

Pallister Park Primary School Newsletter Spring 2020

New Year 2020!

We are delighted to be back at school and look forward to another successful year. 2019 was an exciting one for our school. We all enjoyed the wonderful Christmas concerts that the children and staff produced last term, it was amazing. Our school continues to grow and we have admitted many new families this term and hope that they all have a wonderful time with us.

Winter weather

We have been very lucky so far this winter and the weather has been mild, but we know things can change! Whenever possible, Pallister Park School will stay open. If we are forced to close, announcements will be on the local radio stations and on our school Twitter and Website. Please do not ring the school if it is a snowy day, or believe something that has been posted on Facebook! It is extremely rare that we have to take this action as our staff make every effort to get into school whenever possible.

Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Each year the government collect school data on a specific day regarding pupil numbers, staff etc. This year it is Thursday 16th January 2020. This data generates the funds that the school receives for the coming year. Free School Meals is one of the factors included. If you think that your child/children are entitled but you are not claiming Free School Meals at the moment we would appreciate you registering to enable us to claim additional funding. Please contact Miss Jeffels at the school office if you think you may be entitled, if possible by Tuesday 14th January. Your child does not need to take school meals, however it does increase our funding if you are registered. Thank you.

Attendance & Punctuality

The whole school attendance for the Autumn Term 2020 was 94.8%. This was quite an achievement considering the number of cases of Chicken Pox we had in school! We thank parents for ensuring their child attended whenever possible. We had a large number of children with full attendance last term which was excellent. Please help us to achieve our target of 96% this term.

Book & Bagel

The introduction of the flexible start to our school day has been a great success. As parents are aware children may enter school anytime from 8.30am but must be here for the formal start of the school day at 8.55am. This will continue in 2020, but please do not send children or bring them to school before 8.30am especially in cold weather.

Nursery Places

If you have a child who you wish to send to our Nursery please contact the school office to put their name on our waiting list if you have not already done so.

Dates for your diary.....

Friday 14 th February -	School closes for Half Term 3.00pm
Monday 24 th February -	PD Day (School closed for the children)
Tuesday 25 th February -	School re-opens for the children at 8.55am
Tuesday 11 th February - & Thursday 13 th February	Parents Consultation Evenings (details to follow)
Thursday 5 th March -	World Book Day (Details to follow)
Friday 3 rd April -	School closes for Easter Holiday at 3.00pm
Monday 20 th April -	School re-opens at 8.55am

Please remember May Bank Holiday this year is on Friday 8th May 2020 and not the Monday as usual.

Dates for year group trips and any other events will be sent out, as usual, at the appropriate times.

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.

Year 6 SAT's take place in May and the children will be taking them in the week commencing 11th May 2020, it is vitally important that these children do not take any holiday before or during this time.

