

Pallister Park Primary School

Newsletter Spring Term 2016

Happy New Year!

We are delighted to be back at school after the break and to warm but wet weather! We appreciate however that this can change and normal winter weather return at any time. Whenever possible Pallister Park School will stay open. If we are forced to close for any reason then this will be placed on our school website and announcements made on local radio stations. In the event of a snowy day please do not believe something that has been posted on Facebook or ring the school. On very cold or wet days children are brought into school at 8.45am by the staff and should not arrive at school before this time, unless by prior arrangement.

School Car Park

Following a Health & Safety review we have been advised to follow the procedures which are in place in the vast majority of other schools and close the school gates to the carpark at the end of the school day. We have made repeated requests that parents do not come onto the school site in cars at this time, but to no avail. This action has therefore been taken to prevent any accidents on our site.

Computer Games

Many children have been bought games for Christmas and in the vast majority of cases these are fun and educational. However, unfortunately some children have received or are accessing games which are totally inappropriate for their age. The Local Authority is investigating what action can be taken in these instances as it is illegal for children to be exposed to content of this nature. If your child is one of these children and is pressurising you to allow them to play these games please do not succumb to this pressure. We are more than happy to talk to them on your behalf if this is the case.

Family Support Workers

We are delighted to now have two members of staff dedicated to supporting our children and their families. Miss McMann and Mrs Felgate are available to give you any support you require on a wide range of matters. Between them they have a wealth of expertise which they can offer to you, please just ask, we are here to help.

Attendance & Punctuality

The whole school attendance for the Autumn Term 2015 was, once again, good at 95.5%, despite various viruses and Chickenpox! Please continue to ensure your child attends whenever possible, and that you contact the school on the first day of absence to ensure we know the reason. Although we would always prefer a child to come to school late rather than not at all, punctuality is very important and is achieved by the vast majority of our children. Congratulations everyone.

New Children for our Nursery

Our two Nurseries are now fully operational and we are admitting children as they approach their 3rd birthday should their parents so wish. If you have a child aged 2 or under, or know of a parent who wishes their child to come to our school please contact the office and their name will be placed on our waiting list.

Dates for your diary.....

Friday 12 th February -	School closes for Half Term at 3pm
Monday 22 nd February -	School re-opens for the children at 8.55am
Tuesday 8 th March - & Thursday 10 th March	Parents Consultation Evenings (details to follow)
Thursday 24 th March -	School closes for Easter Holiday at 3.00pm
Monday 11 th April -	School re-opens at 8.55am
Monday 2 nd May -	Bank Holiday, school closed (one day only)
Friday 27 th May -	School closes for Half Term at 3pm
Monday 6 th June -	School re-opens at 8.55am

Dates for year group trips and any other events will be sent out, as usual, at the appropriate times. We are very pleased to inform you that these will continue to be fully funded by the school.

Holidays

May we remind you that following the implementation of new legal guidelines, holidays during term time can now only be authorised in very exceptional circumstances and with permission from the school prior to booking. Forms are available from the school office.

*If you are looking to book holidays in the summer break, please note that our school closes for the children on **Friday 15th July 2016 and re-opens for them on Monday 5th September 2016.***

SAT's take place in May and children in Year 6 will be taking theirs in the week commencing 9th May 2016, it is vitally important that these children do not take any holiday before or during this time.

