



Peasedown St. John Primary School

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INSET DAY

Our next scheduled Inset Day will be

Friday 20th October 2017

RUMBLING TUMS

~ w/b 16th October ~
Please refer to Week 1 Menu on the Website

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Talking Point: Monday's Assembly Theme:

Miss Marchington took assembly on Monday and talked through the whole point of our Harvest festival celebrations. She told the story of Stone Soup, which Sky Class performed so well on Tuesday in St John's Church, an inspiring fable making the point that if everyone is willing to share even a little, it can be enough to share around. Children understand that this is something that applies on a personal level, but is also a global idea: there's enough for everyone if we are willing to share.

Harvest Celebration - Thank-you!

What a wonderful day of Harvest celebrations we had on Tuesday! The many talents of your children were on show, from our solo and duetting instrumentalists in Key Stage 2, to the class poems, artwork, stories, fact-files, prayers and all the other different approaches the classes took to Harvest. Thanks to all our staff for preparing the children so well. As ever, the singing was a highlight and we are grateful to Mrs Barretto, ably assisted by Mrs Auton in Key Stage 1, for developing PSJ Primary as a singing school. We had a fantastic turn-out from our families – thank you for coming and thank you for your generous contributions to the Somer Valley Food Bank. Thanks also to all those parents and grandparents who helped us get our children from A to B. We are grateful to Daily Bread and Kerry in our kitchen for their beautiful harvest loaves - they were real works of art - and we thank our friends at the Methodist Church and St John's for making us feel so welcome, especially Rev Matthew Street, Rev David Winstanley and Laura Seymour, the Methodist Youth Leader, for contributing to our celebrations.

Felt Tip Thursday

As in previous years, the PSA have arranged for the children to design a Christmas card. These will be made into proper cards that you will be able to buy and send in time for Christmas. If the children would like to, they can bring in their own felt-tip pens on Thursday 19th October in order to complete their designs. However, pens will be available for those children who do not have felt tips. Children in Reception will not need to bring in their own pens as the class teachers will provide them with the necessary equipment. Thank you for help with this festive, fundraising activity.

Office Plea

In our school of approaching 600 children, our office is a hive of activity. We have reviewed their workload and would be most grateful if everyone could help with the following efficiencies. Please ...

- Send your child into school with everything they need: musical instruments, PE kit, homework, lunch, snack, swimming kit – we will not be routinely phoning you if things are left at home (unless they have health/medical implications)
- Check the website before you phone the school – and we'll also try to improve the website to make information easier to find
- Read the newsletter and save it in a folder you can easily find – most important information is there (it's also on the website)
- Please pass on messages at the entrances to the school in the morning, rather than coming into school in person, if possible – please come to the office only if there is no other way to communicate an important message

Thank you for your help with this. We've got a longer list of efficiencies for staff and pupils, to ease the pressure on our office.

Going Home

Please can we remind parents/carers about our school procedure for collection of pupils at the end of the day. The procedure is that the person who brings the child in to school in the morning needs to inform the school of any change to pick-up arrangements for that day. The easiest way to do this is to inform the class teacher or the member of staff on the entrance doors at drop off time. Alternatively, in the case of an emergency, changes in pick up arrangements can be left with the office. To guarantee the message being delivered to class this must be no later than 3pm. On some occasions we may make a telephone call home to confirm change in pick-up arrangements - please don't be offended if this happens as we only have the safety of your child in mind. Thank you for your co-operation.

Missed Calls from School

If you have received a missed call from School and if the facility is available, a message will have been left. Please can we ask that you access any message as the office does not always make calls to parents and is not always aware of who has made the telephone call. Thank you.

Late Arrivals

If your child will be arriving at School after Registration has closed due to an unavoidable medical appointment etc. and, will be having a School Dinner, please can we ask you to telephone **before 10AM** to inform us of this fact and with their required choice of meal for that day (A or B – please see relevant menu for that week). This is to enable us to order a dinner for them with the kitchen. Thank you.

Cross Country update

Last Wednesday I took a group of YR5/6 children to Odd Down Cross Country Course in very cold misty conditions. All the children performed brilliantly and they all completed the gruelling 1.4km course. A special mention goes to Lily E finishing 13th in the individual and the YR5 boys finishing in 3rd place in the team event. A magnificent achievement considering over 31 schools took part. Well done team



Mr Lucy

Netball

On Tuesday evening, I accompanied a group of YR5/6 girls to a Netball Tournament at Somervale School. The girls played really well and finished 3rd in their group with a great win over St. Nicks, a special mention to Poppy W who scored 3 nets. Well done to all the girls involved.

Inhalers

If your child needs to use an inhaler, please make sure we have a labelled inhaler in school. We will keep this in the class medical box and the child can use it whenever they need to. We also need an inhaler consent form to be completed and signed by the parent/carer, which will be stored with the inhaler. If you need a copy of this form, please collect one from the school office. If your child used to use an inhaler, but they don't need to anymore, please inform us writing.

J Tombs

Lost Property

Our Lost Property Box, which is situated in the Bluebell Room by the side double doors, is full to the brim! Any item that is named/labelled will be returned to class; however there are a number of unnamed items and as such cannot be reunited with their owners! Please can you check the Lost Property Box and can we ask parents/carers to label all of their child's uniform; if you have already done so, just check that the name is still visible. Any item that has not been claimed after half term will be donated to the PSA for their second-hand uniform stall. Thank you.

PSJ Cook Book

Do you love to cook? Do you know lots of delicious, healthy recipes? Do you want to be the next Jamie Oliver?
Well, we need you! - Please see the PSJ Cook Book flyer attached to this Newsletter!

A BIG REMINDER FOR MONDAY:

ALL Children will need to bring their trainers into School as we have a special visit from athlete Jim Gump who is going to be doing lots of fun sporting activities with all the children.

Message sent yesterday to parents of pupils at our Dragonfly Education Trust partners, Writhlington:

I am very pleased to be able to write to you today with excellent news. It has been a challenging year but I am proud to say that we have made an immediate and dramatic improvement in the outcomes for our students. Writhlington School now sits alongside the majority of other B&NES secondary schools with a Progress 8 score within the national average and above that of many of the schools in B&NES and Somerset. We have been aware of our improvement since we received our results in August but it does take the Department for Education some time to release the Progress 8 scores and these have just been published today on <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/> so this is our first opportunity to share this with you. Of course these results would not have been possible without our dedicated students, the incredible support and engagement from you and from our fantastic teaching staff. We will continue our journey of improvement and look forward to another excellent year with confidence.
Mark Everett
Executive Headteacher

For a list of our current class achievers, letters home (which tab contain attachments from our School News), the weekly menu, term dates and much more please visit the school website www.peasedownstjohnprimary.org.uk

Key Stage 2 Popcorn Night

What a great evening it was! Thank you so much to all the parent volunteers from the PSA who made it happen ... even if a few of the children nodded off during the film. It shows we're putting them through their paces at school. Keep an eye open for other great PSA events, and please don't forget that we always need parent helpers to make them happen.



UPCOMING OCTOBER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 16th October ~ Y2 Rumble in the Jungle
- 16th October ~ Y4 Egyptian Day
- 17th and 19th October ~ PPT Consultations ~ Classrooms
- 18th October ~ Poetry Slam
- 19th October ~ Last Day of Term 1
- 20th October ~ INSET Day
- 30th October ~ First Day of Term 2

For 'Dates for the Year', please see the website or letters home for further information

Information for Year 6 Parents

A Facebook group has been set up for any parent/carer of a Year 6 child who would like to be involved in planning for the Year 6 leavers' party/celebration at the end of the year. The Facebook group is: PSJ Year 6 Leavers 2018 Planning Committee. You can also contact me via the school office. We will be planning our first meeting soon. **Becky Cumming**

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