



Newsletter

March 2021

an inclusive, inspirational school, preparing for the future; living, learning and growing together in God.

Head Teacher Update

Welcome back! It's Spring 2, the days are getting longer, the sun is coming out to play and word about the vaccination programme is all good – things are looking positive and we are here for it! This half term, we will be continuing with our remote learning approach but we are also gearing up to a full opening on the 8th of March which happens to be National Science week!

We cannot wait to have our school full of chattering children again. The themes for this half term are in full swing and I want to say a huge thank you for all the learning log work which has taken place over half term. We can't wait to celebrate all the children's work, including the learning logs from last half term!

Upon wider opening, we will be reverting back to the procedures we had in place in Autumn term including the use of particular gates, staggered start time in the morning and reduced items travelling between school and home. I will send further correspondence soon, with more details.

In the run up to Easter, we will also have a number of fundraisers including the Easter egg raffle! As with 'Christmas at Parochial', Lent will be slightly different with Covid restrictions in place, but we will endeavour to make the necessary changes whilst maintaining a sense of normality in school. As many might have seen, the playground equipment has been taken down in Key Stage 1 and 2. We will be replacing it over time with some new, exciting equipment that is progressive and develops the children's gross motor skills. All money raised will go towards funding this project, we are also working with companies to support bids and additional funding.

Keeping on with the good news, we have some fantastic announcements to share with you... we have not 1... not 2 but 3 babies on the way! I'm sure you will join me in saying huge congratulations to Mrs Aslam, Mrs Evans and Miss McIlvenna. We are incredibly excited to share this news with you and to have something to look forward to!!

All staff are due to finish in June/ July and we will be busy over the coming half term, organising maternity covers as required.

So, here's to a busy, successful half term!

Miss Thompson
Head teacher

Homework

To keep the school as safe as possible, children will continue to be asked to submit homework online following their return to school on 8th March.

Children have been provided with a homework book to take home (this book must remain at home). Please take a picture of the completed homework and upload it to the relevant app online.

Nursery, Reception & Year 1
Homework will be set on Tapestry.

Year 2 to 6
Homework will be set on Class Dojo.

Reading

Reading books will be sent home on Mondays, they must be returned to school on Fridays, please do not send the books in on any other days.

Rather than reading records coming home, we will use messaging on Class Dojo & Tapestry to comment on how children are progressing.

Parochial CE Primary Schools' policies and procedures

All essential policies and procedures pertinent to our school can be found under the parents section -> statutory information, on our website. Here, you will find the most up-to-date information about curriculum matters such as our Relationships, sex and health education policy as well as more procedural information like our attendance policy. If there is a policy you would like but can't find it in this section, please let us know and we will be happy to support

School Dinners – price increase

If your child normally has a school meal, please remember to place their meal order via the SchoolGrid website. If you have forgotten your login details please contact the office as soon as possible or use the forgotten password link on the site.

If your child is changing from school meals to packed lunches or vice versa please notify the office staff by 4th March. This can only be changed at the start of each half term.

Advance notice of price increase

The cost of a school dinner is currently £2.20 per meal. We have been informed by Dolce (our school meal provider) that due to increases in inflation and staffing costs that the cost of a meal will increase £2.25 from 12th April 2021.

After School Clubs

This half terms after school clubs are listed below. The clubs will run from week commencing 8th March until the Easter holidays. If your child has a place at one of the clubs, please collect them from the main gate at 4.15pm.

Club	Year Groups	Day
Dance	Year 1	Tuesday
Multi-Sports	Year 3	Thursday

As we no longer send home paper consent forms for our after school clubs and trips, you must register your child's place via the Arbor App, places are limited. Please register your child's place as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

If you need any help accessing the app please contact the school office.

Uniform

Boys:

Navy or Grey Trousers
Pale Blue Shirt/ Polo
Shirt
Navy Sweatshirt/
Jumper
Sensible Black Shoes

Girls:

Navy or Grey Skirt/
Pinafore/Trousers.
Navy Sweatshirt or Cardigan
Pale Blue Blouse/ Polo Shirt.
White Socks
Pale Blue/ White Gingham Dress
Sensible Black Shoes

PE:

Pale Blue T-shirt
Navy Shorts
Pumps
In addition, children in
Years 2 - 6 require:
Long Sleeve Top
Sports
Trousers/Leggings
Trainers

Jewellery in School

Please be aware that for health and safety reasons children are not allowed to wear earrings or any other jewellery in school.

Children are able to wear watches although these must not have a recording function or in-built games/activities which can distract during lessons.

Parent/Carer Contact Details

It is essential that school has up-to-date contact details for all parents/carers. Please let the office know if you change your telephone number, address, email or any other contact details.

Covid-19 Government Guidelines

As schools open fully from the 8th March, it is extremely important that families continue to follow the government guidelines. Currently households cannot mix. Which, at the moment, includes children playing outside with others.

For the latest guidelines, please visit : <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Dates for your Diary

Thursday – 4th March – World Book Day

Monday 8th March – School reopens to all children

8th – 12th March – Science Week

Monday 15th March – Living Eggs arrive in Nursery/Reception

Tuesday 16th March – Year 6 Safe Squad visit

Thursday 1st April – Last day of term

2nd – 18th April – Easter Holidays

Monday 19th April – School reopens to all children

Communication/Our Contact Details

Did you know that we have multiple options available for you to receive the latest communication?

Our website: <https://www.pceps.co.uk/>

Our mobile app (available on ios and android): [School Jotter](#)

Twitter: [@ParochialCofE](#)

Please contact the school office if you are struggling to access any of these.

Email: admin@pceps.co.uk

Telephone: 0161 3436070