



Pegasus Primary School
A NINESTILES ACADEMY

Newsletter

Every Pegasus Child will be a High Achiever 05/12/2017

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy half term. The new joint Academy Council with Erdington Hall Primary School has met. We have had a range of clubs and activities taking place and plan to have a lot more.

We are now part of the Kingsbury Sports Partnership - opening up a world of sporting competition to pupils at Pegasus.

Our fully funded music opportunities continue to allow all pupils to develop their musical abilities. We have a number of concerts and performances scheduled for December (see dates list).

You attended a parents' evening - if you were unable to make it, teachers arranged another appointment for you. Please contact the office if you missed this or have any queries.

In January, we will be asking you for valid email addresses. If you get a new phone for Christmas and update your number, please do not forget to tell school.

We also plan to run more workshops on 'the basics' - phonics, spelling, reading, number, calculation. We will send an end of term survey, so you can suggest other workshops you would like to see.

More recently, we ran an Anti-Bullying Week here at school. More about it can be found on our website. I will be re-running my behaviour and expectations presentations in January for those parents unable to make it in September.



STAFF CHANGES

At the end of term, we will also say goodbye to Mrs Price, who has taught at Pegasus since 2012 - most recently part-time in Y3. We would like to thank her for supporting the children in their transition to the juniors and for her contributions to the full life of Pegasus over the years.

INSET DAY FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER

School is closed to pupils this Friday. Staff will undertake essential work to ensure in spring term every Pegasus child is a high achiever.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER



Christmas Jumper Day is an annual fundraising campaign in the UK organised by charity Save the Children. On Friday 15th December, children are encouraged to *make the world better with a sweater* and raise funds for Save the Children by buying, borrowing, or just 'blinging' up a Christmas jumper and making a small donation.

We have already raised over £200 for Children in Need this year, and the Poppy Appeal saw £208.69 raised for good causes. Thank you for your generosity.

Other key dates are on the back of this letter.

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO PAYING FOR THINGS AT SCHOOL

We will move to becoming a cashless school in January. We will send a detailed letter to you soon.

Juice and toast will not be part of the cashless system.

From January:

- Juice and toast can only be paid for on a Monday / the first day back after a holiday.
- Money must be in an envelope, marked with your child's name and the days / items being paid for.
- If your child is absent, you may pay via the school office - not via your child's teacher.
- There will be no other exceptions to the rule - and we regret that we cannot accept payments for more than one week at a time.
- Leaders on the door and staff on duty will not be able to accept money.
- You do not have to purchase juice and toast - you may send your own healthy snack with a child.
- There is always fruit and water available at no cost to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- Juice and toast is not a breakfast replacement, it is a mid-morning snack - refuelling after over an hour of learning.

Why have we made these changes?

- To prevent abuse of the system
- To reduce unnecessary administration time for teachers and teaching assistants and increase teaching time for children
- To reduce unnecessary administration time for office staff
- To ensure consistency

KEY DATES

December	
8 th	INSET DAY - CLOSED TO PUPILS
11 th	Auditions for Pegasus has talent (Afternoon)
14 th	Pegasus choir at Castle Vale Children's Centre (morning)
15 th	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch
18 th	2:15pm Music concert - parents invited
20 th	Pegasus has talent competition (afternoon)
21 th	2:15pm Nativity (ticketed)
22 th	9:15am Nativity (ticketed) 1:00pm break up for Christmas
Other class specific dates such as homework project sharing and class Christmas parties will be included on class letters	
January	
9 th	Children return to school 8:45am
18 th	Principal's Coffee Morning 9:00am - 11:00am (short talk at 9:45am)

NAME IT TO CLAIM IT

Remember to put your child's name in everything that you would want quickly returned.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD COAT FOR SCHOOL?

We only specify two things for autumn / winter wear- it is both warm and waterproof.

Getting wet, by itself, will not give you a cold. The only thing that can cause a cold or flu is a cold or flu virus.

At Pegasus, we send pupils out to play in light rain and keep them out if there is a chance the rain will blow over.

We keep pupils indoors in heavy rain, ice, snow, or conditions that would compromise their safety or comfort for the day.