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5th September 2017. Autumn Term No 1

A warm welcome to the Autumn Term 2017. We hope you all had a wonderful summer break. It has been a very busy summer for us here at Padnell. You will, I am sure, have seen the fantastic canopy outside Year 1 which will allow us to develop learning outdoors a little more deeply in this year group and uphold our true values of recognising the importance of play-based learning and children having access to a range of learning opportunities and plenty of fresh air!

Foxes, Butterflies and Ladybirds have all had new carpets which have made a huge difference to the ambiance felt in these classrooms.

The railings along the driveway ensure everyone's safety at the busy times of the day. Please can we remind all users of Crafty Club that there is a 5 mile an hour speed limit on the school site.

To the rear of the main playground a six foot fence has been erected to replace the rather tired 4ft wire fencing. It is hoped to continue this across the back of all the other gardens in this area in the next financial year.

The Pre-School suffered a ceiling collapse due to water leak but thankfully this has all been repaired.

On top of all of this the school has had a deep clean. My thanks goes to Mr Grayson for managing all of these aspects and to our cleaning team for their dedication to our school.

Here are a few notes and reminders for you while you get back into the swing of things, and for our new Year R Parents & Carers: find your feet getting used to school life.



Mrs Tripp

Our Congratulations to Miss Harrison who got married over the summer. She is now Mrs Tripp. Butterflies class have so far been great at remembering!



THANK YOU

John, our Lollipop Man has asked to pass the following message on: "Thank you for my lovely cards and gifts, I hope you all had a good holiday."

Thank you too from the whole Padnell team for your end of term gifts and lovely cards and letters of support. We were truly overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness.



Reading Books

All children have been issued with a new reading book today so that home reading can get going straight away. Over the next two weeks all children will be assessed and levels changed accordingly, depending on the progress they have made over the summer.



School Dinners & Allergies

Every day your child is entitled to a free school dinner, provided by HC3S. These are balanced healthy meals which boost your child's energy levels for afternoon learning. They are a great option and save you the hassle of making sandwiches and chasing lost lunchboxes at the end of the day!

Also, because the calorie content in a school dinner is only a third of a child's daily requirement, you can opt to share another family

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meal later that day or top them up with a light tea.

If however you do opt to provide your child with a packed lunch, a balanced lunchbox should contain:

- Starchy foods (bread, rice, potatoes, pasta etc)
- Protein foods (meat, fish, eggs, beans etc)
- A dairy item (cheese, yoghurt)
- Vegetables or salad and a portion of fruit

Also, there are children within the school who are severely allergic to nuts. Products containing nuts are **NOT ALLOWED** in school to keep all our children safe. Thank you for your support with this.



MONEY INTO SCHOOL

There are times when you need to pay money into school (Crafty Club, Uniform, Trips, PIPSA events etc).

We strongly encourage you to sign up to our online payment scheme (Letters will be sent home shortly to tell you how you can do this if you don't already have an account).

However, in the meantime, or if you choose not to use this method, we require you to send all money into school in an envelope or bank bag, clearly labelled with your child's full name, class, how much and what it is for.

We are unable to accept loose change at all and no money/envelopes should be handed in at the office.

All money for PIPSA must be kept separately as that is dealt with directly by our wonderful PTA ladies.



Parking

Parking is a contentious issue for the majority of schools. Can I please ask you to park considerately, being mindful of our neighbours.

Thank you.



SCOOTERS AND BIKES

We would like to encourage children to walk or ride to school as this helps us to alleviate the traffic problem. We have a bike shed where bikes and scooters can be stored during the school day. We would like to remind you of our rule: there is no riding of bikes and scooters on the school grounds. We ask children to dismount their bikes and scooters on the pavement and walk up the driveway pushing them. Please note the same rule applies and children must walk and push bikes and scooters in Padnell Junior School grounds.



ITEMS REQUIRED IN SCHOOL

All children need to have a pair of wellington boots in school, at all times. They also require a water bottle in class which must contain water only. Bottles can be purchased from the office for £1. Please be reminded that all items, including sandwich boxes and the little containers you put in the sandwich boxes, must be named.

UNIFORM

The children look very fresh and smart. Thank you for supporting the school uniform policy. Providing a PE kit is an important aspect. Please ensure that your child has a pair of black shorts and a plain white t-shirt along with suitable

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footwear, named and in school by Monday 11th September.

Can we remind you that no boots should be worn to school and all long hair should be tied up (preferably plaited), to prevent the spread of head lice.

All hair accessories should be black, white or purple. Thank you for supporting this policy.



ATTENDANCE

As a school, we are striving for a Whole School Attendance figure of over 97%. We closely monitor each child's attendance and take action when it is below 95%.

If your child is ill then obviously they are unable to attend (and we ask you to keep them home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea), and although this will be recorded as an absence, it is an "authorised" absence.

It is your responsibility to let us know if your child is going to be absent. We must ask you to call the school and let us know by 9.30am if your child will not be attending. You can ring any time before this, and leave a message on our answer machine.

If we have not heard from you by 9.30am then we will record the absence as unauthorised.



MEDICINES

We are able to administer medicines which have been prescribed by the Doctor, which are required to be taken **four times a day**. Please bring any medication into the office as you will need to complete a form and sign it in, and out on a daily basis.

We are able to administer Calpol if you have signed a permission form but will call you first and send a text to confirm the dose we have given. We use the 'under 6' Calpol for all our children, no matter what their age or stature.

No Medicine should be sent in with a child alone.



Foxes

The family of foxes have taken full advantage of the quieter site despite numerous contractors coming and going. Your support in "respectively" encouraging them back to their area of Joey's Field would be appreciated.

A neighbour, who I have now written to, has been feeding them but this has caused us a problem with pool!

Mr Grayson tries to keep school clear of soiling but please keep an eye out and let us know.

Finally.....

Thank you for taking the time to digest this first Newsletter of the Academic Year 2017-2018. We pride ourselves on keeping you fully informed throughout the year and appreciate your previous positive comments regarding our communication.

All of us here at Padnell look forward to sharing a fun and successful year with you and your families.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher

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GROW



- Giving Citizen
- Resilient Learner
- Original thinker
- Wise Worker

Please check our website for the list of dates for the whole year.

Date	Event	Year Group	Info
Monday 4 th September	INSET Day	Whole School	School closed to Children
Tuesday 5 th September – Friday 8 th September	New Year R Home Visits	Year R	
Wednesday 6 th September	Year 2 Art Transition Event	Year 2 children	
Thursday 7 th September	Year 1 Art Transition Event	Year 1 children	
Wednesday 20 th September 2.30pm & 6pm	Phonic Workshops for Parents	All Parents/Carers	Half hour sessions for all parents. School Hall
Thursday 21 st September 9am – 10am	Fresher's Coffee Morning	New Parents/Carers	Meet in the school hall for coffee and a chance to ask any questions you may have.
Friday 22 nd September 9am – 10am	Fresher's Coffee Morning	All Parents/Carers	Meet in the school hall for coffee and a chance to ask any questions you may have.
Monday 25 th September	PIPSA Bake Sale	Whole School/PIPSA	

Tuesday 26 th September 2.30pm & 6pm	Maths workshops	All Parents/carers	Half Hour Sessions for all parents. School Hall
Wednesday 27 th September	Assembly by St Wilfred's	Year 1 & 2 children only	Delivered by Reverend Snares or Robin
Thursday 28 th September 5 – 7pm	Circus at Junior School		
Friday 29 th September	Year 2 to visit Juniors to see Author David Fuller	Year 2 Children	
Friday 29 th September 6 – 8pm	Circus at Junior School		
Monday 2 nd October 2.30pm & 6pm	Handwriting Workshops	All Parents/Carers	Half hour sessions for all parents. School Hall
Wednesday 4 th October	School Photographer	Whole School (Children only)	
Monday 9 th October 9.30am	Year 1 Harvest Festival Service at St Wilfred's Church	Year 1 children, Parents & Carers	St Wilfred's Church
Monday 9 th October	Harvest Assembly. Donations of non-perishable food requested	Whole School (Children only)	Delivered by Reverend Ian Snares or Robin
Date	Event	Year Group	Info
Monday 9 th October 3.05pm – 3.45pm	Open School	All Parents	School will remain open for parents to tour. You can visit any classroom or shared area and look at their

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			children's books
Friday 13th October Morning only	2018 Year R tours	Prospective Parents	Appointments available throughout the day. Please contact the office to select a time.
Monday 16th October	Padnell In Bloom	Whole School	Details to be confirmed
Monday 16 th October 3.10pm - 4pm	PIPSA Magic Show	All children	
Tuesday 17 th October. Afternoon only	2018 Year R tours	Prospective Parents	Appointments available throughout the day. Please contact the office to select a time.
Tuesday 17 th October 3.10pm - 7pm	Parents Evening	All Parents/Carers	School Hall. Please book your appointment online
Wednesday 18 th October	Pumpkin Carving - Year R	Year R Children	
Thursday 19th October	Year R Open Event "Personal Suitcases"	Year R Parents/Carers	Details to be confirmed
Thursday 19th October Morning	Pumpkin Carving - Year 1	Year 1 Children	
Thursday 19th October Afternoon	Pumpkin Carving - Year 2	Year 2 Children	

Thursday 19 th October 3.10 - 5.30pm	Parents Evening	All Parents/Carers	School Hall. Please book your appointment online
Friday 20th October	FUDGE DAY	All Parents/Carers	Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Granddads and everyone else male invited into school to share their talents and skills providing positive role models.
Friday 20th October 3.05pm	Last Day of Term		
Monday 23rd to Friday 27 th October	Half Term		School Closed
Monday 30th October	INSET Day	Whole School	School closed to Children
Tuesday 31st October	Return to School		
November.	POPPY APPEAL		Details to be confirmed
Wednesday 1 st November	Firework Safety Assembly	Whole School (Children only)	
Date	Event	Year Group	Info
Thursday 2nd November 5pm - 6.30pm	Night Walk	Whole School Parents & PIPSA	A wander in the woods at night, link to night safety followed by hot chocolate and story books in the hall.

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Friday 3rd November. Morning only	2018 Year R tours	Prospective Parents	Appointments available throughout the day. Please contact the office to select a time.
Tuesday 7th November. Morning only	2018 Year R tours	Prospective Parents	Appointments available throughout the day. Please contact the office to select a time.
Dates TBC	Book Fayre in school	Whole School	Before and after school sales.
w/c Monday 13 th November	Anti Bullying week/Safe Internet		
Monday 13th November. Afternoon only	2018 Year R tours	Prospective Parents	Appointments available throughout the day. Please contact the office to select a time.
Tuesday 14 th November	Parent Workshop re Bullying	All Parents/Carers	Details to be confirmed
Tuesday 14th November	Joint event with Juniors on Anti bullying	Whole School (Children only)	Details to be confirmed
Wednesday 15th November	Everybody Reads Day	Whole School	
Wednesday 22nd November Morning only	2018 Year R tours	Prospective Parents	Appointments available throughout the day. Please contact the office to select a time.
Wednesday 22nd November	St Wilfred's Assembly	Whole School (Children only)	Delivered by Reverend Snares

Tuesday 28th November	Flu Jabs for all Children		Permission forms will be sent in due course
Friday 1st December. Morning only	2018 Year R tours	Prospective Parents	Appointments available throughout the day. Please contact the office to select a time.
Saturday 2nd December	Padnell Junior School Christmas Fayre		
Monday 4 th December 3.05pm – 3.45pm	Open School	All Parents	School will remain open for parents to tour. You can visit any classroom or shared area and look at their children's books
Date	Event	Year Group	Info
Wednesday 6 th December	Christmas Shopping Day	All children	PIPSA Event
Monday 11th December	Year R Dress Rehearsal	Children only	
Tuesday 12th December 9.30am & 2pm	Year R Nativity	Year R Parents	School Hall
Wednesday 13th December	Year 1 Dress Rehearsal	Children only	
Thursday 14th December 9.30am & 2pm	Year 1 Christmas Production	Year 1 Parents	
Monday 18th December 9.30am	Whole School Church Service	Whole School (Children only)	St Wilfred's Church
Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day		

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Wednesday 20 th December	Christmas Dinner	Whole School (Children only)	Must be pre- ordered – details to follow.
Wednesday 20 th December 5pm	Year 2 Carol Service	Year 2 children, parents & carers	
Thursday 21st December 3.05pm	Last Day of Term		
Friday 22nd December – Wednesday 3rd January	School Closed	Christmas Holiday	
Thursday 4th January 2018	Return to school		