her.

Friends group and fundraising

The school would like to say a big thank you to the Friends group and all they do for the school raising money for us and arranging fun activities for the families.

The group is run by a small but very dedicated group of volunteers, they are always looking for more volunteers to help, maybe you can come along to one of the meetings to suggest ideas and see what is being planned. If you cannot make the meetings don't worry help is always needed at the events that have been planned. A few of these events are detailed in this newsletter.

The friends currently have a fairly healthy balance of funds that have been raised from Fayres, Discos, the Easter egg hunt and other events. As a school we are deciding how best to spend these funds for the benefit of all the children - look out for exciting details coming soon.

Grounds working day

We are planning a grounds working day on Sunday 23rd June, we have been able to secure some volunteers from Lloyds Bank to come and help us and would like to also invite parents and other family members to come along also. There is always lots to do in the school grounds, maintaining the plants, pathways and sheds but also developing the areas for more exciting learning for the children.

If you can come and help on this day please let the school office know. Please let us know if you have any special skills, gardening, painting, building and if you can bring your own tools.

Unfortunately children will NOT be allowed on site on this day for health and safety reasons.





Attendance and holidays

We have recently seen an increase in families requesting time off from school for family holidays. Please can I remind you that most holiday requests cannot be approved and any family who takes an unapproved leave of absence from school that lasts for 10 sessions (5days) 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.

As a school we follow the County code of conduct, PLEASE DO NOT book term time holidays as your child's attendance at school is vitally important, but if you have any queries please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Appointments



If your child has a medical appointment during school times we now need to see a copy of the medical appointment or if you have received a reminder text this needs to be shown to a member of the office staff. Appointments where there is no proof could now be classed as unauthorised.

Save the date

We are planning a school fair on Thursday, 4 July from 3.30 p.m. more exciting details to come soon.



Dates for your diaries

23 May	Day Closure for School and Nursery—elections
24 May	School open as normal
w/c 27 May	Half Term
6 June	Swanwick trip for Hedgerow
7 June	Swanwick trip for Vegetable Patch
14 June	Portchester Castle trip for Y1
21 June	Sports day
23 June	Grounds working day
25 June	YR Sept 2019 visit to school
28 June	Reports out for Early Years
w/c 1 July	Year R Parents evenings
4 July	Year 1 & 2 reports out
4 July	Friends Summer Fayre
5 July	Day Closure for School and Nursery
10 July	YR Sept 2019 visit to school
15 or 16 July	YR Sept 2019 visit to school
22 July	Y2 leavers assembly
23 July	Last day of summer term — School closes 1.30pm

Please check out our website www.peelcommoninfantschool.co.uk

Dates and letters from school are regularly updated and available for download.

Paper copies available on request from the school foyer

Don't Forget!

If you change any of your contact details including moving house please inform the school office so that we can update our records.