



Paganel Newsletter

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Happy 2017!

Welcome back to school for the Spring term! Hope you all had a lovely break and are looking forward to all that this term has in store. Staff would like to say a huge thank you to families for all their Christmas cards & gifts. You are very kind.



School Uniform

It has been lovely to see all the children looking so smart in their uniforms this week. Please can I remind you that the children should have black school shoes not trainers on their feet during the day.

Most children have already brought their PE kits back into school. If your child hasn't yet please return it to school on Monday.

As the weather is now colder please ensure that your children come to school in a warm coat.

Attendance

Last term we saw an increase in our attendance which is great, we now need to keep it up this term. If your child is in school every day and on time for the whole week they get a raffle ticket for the golden envelope prize draw. Mrs Osman will be contacting you if we are concerned about your child's attendance.

This term we are monitoring children that are late. If your child is late this has an impact on their learning as they miss the first part of the school day, often this is phonics, reading or maths. The doors open at 8:40 and close at 8:50. Please try and ensure that your child is in school by 8:50. Thank you.

Fundraising

We had a busy time fundraising in the Autumn term for various charities, including McMillan Cancer, Children in Need and Save The Children, as well as for our school fund. Thank you for all who joined in so generously.

In total we raised **£1692.47**

Goodbye

At the end of last term Miss Jones left us to follow an exciting opportunity in Special Needs. We thank Miss Jones for all her hard work as Assistant Head and SENCO, and wish her well for the future.

Winter/Emergency School Closure Procedure

In Birmingham we have been very fortunate with the winter weather so far, but in case of snow arriving here's a reminder about the procedures for emergency closure of the school:

Extreme Weather Early Morning– In the event of extreme weather conditions, eg heavy snowfall across the whole of the City, the Local Authority/Birmingham City Council may issue advice, whether or not to close all Birmingham Schools. Any such blanket decision will be made by **6.45am** at the latest and announced by **Heart FM, Radio WM and Free Radio**. **It will also be put on the City Council disruption web site, Twitter service and Facebook.**

As our area can be hit quite badly during extreme weather a decision to close may need to be made specifically for Paganel Primary School by myself, in consultation with Mr Grinham (Building Services Manager) and Mr M Sargeant (Chair of Governors). This decision to close the school could be at any point during the day and would also be announced on **Heart FM, Radio WM and Free Radio** and on our school website www.paganelschool.com

In all cases we will endeavour to forward a text message to keep you informed. **Please don't forget to update any changes in your telephone numbers with the school office as soon as possible.**

Home time

As you will be aware next to the year 4, 5 and 6 classrooms we have asked parents/carers to wait behind the tape for their children at home time. This is to help us dismiss the children and also, in the event of an evacuation from school, to allow us to get the children out of the doors as safely and quickly as possible.

Thank you for helping us to safeguard the children by keeping to the allocated waiting areas.

E Safety Tip

Check your privacy settings are up to date on your social media sites. Use the privacy and security settings on social media sites so that only friends and family can see your pages.

Speak to friends and family and encourage them to tighten their privacy settings too as they could affect you. Even if your account is locked as private, personal information you have shared with others could still be accessed through their pages.

Clubs

Below are the after school clubs planned to be taking place this term. Other clubs are still to be decided, but letters will be sent out to relevant classes. Please speak to Mr Clayton for more details.

Day	Club	Age	Teacher in charge	Availability
Monday:	Change 4 Life	Y1-2	Mr Clayton	Letters to come
Tuesday:	Football Team Training	Y4-6	Mr Clayton	Trials taking place later in the year
Wednesday:	Jujitsu	Y3-6	Mr Clayton	Currently full, but can join waiting list
Thursday:	Girls' Football	Y2-5	Miss S. Morris	Letters were sent week 1
Friday:	Yoga Club	Y5-6	Ms Craven	Letters to come

MATHS QUESTION OF THE WEEK

$$3 \times 70 = 210$$

What is 20 multiplied by 6?



Keeping Children Safe: Parents and Families

Please watch the video 'Children See Children Do' on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHi2dxSf9hw>) with the adults' who are around your children. It is 90 seconds that will make you think about how children copy adults' behaviour.

Parking

THANK YOU to the vast majority of you who are finding a safe place to park and then walking the short distance into school. However, there are still one or two parents who park unsafely or block local residents' driveways. The last thing any of us want is an accident to happen &/or to upset local residents.

I would ask everyone to please think very carefully about these matters. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Key Dates for Spring Term

Wednesday 4 January	Children return to school
Thursday 12 January	Year 4 Spelling Workshop—parents invited to attend
Wednesday 8 February	Parents evening
Thursday 9 February	Parents evening
Thursday 16 February	Year 4 Maths Workshop—parents invited to attend
Friday 17 February	Break-up for half-term (school finishes at 3pm)
Monday 27 February	Children return to school
Friday 7 April	Break-up for end of term

Planners

Please remind your child they need to bring their planner to school every day so they can record what they need to be doing at home and in school.



Class Updates

The year group curriculum newsletters are coming home next week which will have details of homework, trips and workshops. Please ask your child's class teacher if you need further clarification.