



Peasedown St. John Primary School

# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Parents Coffee Morning

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
8:45-10:00am  
in the School Hall  
~ ALL WELCOME ~

## RUMBLING TUMS

~ w/b 13<sup>th</sup> November ~  
Please refer to Week 1  
Menu on the Website  
[www.peasedownstjohnprimary.org.uk](http://www.peasedownstjohnprimary.org.uk)

### Talking Point: Wednesday's Assembly Theme

With Remembrance Sunday approaching, Miss Marchington led Wednesday's assembly on the theme of remembrance. We are still living through the centenary of the First World War and we need to be mindful of the loss of life suffered during that war and others before and since. The children have a good understanding of why we wear poppies at this time and are always very respectful in our discussions around remembrance.

### MP Visit

Today we were visited by our local Member of Parliament, Mr Jacob Rees-Mogg. We invited him so that he could witness first hand the great things that go on in our school ... in spite of the challenges we face in education at this time. Last month I joined other headteachers in a robust discussion with Mr Rees-Mogg about the cuts to school funding. I felt it was important that our MP should see how hard we work to cope with under-funding, to continue to give the children a fantastic start to their education. He was impressed by the excellent behaviour of the children, noted the quality of their work – especially the writing (for example, Y6 writing letters from the Trenches; Y2 writing a diary entry in 1666) and remarked on the happy, positive atmosphere throughout the school. We're very pleased he could see our school at its best.

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### School Funding

On Wednesday a number of headteachers spoke at a meeting in Norton Hill about the impact of cuts to school budgets. As one colleague put it, you notice in hospitals when people are lying on stretchers in the corridors or services are withdrawn. In schools, by contrast, the gates still open, lessons are still taught – the impact is less visible. Mrs May has recently repeated her desire to address inequality in our country. I welcome that, but such pronouncements remain empty words unless she can persuade her Chancellor to see the children of this country as an *investment*, not a cost on a balance sheet. The message is the same to politicians of all persuasions, whatever colour rosette they don at election time: invest in our children if you want a bright future for our country – they really are worth it.

For parents who feel strongly about this, please refer to <http://www.fairfundingforallschools.org/>, the organisation set up by parents concerned about what's happening to our schools' funding.

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### Foodbank Vouchers

Please remember that we can issue food bank vouchers to families in financial crisis. If you are struggling to feed your family due to debt, benefit changes or any other unexpected difficulties, please speak to our Assistant Head, Jenny Tombs.



### Football Tournament

On Wednesday Mr Lucy took a team of Y6 and a team of Y5 children to a football tournament at Writhlington. The Y6s played superbly in the group stages winning all three games to progress. Y5 won two games and lost to Paulton in the group stages. Fate decreed that our two teams met each other in the semi-finals; the question was who would win to go through to the final? Well, with a brilliantly taken goal by Corey the Y5 boys won 1-0 and went through to the final! Unfortunately they did lose 1-0 to Paulton in the final but what a superb effort from both teams - well done!



### Coffee Morning

A little reminder that we will be hosting our second coffee morning for parents on **Thursday next week** (the 16<sup>th</sup>), which is an opportunity for parents to pop in and have a chat – with other parents and with the head and deputy head – about anything you like. We tend to have a very short presentation in the middle of it about something relevant. Last time it was volunteering in school; this time we'll be looking at the new approach to Our Time, which will be happening the following week.

**A BIG THANK-YOU...** to our parents and carers who support the children to complete their homework – the standard has been remarkable over the past few weeks and we recognise the care and hard work you put into it with your children.

## School Christmas Production Tickets

*Letters have already gone home with your child please check their book bags  
OR a copy can be found on the Website*

### UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- 15<sup>th</sup> November ~ Indigo Class Assembly ~ Doors Open 2:40pm ~ School Hall
- 16<sup>th</sup> November ~ Parent Coffee Morning ~ 8:45am – 10am ~ School Hall
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November ~ Pacific Class Assembly ~ Doors Open 2:40pm ~ School Hall
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November ~ Open Morning ~ 9:30am – 11:30am
- 29<sup>th</sup> November ~ Aqua Class Assembly ~ Doors Open 2:40pm ~ School Hall
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December ~ PSA Christmas Fayre

### *Christmas Production Dates ~ School Hall ~ More details to follow:*

*Reception – Red, Blue, Green;*

*KS1 – Gold, Orange, Amber, Sunflower, Daffodil, Buttercup;*

*LKS2 – Jade, Emerald, Fern, Aqua, Sky, Sapphire;*

*UKS2 – Atlantic, Pacific, Purple, Lilac, Indigo.*

7 <sup>th</sup> December	~	Reception Class	~	9:15am – 10:00am
8 <sup>th</sup> December	~	Nursery Class	~	9:15am – 10:00am
	~	Reception Class	~	10:30am – 11:15am
11 <sup>th</sup> December	~	KS1	~	2:00pm – 3:00pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December	~	LKS2	~	9:15am – 10:15am
	~	KS1	~	2:00pm – 3:00pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	~	KS1	~	9:15am – 10:15am
	~	UKS2	~	2:00pm – 3:00pm
	~	LKS2	~	6:00pm – 7:00pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	~	UKS2	~	9:15am – 10:15am
	~	LKS2	~	2:00pm – 3:00pm
	~	UKS2	~	6:00pm – 7:00pm

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

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**PEASEDOWN ST JOHN**  
**WI**  
*Christmas Fair*  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Beacon Hall**  
**11:00am – 4:00pm**  
*All Welcome*

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