



Paganel Newsletter

Issue 1

Friday 10th September 2021

A huge welcome back to the new year, it has been a delight to have the children back in school this week, keen to learn and enjoying working in their new classes. It is going to be an exciting year as we continue our pursuit of greatness. Over the summer we have had work done on the school building; including year 3 classrooms being painted, an outdoor classroom being built on the field and a huge sandpit for the Early Years children. If you have any questions with regard to school please look at the school website <http://paganelschool.com/>

Look out for curriculum newsletters coming home at the beginning of next week.

Mrs Gingell



Times of the school day:

The gates (field, nursery and Swinford Road) open at 8:40 till 8:50 please ensure that your child is in school by 8:50. School finishes at 3pm. All children need to be collected on time from their classroom door. It has been lovely to have parents back on site at the end of the school day.

Uniform:

Thank you parents and families for making such an effort to make your children look smart! Please make sure you NAME all your child's uniform as this makes it much easier if things go missing.

Children should not be wearing large bows in their hair. Bows should be no larger than 5cm and should be navy blue or white in colour.

The children have looked great in their PE uniform this week, children should be wearing a white t shirt for PE (please do not send your child in different colours as this is NOT our uniform).

Water bottles please can you child bring a water bottle to school with their name on, we allow children to have drinks of water during the day.



TTRS/Numbots:

With things at Paganel now beginning to return to something like normality, we are looking at ways in which all of our children can make accelerated progress in their learning. In maths, two of the best tools we have to support progress in mental maths, number and confidence in calculation are Times Tables Rock Stars (in KS2) and Numbots (in KS1).

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) is a fun, engaging online and paper-based platform which children use to practise their times tables, earning certificates in our assemblies and prizes throughout the year, as they try to answer more questions than their friends. In Years 3 and 4, this helps children to prepare for the statutory Multiplication Tables Check at the end of Year 4, and in Years 5 and 6, TTRS supports mental maths preparation for the Year 6 SATs.

All KS2 children should have been given a login to TTRS this week, so they can practise at home, and we would recommend them practising whenever possible - ideally, 15 minutes per day. This will greatly supplement their learning in school.

Numbots is used in KS1 to improve children's understanding of addition and subtraction, the precursor to multiplication and division. Again, all KS1 children have been given a login this week, and 15 minutes daily at home will increase their number and calculation skills immensely. Certificates, badges and prizes will be given out in our assemblies to celebrate the hard work shown by our KS1 children.

We appreciate you supporting us with our maths provision at Paganel and look forward to hearing the children tell us all about their progress.

Communication

As last year the best way to contact your child's class teacher is via the year group emails:

nursery@paganelschool.net year1@paganelschool.net year3@paganelschool.net year5@paganelschool.net
reception@paganelschool.net year2@paganelschool.net year4@paganelschool.net year6@paganelschool.net

CORONAVIRUS

A reminder of the current advice: **PLEASE KEEP SAFE AND WELL.**

Individuals will only need a test if they have any of the following:

A high temperature: any new high temperature where the person feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature);

A new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours;

A loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal.

Cold/ flu like symptoms – *the delta variant can present symptoms of sore throat/ runny nose.*

Do not send your child to school if your child is awaiting a test result but you can send your child to school if someone else in the house has symptoms/ is awaiting a result/ is positive and your child does not have symptoms.

Note: Self-isolation for a remaining cough after 10 days is not necessary as the cough can linger for a few days, even weeks, after having the virus.

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE: From September 2021 (as per the Government's announcement about changes from 16 August 2021), anyone who has been **double vaccinated and any children under 18 years of age** **DO NOT** need to isolate if they are a close contact of someone who is positive, but will be asked to take a PCR test – if negative, they will be able to carry on as normal, but if positive, will need to isolate for the mandatory 10 days. If you are unsure what to do, please contact the school and double check with us.

If your child is due in school but is self-isolating (10 days), you must ring or email the school to inform us of him/her not attending and the reasons why – as we would normally would expect for any absence.

School Lunches

Aspens, our school caterers, provide our children with a nutritious hot or cold meal each day. If your child is not entitled to free school meals, the cost is £2.30 each day or £11.50 per week. Please ensure you enclose the correct money in an envelope marked 'Dinners', with your child's name and class.



Parking:

When coming to collect your child from school if you need to bring your car please think carefully about where you are parking. We must show respect to our local community and ensure that our parking allows children to cross the roads safely.

Parent Code of Conduct

Attached to this newsletter is our updated code of conduct for parents when at Paganel. Please read this carefully. The purpose of this is to clarify expectations of behaviour when on school site.

Thank you for your support with this.

Key Dates 2020

Parents Evening	12th and 13th October 2021
October Half Term	Week beginning Monday 25th October 2021
Teacher Training Day	Monday 1st November 2021
Children back in School	Tuesday 2nd November 2021
Last day of Term for children	Friday 17th December 2021