



Pudsey Tyersal Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2017

Dates for your Diary

Fri 20 th October 2017	School closes for half term
Mon 30 th October 2017	School Re-opens
Tues 31 st October 2017	Closing Date for High School Preference Forms
Wed 1 st November 2017	School Photographer in – taking individual photos of children
Wed 1 st November 2017	Dentist team in to speak to Nursery & Reception Parents/Carers
Mon 6 th November 2017	Rainbow Factory in Nursery & Reception
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
Tue 12 th December 2017	Year 3 & Year 4 trip to Leeds City Museum
Fri 15 th December 2017	School closes for Christmas
Wed 3 rd January 2018	School Re-opens

Harvest Week

Harvest Week was a resounding success here at Pudsey Tyersal last week! We had many families and members of the local community in school to taste the delicious food your wonderful children prepared. We served pitta breads with Greek salad, vegetable soup, vegetable curry and fruit cocktail. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Academy Update

The Co-operative Academies Trust (CAT) met with parents this week, thank you to all parents who attended. We are still in discussions about the new name of the school – the CAT have been working alongside children, staff and families in order to find out more about the area and its history. Hopefully we will be able to announce the new name soon.

Play Fighting

A number of children engage in play fighting at break and lunch times. We discourage this behaviour at school as it often leads to more serious issues. Can you please speak to your children about this and explain that it is not acceptable to play fight at school.

Behaviour Policy

Please take a look at our new Behaviour Policy which is available on the school website. There was a competition for children to design Behaviour Superheroes and their designs were sent to a professional designer over summer. We are still making a few tweaks to the final designs but we now have Captain Kind, The Obeyer and Phantom Physical leading our Behaviour expectations in school. We will be sharing the final designs in the next few weeks.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor. School governors are volunteers who help to run the school on a strategic level. They're involved in decisions about various aspects of the school – The key functions of then governing body are to ensure that the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school are clearly defined, ensure that the head teacher performs their responsibilities for the educational performance of the school and to ensure the sound, proper and effective use of the

school's financial resources. Also, governors are required to provide effective support and challenge to school. Please speak to the office if you are interested.

Supervision Responsibilities – Before and After School

The school gate to the main playground opens at 8.30am for parents/carers and children. Children will need to be supervised by parents/carers before school starts at 8.45am. The Pastoral Team will be in the playground from 8.40am. 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.

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 09/10/17
Reception	92.1%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	99.3%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	95.8
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	94.6%
WHOLE SCHOOL	96%

Classes who achieve 96% or over receive an extra playtime.

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.