

November Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

The busy half term has got off to a cold start but the very popular baked potato option at lunchtime is proving a good way of staying warm at lunchtimes!

This half term is always a busy one with the run up to Christmas and lots of activities taking place such as Children in Need day, the Friend's cake and uniform sale and Quiz night. Please look closely at the diary dates and the Christmas newsletter when it comes so you don't miss anything.

We now know the school will be used as a polling station for the upcoming general election on the 12th December- so school and Nursery will be closed on this day- luckily this won't affect any of the Christmas plans.

Finally I would like to send a huge congratulations to Peel Common Junior School for their GOOD rating following their recent Ofsted inspection- it is a great validation of all the wonderful things the school does.

Congratulations!

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Health & Safety and PE

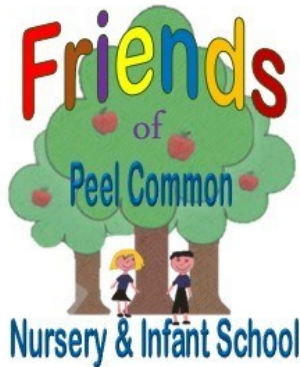
All parents are asked to comply with these Health and Safety measures for the children's safety while doing PE. We ask that if your child has pierced ears that they be removed before coming to school on PE days or if this is not possible for you to tape the earrings before coming to school. No jewellery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

Being a School Governor

An advert was sent home before the holidays letting you know we need a Parent Governor to join our Governing body. Its not too late to apply for this. The deadline has been extended so if you would like to be part of the school, helping shape the school's future and show support and challenge to the school please get an application form from the office or if you have any questions what it means to be Governor please do not hesitate to come and ask.

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The Christmas activities letter will be sent home shortly. Please make a note of all the dates in your diary so you don't miss anything. They can also be found at the end of this newsletter.



A letter has gone out about the Friends activities; They are also having their first Quiz night on Friday 15 November. Come along for an evening of fun and laughter. Booking forms are available from the school foyer.

Non School Uniform Day on 2 December please give a donation for the fayre. Further information to follow.

Names in uniform

We would be grateful if you could make sure that your child's uniform is labelled. This helps staff to return it to the correct child's peg when it is found around the school.

Please check the school lost property boxes if you think your child has lost some clothes.

Safety on the school site

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

Parents should not park in the school grounds unless they have received permission from Mrs Spicer. Parking permits will be given to parents who have an identified need and have been issued with an official parking permit.

No dogs on site.

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

Please **DO NOT** climb on the boards outside the Silver Birch classroom.

Also please do not let your children play with any equipment that may have been set up for the children to use during the day.

Please **DO** drive carefully around the school, especially in Chichester Close as there have been a few close calls with children walking to school and people driving too quickly.

REMEMBER to park considerately near school, making sure not to block residents garages, gates and cars.

As the cold and wet weather comes please take care around the site; on very cold or frosty mornings look for school sign which will show safe routes.



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 18 November running until 29 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 <https://jointhepod.org/students> 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 2020.

To find out about schools and to apply on line visit 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 2020.

If you know of anyone needing a Year R place please share the following Open day dates or tell them to contact the office to arrange a visit to the school.

Wednesday 13 November 4.30pm

Thursday 21 November 1.30pm or 4.30pm

Tuesday 26 November 9.30am



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

12 November	Cake and Nearly New uniform sale
15 November	Friends Quiz Night
15 November	Non uniform day for Children in Need
w/c 18 November	Switch off fortnight
w/c 18 November	Early Years Parents Evening
w/c 25 November	KS1 Parents Evening
2 December	Non uniform day for Christmas Fayre
2 December	Decorations workshop
6 December	Christmas Fayre
10 December	PM Puppet Man
12 December	Nursery & School closed for Elections
13 December	2.15 pm Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance
16 December	9.30 am Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance
17 December	9.30 am Early Years Christmas Performance
18 December	Christmas lunch
19 December	Christmas party
20 December	Christmas Jumper Day
20 December	Last day of term School ends at 1.30pm
6 January	First day back Spring term
9 January	Key Stage 1 trip to Sea City
14 February	Day closure for Nursery & Infant School
w/c 17 February	Half Term
24 February	Day closure for Nursery & Infant School
13 March	Class photographs
3 April	Last day of term for Easter
20 April	First day back summer term
7 May	Day closure for Nursery & Infant school- polling
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

For all letters and dates go to our website
www.peelcommoninfantschool.co.uk