



Peases West Primary School

Newsletter

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Ofsted

As you will be aware, the school was inspected by Ofsted last month, and you should have received a copy of the inspection letter this week. Copies are available from the school office and electronic copies are also available on our school website (www.peaseswest.durham.sch.uk).

In summary, Ofsted has judged that our school continues to be a good school.

This outcome is a celebration of the work that children, parents, staff and governors have contributed over time, and is a representation of the progress that the school continues to make. We feel it accurately reflects the many strengths that exist here and is a credit to the hard work and commitment of children and staff. Your amazing children should take particular pride in the report as it reflects their wonderful attitudes towards learning and their understanding of important key values.

Whilst the report is reassuring in recognising the strengths of the school, we are aware that there are identified areas in which we can further develop. Senior leaders, staff and governors are working closely together to ensure these areas are addressed and that the impact of our work is monitored closely to secure the best outcomes for children.

Staffing update

This week we welcomed Miss Lucy Allum to school. Lucy will be based in our Early Years Foundation Stage, and we know you will join us in making her feel welcome.

School closure

Thank you for your patience and understanding during the recent school closures. These things are beyond our control and we carry out a full risk assessment when making the decision to close. Hopefully, the poor weather conditions are behind us now!

Thanks also for your co-operation with rearranged events such as parents meetings and World Book Day.



Friday 23rd March 2018

We will be supporting the 'Sport Relief' campaign on Friday 23rd March. We have arranged for a skipping workshop to take place in school throughout the day, with the coach working with all classes.

Children can come in to school in sportswear/PE kits for a donation of £1 to Sport Relief.

Please note: if children do not have appropriate footwear (e.g. trainers) they will not be able to take part in the workshops.

Skipping ropes will be left in school and be on sale for several weeks after the workshops - further information and prices to follow.

www.skippingschool.co.uk

www.sportrelief.com

Primary and Secondary school places 2018/19

The deadline for applying for September 2018 primary school places was midnight on 15 January 2018. An offer will be sent to parents and carers on 16 April 2018.

If you haven't applied for a primary place for September 2018, you can still fill in the primary school admission form:

www.durham.gov.uk/article/2190/Apply-for-a-primary-place

Please note - a late application greatly reduces your chances of getting into your preferred school.

The closing date to apply for a secondary school place for this September was 31 October 2017. If you have not yet applied, you can fill in and return a form available via the link below - please note - you can't apply online.

<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2194/Secondary-school-places>

Nursery and Class 1 Easter Dates.

Egg Decorating competition:

We will be taking part in an Easter egg decorating competition in school. We ask that children bring 2 hard boiled eggs into school from Monday 26th March and they will be decorated in school.

Play and Stay (Nursery and Class 1):

We would like to invite you into nursery for a 'Play and Stay' Easter themed session on **Wednesday 28th March at 2.30pm** This is an invite for all of our Class 1 parents and Nursery parents to come and share in our Easter Celebrations.

Play and Stay Session (2 year olds):

We would like to invite you to join us for an Easter themed 'Play and Stay' session in Nursery on **Thursday 29th March at 11.00pm**. This is also an opportunity for you to share and discuss your child's learning journey with their key worker.

Thursday 29th March:

This is the last day of term. **Nursery will close at 12.15pm** This is due to Class 1 taking a part in an Sports festival (details to follow). All nursery children need to be collected at the end of the morning session, 11.45am (or 12.15pm if they attend lunch club).

We will hold a '50p Thursday' non uniform fundraiser on the last day of term.

Easter Dates

Egg Decorating competition:

We ask that children bring 2 hard boiled eggs into school from Monday 26th March and they will be decorated in school during the week.

Classes 2, 3 and 4 will hold parent assemblies during the last week of term. All assemblies will start at 3pm.

Class 3: Monday 26th March

Class 4: Tuesday 27th March

Class 2: Thursday 29th March

We will hold a '50p Thursday' non uniform fundraiser on the last day of term.

School uniform

School uniform can be ordered online at www.stparent.co.uk.
Orders are collated, so please order by 3rd of the month for same month delivery.

Easter disco - Wednesday 28th March from 5pm - 6:30pm

Our PTA will be holding an Easter Disco with competitions, games and prizes and treats and novelties! Tickets are on sale at a cost of **£2.50 per child** (including drink and hot dog). Accompanying adults and younger non school age children are free. Please send money in to school in a named purse/envelope.

Please note: The disco is for Peases West Primary and Nursery children only. Children from Early Years and Class 2 must be accompanied by an adult. There will be refreshments available for adults in our 'quiet zone' in Class 2. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday at a cost of £2.50 per child (including drink and hot dog). Accompanying adults and younger non school age children are free. Please send money in to school in a named purse/envelope.



Parent View

We value your feedback and are keen to know your views on all aspects of school life so that we can work together to make Peases West Primary School the best place it can be!

You can also share your views by using the 'Have your Say' section of the newsletter. This can be handed in with your child or to the school office .

Alternatively, Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time;

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Thank you!



James Swainston from High Force School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) is currently in school on placement. James will be based in Class 4, but will also work with children across school.

School closes for Easter break on Thursday 29th March.

School reopens on Monday 16th April 2018.

Copies of our Yearly Planner are available on the school website.

Spring Term events:

It has been a busy term, despite being very short! In January, James Oldfield, our school games organiser, visited school to present our Gold Sainsbury's School Games Sports Award. Class 4 have been involved in the Durham Constabulary Junior Education programme which covered road safety and awareness, flood awareness, hate crime, envirocrime and a visit from working police dogs. They also visited the Baltic centre for contemporary art, comparing Newcastle and New York. As part of our work with the Youth Sport Trust, English Rugby union player, Katy Storie spent the day in school working with children on 'aims and ambitions'. Class 3 visited Vindolanda Roman fort and were able to step into the life of a Roman soldier! PCSO Mike Gracey delivered an internet safety assembly, and our 'Sports Crew' launched their breakfast and lunchtime clubs! We were able to join our friends at West Lodge residential care home for an afternoon of fun and games, and Class 4 took part in a Safety Carousel at 'The Work Place' in Newton Aycliffe. World Book Day saw playwright Carina Rodney spend the day in school, along with librarian Rosemary Hoben. We also officially opened our new school library! Class 4 visited St Catherine's Church in Crook to take part in 'The Easter Story', and Darren Brown from Durham Cricket Club delivered an assembly and worked with children to promote the 'All Stars' cricket program. Children in Class 1 saw their Mother's Day drawings published in the Northern Echo, and Classes 2, 3 and 4 experienced 'Being a Bishop for the Day' as part of Auckland Castle's Auckland project.

Photographs and further information on each event is available on our school website and Facebook page.



BUG BUSTING!

We have had a few sightings and reports of head lice in school this term. Help to eliminate this problem by checking your child's hair regularly. Our bug busting day where we aim to synchronise bug busting in the school community is **Friday 23rd March**.

Have Your Say

We value and welcome your comments on all aspects of school life. These can be shared by completing and returning the slip below. Thank you!

Praise, Positives & Progress

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Things to develop

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Suggestions for improvement

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Thank you.

Name: **(optional) Date:**.....