



Pudsey Tyersal Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2017

Dates for your Diary

Fri 29 th September 2017	McMillan Coffee Morning for parents/carers
Mon 2 nd October 2017	Year 5 trip to Bagshaw Musesum
Mon 2 nd October – Fri 6 th October 2017	Year 6 Residential trip to Herd Farm
W/C 9 th October 2017	Harvest Week – more information to follow
Tue 10 th October 2017	Parents meeting with The Co-operative Academies Trust (5.30pm)
Mon 16 th & Tue 17 th October 2017	Parents Evening – Year 6
Wed 18 th & Thu 19 th October 2017	Parents Evening Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5
Thu 19 th October 2017	Nasal Flu Immunisation for Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3 & Y4
Fri 20 th October 2017	School closes for half term
Mon 30 th October 2017	School Re-opens
Wed 1 st November 2017	Dentist team in to speak to Nursery & Reception Parents/Carers
Wed 8 th November 2017	Dentist team in to apply fluoride varnish to Nursery & Reception children
W/c 4 th December 2017	Christmas Productions – more information to follow
W/c 11 th December 2017	Christmas Class Parties
Fri 15 th December 2017	School closes for Christmas
Wed 3 rd January 2018	School Re-opens

Welcome Back

We would like to welcome back all our families and children to the new school year. The children are all settling in well to their new classes. All our new Nursery and Reception children are now in school and are getting used to school life.

Academy Update

As you are aware, Pudsey Tyersal Primary School will become an academy following the Ofsted visit in March this year. We are currently in discussions with a potential sponsor – The Co-operative Academies Trust. There will be a meeting for parents/carers to attend on **Tuesday 10th October at 5.30pm**. Please put this date in your diary. This will be an opportunity for you to ask questions and find out more about the academy conversion. We will send out more information nearer the time.

Bucket Filling

We have a new initiative across school which is titled “Have you filled your bucket today?” Bucket filling is about ensuring that we display kindness and spread good feelings to others. When our “buckets” are full we are happy; when they are empty we are sad. We can fill our own buckets and so can others. When we are mean or unkind to someone we “dip” into their bucket which can rob us of our happy feelings. Ask your children about bucket filling and how it makes them feel.

Parents Evening – Bookings

In the next few weeks we will be texting parents a link to book their parents evening time online. This will be done on a first come, first served basis. If you are unable to make a convenient appointment please contact your child’s teacher.

Supervision Responsibilities – Before and After School

The school gate to the main playground opens at 8.30am for parents/carers and children. However, there will be no supervision of children until 8.40am when the Pastoral Team will be in the playground. At the end of the day there will be supervision by school staff between 3.00pm – 3.10pm. After this time there will be no supervision for children in the playground. Additionally there will be no supervision for children playing on any playground equipment before and after school. This will also apply to any siblings or children who don't attend our school. This notice is given as a disclaimer and is in the interests of the Health & Safety of the children.

Pokemon Cards and Fidget Spinners, and any other toys

We have taken the decision to ban from school any trading cards, fidget toys or any other toys brought into school. We would like to remind parents that if your child is caught with any of these items they will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Punctuality & Attendance

Please note that the doors to allow children into school on a morning open at 8.45am. The doors will close at 8.55am and in the interests of safety the main gate through to the playground will be locked at 8.55am. Any children who arrive after 8.55am are classed as late and must sign in through the main entrance. It is very important that children attend school every day on time. If your child is ill, please phone school on 01274 662363 and leave a message. If you don't call in on the day your child is unwell, the absence may be unauthorised. School will contact parents/carers on the first day of absence if there has been no contact.

Attendance has been slowly improving over the last few weeks – thank you to all families and children for your support with this. We all have to work together on improving attendance as this is having a huge impact on children's learning.

Attendance figures

Our school attendance target is
96%

Class	W/C 04/09/17
Reception	99.1%
Year 1	95.0%
Year 2	95.7%
Year 3	92.7%
Year 4	96.0%
Year 5	94.8%
Year 6	91.5%
WHOLE SCHOOL	94.9%

Classes who achieve 96% or over receive an extra playtime, Well done to Reception & Year 4!

AUTUMN TERM ATTENDANCE PRIZES

We are running an incentive, again next term, to improve attendance in school. At the end of this term, any child who has had 99% attendance (or above) will be entered into a prize draw (to be drawn out at random) prizes to be confirmed.

Every child will have a chance to win if they come to school each day. Attendance is paramount to learning, please ensure your child attends school as each day lost will have an impact on their learning.

Following our recent Ofsted Report, the local authority have stated we need to improve our attendance. When a child's attendance falls below 95%, the case may be passed to Leeds City Council and legal proceedings may follow.