

## Pheasey Park Farm Primary School and Early Years Centre

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Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Welcome

All children from Nursery to Year 6 are now in school and have made a very positive start to the academic year. We would like to thank parents for their assistance and support with the children's return.

### STAFFING NEWS

We would like to welcome the following new Staff and wish them all the best in their new positions at our School:

Miss T. Rakhra - Yr 4

Miss M. Wright - Yr 1

Mrs D. Francis - Yr 2

Please find attached our Staffing for September 2021.

### ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

Raeburn Road is now open for both entry and exit to and from the site. Although this did feel a little strange initially, it is working well so far and will continually be reviewed.

Note: Wimperis Way remains exit only.

Please can we ask parents and carers to use the playgrounds where possible to avoid congestion on stairways and pathways - particularly outside KS2 classrooms.

### SPEAKING TO STAFF

For the time being, we are still not able to invite parents into school unless an appointment has been made through the School Office. If you do wish to speak to your child's class teacher then please contact the School Office who will arrange for them to contact you by phone.

If after speaking your child's class teacher you still have issues or concerns then please make an appointment with the Year Leader and then if necessary the Senior Teacher for the phase.

### ABSENCE

Parents are reminded of our first day call policy for all absences. If your child is not in school, then please ensure that you call school before 9:00am and let us know the reasons for absence. If we do not hear from



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you, we will contact all telephone numbers on your Essential Information form and a visit to your home may also be arranged. This is in line with our safeguarding procedures.

Please be aware that the DfE will not allow schools to authorise holiday leave in term time and that attendance of pupils is being monitored extremely closely - particularly in light of so much missed school through lockdowns. It is vital that your child is in school on time every day to gain maximum benefit from lessons. Please also ensure that your child has his/her P.E. kit in school every day and also Swimming Kit on the relevant day.

### UNIFORM

Many thanks to all parents for your support with our uniform policy.

Please be aware that children's coats should be plain. Coats bearing inappropriate lettering or slogans are not acceptable, neither are denim or leather jackets including imitation.

Ties must be worn with a shirt or blouse.

Footwear should be flat, black and formal as defined in the attached Uniform Policy. Trainers or trainer type shoes, boots or footwear bearing slogans are not permitted. Please be mindful of this when purchasing footwear from 'school' sections of well-known outlets.

Please ensure socks are plain black, white, navy or grey.

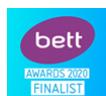
Summer Uniform may be worn until October half term.

Hair must be smart and formal. Hair styles which are extreme/detract from learning or impact health and safety are not allowed - e.g tram lines, beads, numerous plaits, spiky or outrageous styles.

Please find attached the Uniform Policy.

### SCHOOL FUND

Although we were sympathetic to family circumstances over lockdown/furlough, may I please remind parents that School Fund is payable each year and this covers after school activities, some music tuition, Christmas and Summer parties, any visitors to school i.e. The Animal Man. School Fund covers a very small percentage of these costs and in order for all children to participate in the above activities, it is vital that we receive payment promptly.



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School Fund for Nursery and Reception is charged at £15.00 per year and Year 1 - 6 is charged at £6.00 per year. Please make your School Fund payment via Pay360. Nursery and Reception parents may have already paid this at their welcome session.

### PAY360 ACCOUNTS

All parents in Year 1-6 should have now set up their Pay360 account. If you are experiencing any problems, please contact the School Office as soon as possible. Payments for school dinners, Reception milk payments, music tuition, school trips, school ties etc should now be made through Pay360. Log on details for new Reception and Nursery parents will be sent home shortly.

### SCHOOL MEALS

Please can we encourage all Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils to take up their entitlement to a free school meal.

Please may I remind you that school meals for KS2 children are now charged at £2.20 per day and should be paid in advance via Pay360.

We are planning some themed events related to our school meals and we can assure parents that our meals are wholesome, healthy, tasty and nutritious. Menus can be found on the school website. Our first themed meal day is Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

### P.E./SWIMMING/MUSIC

Please find attached the P.E./Swimming/Music Timetable for this year. Please ensure children's kits are in school for these sessions as all children are expected to participate.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

Just a reminder to parents regarding the children running on the bank, jumping the stairs, playing 'tig and tag' prior to the start of the school day and riding scooters or bikes on the school premises. It is for health and safety reasons that we do not allow the children to do this and we would be grateful if parents could assist us in reinforcing these rules whilst the children are on the School premises.

We are working hard to monitor parking around school and we continue to encourage parents wherever possible, to walk children to and from school. If you are driving to school, please refrain from parking on the yellow zig-zags directly outside the school gates and park your vehicle safely, being mindful of neighbouring properties. Please be aware of the safety of our children at all times. If you witness any issues regarding parking we have been advised by the Police that parents should contact the Police directly on [aldridge@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:aldridge@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)



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### TUCK

Children in Year 1 - 6 have the option to purchase tuck (juice drinks, milkshake, fruit, toast and teacakes) to eat during morning break. All orders should be placed via Pay360 before 10pm on a Sunday evening for the full week ahead. Late orders/cash payments cannot be accepted.

If children prefer to bring a snack from home, parents are welcome to send a piece of fruit/vegetables to eat, no other snacks are permitted at breaktime. All children should bring a bottle of water from home to drink in the classroom throughout the day.

### KEY DATES

A list of provisional key dates for this term will follow shortly which we hope will be useful when making arrangements to attend relevant events. Any amendments to the dates will be conveyed to parents.

### EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Our Extra-Curricular Clubs for Y1 to 6 will start soon and we urge all parents to encourage their children to attend at least one club. More information will follow.

### ANIMAL MAN

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September the Animal Man will be joining us and all children will have the opportunity to see the animals and learn about their habitats and history.

### TIMEZONES - YEAR 2

Today, children in Year 2 have been working with Timezones to learn about toys from the past. This was a thoroughly enjoyable day for children and staff.

### PARENTS EVENING

Please note that Parents Evening will be virtual again for the Autumn Term during Week commencing Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September. This will be an opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher and will take place on Microsoft Teams. Further details will follow regarding the booking process.

Thank you for your continued support. We wish you a successful Autumn Term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S. Arnold  
Head Teacher

