



Pilgrims' Way Primary School & Children's Centre

September 2022 - Newsletter



Attendance

Year 6 – 98.4%

Year 5 -99.3%

Year 4 – 95.8%

Year 3 – 96.4%

Year 2 – 92.8%

Year 1 –90.7%

Reception –90.8%

Well done Year 5!

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you had a relaxing summer break. We have really enjoyed having the children return, and they have made an excellent start to term. A very warm welcome to our new children who have joined early years, as well as other new joiners throughout the school – I look forward to getting to know all of you over the course of the year.

As you are aware, we are currently in a period of national mourning following the sad news of the death of the queen. Please note that **Monday 19th September** is a bank holiday, and as a result, school will be **closed** on this day.

You will shortly receive a photo consent form – please do ensure that you complete it and return it to the office. Until they are returned, I will not be including photos in the newsletter.

Congratulations to Miss Horton who got married over the summer and is now known as Mrs Powell Davies.

Warmest wishes,

Julie Ireland

Class presentations

On Wednesday 28th September at 3.30 p.m, each class teacher will be holding a welcome presentation for parents , where they will go through your child's learning and general expectations for the year. I strongly recommend that you attend as this information is very important. If you have children in different classes, please choose one presentation to attend and collect hand-outs from the others. Light refreshments will be available for you to enjoy after the presentation.

SLT

As you are aware, Mr Doey has become the executive headteacher of Ann Bernadt and Nell Gwynn nurseries, and as a result, will be based at Pilgrims' Way one day a week. Mrs Turnbull has stepped down as deputy headteacher, but is still SENCO and is at Pilgrims' Way on Thursdays and Fridays. Miss Crandon has joined Miss Jones as Assistant Headteacher. Please see below for which members of the leadership team are on site each day:-

Monday	Gregory Doey and Georgia Powell Davies
Tuesday	Georgia Powell Davies and Julie Ireland (p.m)
Wednesday	Georgia Powell Davies and Emma Crandon (p.m)
Thursday	Julie Ireland
Friday	Julie Ireland and Helen Jones

P.E kit

Please remember that children should **not** be wearing their P.E kits to school – instead, they should bring their P.E kits to change into. P.E kits consist of a white t-shirt and black shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers. This term, Year 6 will go swimming.

Year 1	Thursday and Friday
Year 2	Monday and Wednesday
Year 3	Monday and Tuesday
Year 4	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 5	Tuesday and Friday
Year 6	Thursday (swimming on Friday)

Water Bottles

We still ask that your child brings a water bottle to school every day. This should be a reusable bottle, not single use plastic bottles.

Year 5 and 6 start time

Year 5 and 6 pupils are expected to start school at 8.30 and to come through the main office and walk to their classrooms. This time is used for learning, so please ensure that they are punctual.

Year 6 tuition

We provide small group Year 6 tuition free of charge. This will take place from 3.30-4.30 for a ten week block, and the focus will be on reading and maths this term. Tuition will start on Tuesday 20th September – please make sure that you complete and return the permission form.

Dates for your diary

Class teachers have begun the process of booking trips for their class. However, we **really** need parent volunteers to accompany classes on trips – please speak to your child's class teacher if you are available.

14/9 – meeting for Y6 parents – school journey and secondary school applications
19/9 – school is closed (Bank holiday)
20/9 – Year 6 tuition starts
28/9 – class presentations for parents @ 3.30
12/10- Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum
14/10- Year 5 class assembly @ 9.10 – Year 5 parents welcome to attend
12/10- drop in session for Y6 parents to complete secondary school applications (8.30-10.00)
21/10 – Break up for the half-term holidays @ 3.30

Learning overviews

I will shortly be emailing out learning overviews for this term. Included on them will be key vocabulary – I would really appreciate it if you could spend some time going through this vocabulary with your child to support their learning.

Foodbank vouchers

We are aware that things are financially very difficult this winter as we face rising food and energy costs. Please remember that we are able to offer foodbank vouchers for families facing financial hardship – please speak to Zoe if you need a foodbank voucher.

Breakfast club

Please note that the cost of breakfast club is £1 per pupil per day. Siblings of Years 5/6 may attend **from 8.30 onwards free of charge**. Anyone attending earlier than 8.30 needs to pay the £1 charge.