



Pudsey Tyersal Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2017

Dates for your Diary

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
Mon 15 th January 2018	Deadline for Primary School Applications for children starting Reception class in September 2018

Children in Need

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday 17th November for Children in Need. We are asking for a minimum donation of 50p per child (but no fancy dress costumes, thank you). If you have any old pound coins, you can donate them to Children in Need, there's a collection box in the office.

Parking Around School

It has been brought to our attention by some local residents that they are frequently having to ask drivers to move their cars which are blocking their drives. Can you please be mindful of local residents when dropping off and picking up your children? Also, a number of cars have been parking on the pavement and having near misses with pedestrians. We urge you to park on the road only (our staff who take Year 4 swimming have witnessed many dangerous incidents whilst walking the children back to school).

Academy Update – our New Name

Please see the letter sent home with your child today (it's also on our website).

Star Writers

Our star writers this term are:

Alice Angel (Nursery), Muskaan Ahmed (Reception), Zachary Hyland (Year 1), Eudora Uzoho (Year 2), Millie-Mae Martin (Year 3), Saba Kousar (Year 4), Amy Booth (Year 5) and Annissa Echchik (Year 6). Well done to all.

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.

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.

We all have to work together on improving attendance as this has a huge impact on children's learning.

Attendance figures

Our school
attendance
target is
96%

Class	W/C 30 th October 2017
Reception	86.6%
Year 1	90.9%
Year 2	95.3%
Year 3	95.4%
Year 4	93.5%
Year 5	94.9%
Year 6	94.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL	93.8%

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.