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PYE BANK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter which keeps you one step ahead!

Exclusive News Today!

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD?

1. **MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD COMES TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY THAT THEY ARE WELL.**
2. **Make sure children arrive at school on time** (Doors open at 8.40am and your child is LATE after 8.55am)
3. Encourage them to read EVERY night.
4. Help them complete homework every week
5. Help them to learn Spellings and new vocab.
6. Help them to learn Times tables and practise using Times Tables Rock Stars
7. Encourage children to show excellent behaviour.
8. Ensure they wear their uniform every day!
9. Avoid taking any holidays during term time: children miss so much learning!
10. Help your child to use their knowledge organiser and learn all about their topic.
11. Talk to your child about what they are learning at school and celebrate their successes!
12. Keep a check on Dojo so you know what is happening and let the teacher know using the messages there is anything we need to know about your child.

WELCOME BACK

A note from Mrs Andrews

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back everyone AND A BIG WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW FAMILIES. I hope you have had a good summer and enjoyed some family time, hopefully getting back to normal a little bit and perhaps getting out and about a little more.

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), with hopefully no more lockdowns or closures.

It is really exciting to be getting all of our children back. It was another tough year but the Pye Bank community should feel very proud of what we all achieved together. We faced challenges but met them together and in so many ways we are a stronger school community than ever. ***The support we received as a school from all families was AMAZING, so thank you.***

As we get back to normal, we know parents will be worried about lost learning time but we want to reassure you that so many children had begun the catch up journey- we were very proud of them.

It will be so important that children now come to school every single day that they can, avoiding any unnecessary absence from school or lateness. Together we can catch up!

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.

Welcome back to all staff and a particularly warm welcome to Ms Brennan in Year 3 who joins the Pye Bank Team and to Mrs Shepherd who joins Year 5 as an Assistant Headteacher covering Mrs Chatterton's Maternity leave.

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 Ms Mayor-Choudrey and Mr Cornes at the end of the year.

All move on to new experiences and challenges. Mr Cornes is joining Emmanuel Junior Academy as Head of School. We are very grateful to them for their hard work and commitment during their two years at Pye Bank. Good luck.

Most children have met their new teachers which is great. We have some fantastic learning lined up for everyone next year.

We look forward to working with you and your children.

The leadership team are here to help you:

Executive Headteacher: *Mrs Mo Andrews*

Head of School: *Mrs Rhea Kurcewicz*

Deputy Head of School: *Ms Melissa Drake*

School Business Manager: *Mrs Karen Stanley*

Assistant Headteacher/SEND/CO: *Ms Stephanie Lee*

Assistant Headteacher: *Mrs Jenni Shepherd (Covering Mrs Sandie Chatterton for maternity)*

Strategic Leader for Pastoral Support: *Mrs Deborah Maskrey*

Pastoral Manager: *Ms Zabeda Hussain*

Chair of Governors: *Mr Steve Chew*

A BIG welcome to our new Reception children as they start school for the first time.

OUR CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER

Nursery:

Jewels- Miss Swales and Miss Popescu

Reception:

- Maples - Ms Marsden
- Evergreens - Mrs Nunns

Year 1

- Sunflowers - Miss Travis
- Bluebells - Miss Streeton

Year 2

- Achievers - Mr Grainger
- Innovators - Miss Taylor

Year 3

- Wise Owls - Mrs Brennan
- Golden Eagles - Mr Howard

Year 4

- Investigators - Mrs Hardwick and Mrs Stokes
- Explorers - Mrs Johnson

Year 5

- Mighty Oaks - Miss Vickers
- Willows - Mrs Shepherd

Year 6

- Champions - Miss Toyloco
- Heroes - Miss Trathan

Our Pastoral Team

There will be a big focus on supporting children to get settled back into school life. The three Pastoral Staff are 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 have included our Parent Calendar again this year and hope the events will be able to go ahead as planned.

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 through.

WORKING WITH PARENTS AND OUR FAMILIES

We very much hope we will remain open throughout this year and over time we should begin to feel much closer to normal life. It is however, very important that we keep working as safely as possible.

Most restrictions have been removed by the Government and we know that this is worrying some families. **We would like to assure you we will be working hard to keep everyone as safe as possible.**

We will be moving forward with a little caution to help keep children, families, visitors and staff as safe as possible. 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 and the children whilst keeping everyone safe as safe as possible?

- Staff will continue to have twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests.
- The enhanced cleaning systems will stay in place and we will keep rooms as ventilated as possible.
- We will continue to have sanitiser and hygiene stations in classrooms for children. This has really helped keep lots of bugs at bay and not just COVID!
- Face coverings no longer HAVE to be worn. If possible we would encourage families to wear them, particularly at busy times or when speaking to staff. Staff may choose to wear them when speaking with you or when moving around school. This will be to keep them and you safe.
- **We will continue to encourage all adults** (Parents, carers, visitors and staff) **to socially distance wherever possible.**
- Leaders will be outside each day to see the children in safety: we really love this and feel it is important to keep it the same.

Dropping off in the morning:

Nursery: Parents to drop off and collect at the front of school (Children start at 8.30am and 12.30pm)

Reception: Parents drop off and collect in the FS 2 playground.

Year 1: Parents drop off and collect in the Key Stage 1 playground.

Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6: Parents to drop off in the playground.

It is still not the right time to have all parents coming into school in the morning with their children. We will keep this under review and begin to introduce some open mornings at the right time. Teachers, however will be coming out to the bottom of the stairs at the beginning of the day so you can catch them for a chat if needed. Teachers will also be available to catch at the end of the day to chat to if needed too.

Parents will now be able to come through the year 1 playground if they need to come through school to the main playground at the back of school.

Communication with families

- The office will be open as normal. The staff will manage the numbers of adults coming into the office carefully. More than one person at a time will be allowed but we will aim to keep it to 2 or 3 at once, so you may be asked to wait outside.
- Any parent who is concerned or has a query can **come to the main office** or **ring 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 either catch you outside, contact you quickly by phone for a chat or message you on Dojo.
- Meetings with parents will be able to take place again when needed and we will just be very careful in keeping as safe as possible.
- We will begin to hold coffee mornings and family workshops but we might still need to keep numbers a little lower.
- We are keen to keep 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.
- Breakfast club will be held each day and will be free to all children. You DON'T need to book but it is now just for children.
- You will have the topic Knowledge Organiser and it will show you on the website what your child is learning in all subject areas, including Maths and English.

What will happen if a child has COVID symptoms?

- Anyone with COVID symptoms must stay at home and have a PCR test. If they test positive they must then isolate for 10 days. If it is negative then they can return to school.
- Government advice is that children, and adults who have had two vaccinations, do not need to self-isolate if they come into contact with someone with COVID. They are asked to go for a test.
- If a child shows symptoms within school we will contact parents/carers to collect them and ask them to take their child for a test. Their brothers and sisters would not need to self isolate.
- School no longer does track and trace.
- We very much hope we do not need to close year groups now.

BUBBLES?

- There will not be a bubble system in place, unless the Government changes their guidance so children will begin to mix a little more with other year groups. We will have assemblies again in real life and not as often on Zoom. We aim to hold events such as Fabulous Finishes and Parents' Evenings- we will just be staying as safe as possible in line with all advice we get from the Local Authority and Government.

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.

THANK YOU FOR BEING AMAZING. THERE IS SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE AND LOOK FORWARD TO THIS YEAR. YOUR CHILDREN ARE INCREDIBLE AND WE ARE PROUD OF OUR PYE BANK COMMUNITY.

