



# PARENT PRESS



## PYE BANK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*The Newsletter which keeps you one step ahead!*

**Exclusive News Today!**

### HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD?

1. Encourage them to read EVERY night. Use Bug Club online to access electronic books.
2. Help them complete homework every week
3. Help them to learn Spellings and new vocab.
4. Help them to learn Times tables and practise using Times Tables Rock Stars
5. Encourage children to show excellent behaviour.
6. Make sure children arrive at school on time (Doors open at 8.45am and your child is LATE after 8.55am)
7. Ensure they wear their uniform!
8. Make sure your child comes to school every day that they are well.
9. Avoid taking any holidays during term time: children miss so much learning!
10. Come to Parent's Evenings each time and events when you can.
11. Encourage your child to play after school: Have down time together and have fun!
12. Help your child to use their knowledge organiser and learn all about their topic.
13. Talk to your child about what they are learning at school and celebrate their successes!

## WELCOME BACK

### ***A note from Mrs Andrews***

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone here at Pye Bank. I hope you have had a good summer and enjoyed some family time, hopefully getting back to normal a little bit. The summer break can be tough sometimes for families, particularly at the minute, so hopefully everyone is at least returning safe and sound. We are very excited about the year ahead and what we can achieve as a school in partnership with our Academy Trust (DSAT) and also working more closely with Emmanuel Junior School. As you know I will be working across the two schools as Executive Headteacher but will be here at Pye Bank for at least 2 and a half days every week.

It is really exciting to be getting all of our children back with us. We have never known a year like last school year but the Pye Bank community should feel very proud of what we all achieved together. So many children and families kept on learning using Virtual School or work packs and that will really help children settle back. We know parents will be worried about lost learning time but we will be working very hard to help children feel happy being back at school and to also identify next steps as we help them reconnect with their learning. The Government are giving us a little extra funding to help children get back on track.

***Welcome back to our new Year 6 class who you will spot around school in their special jumpers, showing that they are real ambassadors for Pye Bank. We know they will be brilliant as Year 6.***

***Great news:*** Mrs Kurcewicz was appointed as your Head of School from September and will be here every day supporting staff, children and families.

So, here's to a brilliant year with your amazing children, working together, in a safe way, to get school life back to normal.

***Mrs Andrews***

## **Staffing**

We said good bye to just a few staff during lockdown and we wish them well in the future. These include our Building Supervisor Maciej, Miss Nazir, Mr Uddin and Mr Gregory. All move on to new experiences and challenges and we are thrilled that Mr Gregory is now training to be a teacher. Mr Bailey, Mrs Justice and Ms Farah successfully completed their apprenticeships with us during this time. We are very grateful to them for their hard work and commitment.

We are pleased to welcome Mr Wild as our new Buildings Supervisor. He knows our community very well and we look forward to working with him.

We are very pleased that all of our class based teaching staff have remained with us and you can see the classes for September opposite.

Miss Travis and Mr Howard both became parents during the lockdown so many congratulations to them.

If you haven't watched your new teacher's video introducing themselves yet please have a look on your class blog.

We have some fantastic learning lined up for everyone ,

We look forward to working with you and your children.

### **Some new roles within school:**

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Andrews

Head of School: Mrs Kurcewicz

Deputy Head of School: Miss Drake

Key Stage 2 Leader/AHT: Mr Cornes

Curriculum Leader/AHT: Mrs Chatterton.

Ms Lee continues as SENDCO/AHT

Miss Taylor continues as KS1 Leader

Miss Marsden continues as Foundation Stage Leader.

## **OUR CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER**

### **Nursery:**

Jewels- Mrs Nunns

### **Reception:**

- Sunflowers- Miss Mayor-Choudrey
- Bluebells- Mrs Marsden and Mrs Stokes

### **Year 1**

- Achievers- Miss Swales
- Innovators- Miss Streeton

### **Year 2**

- Wise Owls- Mr Grainger
- Eagles- Miss Taylor

### **Year 3**

- Investigators- Mr Cornes-
- Explorers- Mr Howard

### **Year 4**

- Mighty Oaks- Miss Vickers
- Willows- Ms Hoonaiishi and Mrs Hardwick

### **Year 5**

- Champions- Mrs Johnson
- Heroes- Mrs Chatterton

### **Year 6**

- Tigers- Miss Toyloco
- Stars- Miss Trathan

## **Our Pastoral Team**

**There will be a big focus on supporting children to get settled back into school life. We now have three members of Pastoral Staff here to help you and your child:**

- ✓ *Mrs Debbie Maskrey- Strategic Leader for Pastoral Support and Safeguarding*
- ✓ *Mrs Zabeda Hussain- Pastoral Manager*
- ✓ *Mrs Jeanette Toner- learning Mentor*

## **Parent Information Pack**

Once again we want to keep you as up to date as possible with what we do here at Pye Bank, so that you can support your child. We hope you find your Parents' Information Pack useful. We usually include a Calendar but this year things remain very uncertain in terms of events and parent groups. The other documents are a great reminder about different systems we have at Pye Bank. They will really help you support your child, so please take the time to have a look, alongside your booklet about returning in September, which we sent before the holidays.

## **WORKING WITH PARENTS AND OUR FAMILIES**

When we first come back to school in September, parents/carers will not be able to enter school or attend events as usual. We will keep all systems under review with the aim of getting back to normal as soon as is possible.

### **How will we continue to work with you whilst keeping everyone safe?**

- Leaders will be outside each day to see the children in safely.
- You will have the topic Knowledge Organiser and it will show you on the website what your child is learning in Maths and English.
- Any parent who is concerned or has a query can ring the office to arrange a chat with a teacher, member of the Pastoral Team or school leader. The office will ask you what your concern is linked to and make sure the right person contacts you.
- If any teacher has a concern linked to your child they will contact you quickly by phone for a chat.
- If following a phone call it is felt a meeting is important this will be set up and take place using social distancing using the Pastoral room.
- We will put regular messages on the website, Headteacher's Blog and class blogs and use texts to send prompts to have a look.
- Gold Award Assemblies will be uploaded to the Headteacher's Blog each week.
- As soon as it is possible to do so we will establish parent Forums and some coffee mornings, but will just need to have a booking system. We want to start these up as quickly as possible.
- We are keen to start using email much more for letters and communication so please let the office have your email address as soon as possible if we don't already have it.

### **What will happen if my child's year group has to lock down?**

- Although we hope this won't happen, if Public Health tell the school they need to close to a group of children or all children learning WILL continue. We have a system in place that would mean teachers immediately start working from home and after one day of closure staff would start to upload videoed lessons every day for Maths, English and one other subject. Children will send in work and staff will check this.
- We will send you more information next week and will be teaching your children how to access everything.
- A member of the Pastoral Team would stay in touch with you and pass any concerns about learning on to a teacher.



### **The Pye Bank Pledge**

- 1. To ensure that school is a happy and safe place for your children every day.**
- 2. To aim for academic excellence for all children, ensuring that we have the highest expectation of what they can achieve: recognising the potential of every child in our care.**
- 3. To strive at all times to meet the needs of every child of all abilities and backgrounds.**
- 4. To nurture and value every member of the school community, as a unique individual.**
- 5. To work in true partnership with all our parents, our children and our community.**
- 6. To inspire and motivate our children, offering a challenging curriculum which is relevant, designed with memory in mind and reflects the values and the diversity of our amazing faith based community.**
- 7. To provide opportunities which broaden experiences within and beyond the classroom, drawing on and extending existing talents and skills.**

*One thing you might be worried about is the rse curriculum. We had planned a consultation process with you. We don't have to begin any teaching until summer 2021 so will start working with you in spring term. We remain completely committed to working with you throughout this year and look forward to getting back to normal. Thank you for all your support.*

