



## September Newsletter

*Welcome back to another school year.*

*I hope you all enjoyed the Summer holidays, it has been lovely to see everyone return and hear all about what everyone did.*

*The children have all quickly settled back into their new classes and are already involved in some exciting learning.*

*The Key Stage 1 children are enjoying mixing together and when I walk into the rooms it can be hard to tell which children are Year 1 and which are Year 2 as they are all having fun together.*

*Please take time to read this newsletter as it has some very important information, including important dates for the year.*

*Mrs Spicer*

### Important reminders

Thank you to the parents who have already returned the data collection sheets.

Parents 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 Please check all the details, amend any details that are out of date, sign the form and return it to school as soon as possible, please sign and return even if all the details are correct.

We use 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 and wish to join please contact the school office for a registration email.

It is your responsibility to update your email or mobile telephone number on Parentmail. The school cannot alter your details on the system once you have logged on. If you have any questions about Parentmail please contact the school office.

### Allergies

Please remember the school is a NUT free school. We currently have a child and staff members with Nut allergies so please can you ensure your child DOES NOT have any nut products in their lunch boxes.



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## 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 complete a permission form in the school office. 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 updated Hampshire County Council leaflet advice for parents and carers called "Information on Penalty Notices for non-attendance at school."

## 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 McIlroy.

## 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.

Look out for more information on the first event- Autumn Disco on 22nd October

## Making Payments

Payments can be made via SCOPAY for  
book bags — £8.00  
water bottles — £2.00  
water bottle lids - 50p  
and school trips.

Nursery parents are reminded that the cost of a school dinner is now £2.40. Nursery children can have a school dinner but they must be paid for in advance. You can also put money on account with SCOPAY and you will be informed when it runs out.

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



## Governors

The Governors are a group of volunteers who hold the school to account on a number of matters.

Our Governing body is made up of:

Mr S Pethick- Co-opted Governor and Chair of Governors  
Mrs A Evans- Local authority Governor and Vice Chair  
Mrs H Smith- Co-opted Governor  
Mrs L Pitcher- Staff Governor  
Mr A Parratt- Co-opted Governor  
Mr B Buckenham- Parent Governor  
Mr N Brooks Parent Governor  
Mrs N Gregg- Parent Governor

We currently have vacancies for two co-opted Governors- please contact the school if you know of anyone who may wish to find out more about being a Governor.

The Governors meet regularly throughout the year and can be contacted via the School Office.

## School uniform sale



We are planning on having a Nearly New Uniform Sale after half term - date to be confirmed.

## Dates for your diaries

A reminder that all school letters and dates are on the school website.  
[www.peelcommoninfantschool.co.uk](http://www.peelcommoninfantschool.co.uk)

3 October	Welcome back to school lunch- Pizza Party
9 October	School flu vaccination
14 October	Individual Photographs
18 October	Open Day for Sept YR 2020
25 October	Day closure for Nursery & Infant school
w/c 28 October	Half Term
8 November	Open Day for Sept YR 2020
11 November	Appointment Boards for Early Years Parents Evening
13 November	Open Day for Sept YR 2020
w/c 18 November	Early Years Parent Evenings
18 November	Appointment Boards for KS1 Parent Evening
w/c 19 November	Switch off fortnight
21 November	Open Day for Sept YR 2020
w/c 25 November	KS1 Parents Evening
26 November	Open Day for Sept YR 2020
2 December	Decorations workshop
10 December	PM Puppet Man
13 December	Christmas concert (details tbc)
16 December	Christmas concert (details tbc)
18 December	Christmas lunch
19 December	Christmas party
20 December	Last day of term School ends at 1.30pm
6 January	First day back Spring term
14 February	Day closure for Nursery & Infant school
w/c 17 February	Half Term
24 February	Day closure for Nursery & Infant school
3 April	Last day of term for Easter
20 April	First day back summer term
7 May	Polling day- School and nursery closed
8 May	Bank holiday
w/c 25 May	Half Term
3 July	Day closure for nursery & school
22 July	Last day of term School ends at 1.30pm