



Peases West Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 14th December 2018

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Staff and governors would like to thank children, parents and families for their continued support over the last year. We look forward to working with you once again in 2019.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank you for your support with our recent Christmas events! Photographs of all events can be found on our school Facebook page.

Next week our Christmas performances will be taking place.

Early Years (Nursery and Class 1):
Tuesday 18th December 2:45pm

CLASS 2:
Tuesday 18th December 1:30pm

CLASS 3 and 4:
Wednesday 19th December 1:30pm.

Tickets have been allocated for each of the performances.

Nursery will be closed on the morning of 18th December. We ask that all Nursery children attend the afternoon session on Tuesday 18th December.

Please note: We fully appreciate families wish to take photographs in performances, which will provide you with much pleasure and happy memories in years to come. In school we adopt a 'common sense' approach to photographs being taken for personal use and request that any photographs taken at a school event will be of your own child, and not be used inappropriately or uploaded on to social media sites.

Whilst we welcome younger family members to attend performances, we do ask that should they become restless, they are taken out of the school hall.

Performances will take place in the school hall and time will be needed to set up beforehand, therefore we ask that parents and family members kindly wait outside the hall doors situated at the end of the school drive, which will be opened 5 minutes before each performance. Following each performance, it would be appreciated if parents and families could leave by the hall door to enable the hall to be set up for the next performance.

SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS ON 21st DECEMBER 2018.

As this is 'break up' day for many people, we appreciate that lots of families will be beginning their Christmas plans, resulting in increased traffic and travel around the area. Should you wish to collect your child from school early, then you can do so from 1:30pm onwards. Please come to the school office to collect. (Should you be unable to collect your child, school will remain open until 3:15pm as normal).

SCHOOL REOPENS FOR TEACHING PURPOSES ON TUESDAY 8TH JANUARY 2019.

Friday 21st December - 50p non uniform Friday - children can come to school in non uniform/Christmas clothes for a donation of 50p towards school fund. This can be paid through your ParentPay account. Thank you!

Butterwick Hospice Reindeer Run

As part of our year-round programme of Sainsbury's School Games intra-school competitions, we will be hosting a Butterwick Hospice 'Reindeer Run' in the school grounds for all children to take part in, on the afternoon of **Friday 21st December**.

Butterwick Hospice Care have provided some reindeer antlers for the children to decorate in school and wear for the run. We recommend children bring warm clothing, old trainers/wellington boots to change into as the run will go ahead in all weathers. Children may change back into their school uniform when the run is completed. Should you wish to join us in making this a fundraising event, your child has a Butterwick Hospice Care sponsor form to complete and return to school with money, on Friday 21st December. Butterwick Hospice is a local charity who aim to improve the quality of life for those who have a progressive life limiting illness and those close to them.

Please see website below if you would like further details:
<https://www.butterwick.org.uk/>

Christmas parties - Thursday 20th December.

Children may prefer to come to school in their party clothes, alternatively party clothes can be brought into school in a clearly labelled carrier bag.



Nursery, Class 1: Thursday 20th December (am)
Class 2: Thursday 20th December (am)
Class 3: Thursday 20th December (pm)
Class 4: Thursday 20th December (pm)



Morning routine

From January, we are changing our morning entry routine. From 8:50am, there will continue to be staff supervision on the yard, but on entry to the yard, children are to make their way into school and directly to their classes.

We hope that this will ease congestion around the entrance door and in the cloakroom, and ensure a calm, settled start to learning.

The final bell will sound at 8:55am, the start of the school day. Any children arriving on site after this time, will need to report to the main entrance.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.