

Summer 2, 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

New Security Door Arrangements

We have installed new security arrangements for our front entrance area. From 9.00am the doors to the office, the corridor leading to Mrs Ebbage's and Mrs Gooding's classrooms and the Nursery will automatically lock. This provides a 'waiting' area for anyone arriving in school after that time such as delivery drivers, visitors, etc. Though this is inconvenient for children arriving after 9 o'clock it does provide additional security for the school.

Pupil with Nut and Peanut Allergy

Parents of a child in Y1/2 have asked us to let you know that their child has a severe peanut and nut allergy. The allergic reaction can vary in severity but in this case we need to be extremely careful with the foods this pupil comes in to contact with. There is a possibility that such contact, even at a minor level, could lead to ANAPHYLAXIS which unless treated immediately can be life threatening.

As many of you will already know peanuts and nuts may be present within many foods - even where they are not listed in ingredients often there is a note saying that food may have been prepared in a factory containing nuts. For the safety and care of our pupils we would ask that you check the ingredients of any food you provide for snack or for packed lunch to ensure there are no peanuts or nuts present. The more careful you are the more we can protect the health and wellbeing of our pupils. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Holidays during Term Time

After the recent court case where the challenge against the Government's stance on holidays during term time was lost our school position has not changed. Please be aware that we will only authorise a 'leave of absence' in exceptional circumstances, that we will need evidence for those exceptional circumstances and where this is not available we may refer the case over to DCC for the pursuit of a fine. We have had a significant increase in the number of people requesting a 'leave of absence' for holidays recently that do not meet the 'exceptional circumstance' criteria. Please be aware that our response is based on Government Policy/Statutory Rules and the procedures laid out for us and therefore we have no choice but to not authorise such holidays or refer on for a fine.

Late Arrival in to School

Please remember that the school start time is 8:50am for Foundation 2 through to Year 6. The curriculum begins in class very soon after that time. Any child arriving between 9 and 9:15am receives an 'L' on the register and the number of 'lates' are monitored and reported on. Pupils arriving after 9:15am when the register closes are counted as 'absent' for data collection and when reported to parents and the Local Authority.

Parent View – OFSTED

The school was last inspected in January 2014 and we are now due for a 'short one day' inspection as it has been 3 years since our 'Good' outcome. The online Parent View survey gives the information OFSTED need and becomes **viewable by everyone** once over 10 surveys have been completed. Many parents thinking about sending their child to our school also look at Parent View as well as the OFSTED report to gain more insight in to what the school provides. The more parents who complete the survey for us now the more likely prospective parents will take those views in to consideration.

Please register with an email address and a password at <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. Once your login has been activated, it only takes a few minutes to complete answers to some short questions about aspects such as behaviour, the quality of teaching, level of homework, etc. We have also placed the link on our school website for you at www.pilsleyprimary.co.uk. We hope you will take this opportunity to comment and support the school.



NSPCC Assembly and Workshops – Speak Out Stay Safe

On July 5th we will be hosting the NSPCC who will be holding assemblies about Keeping Safe with Years 1 and 2 and then Years 3-6. This will be followed by specific workshops for Years 5 and 6. This service replaces the Childline sessions we have held in previous years. The content of the assemblies we will share with you closer to the time but there is a clear focus on pupils understanding their rights to stay safe, speak out and be heard and the right to get help when they need it. All the assemblies are age appropriate and run by NSPCC trained volunteers – however, they deal with the difficult subjects related to keeping safe from all types of harm. If you would like more information, please look at the NSPCC website.

We have a very busy last few weeks of the school year.

Diary Dates / School Events

12 th June	Year 6 Visit to Chatsworth
16 th June	F1 / Nursery New Starters Meeting
19 th June	Year 3/4/5 Optional Tests
20 th June	Crackpot Theatre Assembly
21 st June	Year 4 @ Halle Orchestra Concert
21 st June	Y2 Mini Olympics (11:00 - 2:30pm)
22 nd June	F1/F2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Visit
23 rd June	Year 5 Festival of Sport (10:00 – 2:00pm)
23 rd June	Year 4 Viola Assembly
23 rd June	No swimming this day
26 th & 27 th June	Transition Days
27 th June	PTA Fashion Show
29 th June	Year 1/2 Class Assembly (Mrs Ebbage)
30 th June	INSET DAY
3 rd July	INSET DAY
4 th July	Year 6 Visit to Chesterfield College
4 th July	Tibshelf Community Indian Pupil Visit
5 th July	NSPCC Assemblies
6 th July	Reports out to parents
7 th July	Years 1-6 Sports Day at 1:15pm . . . fingers crossed for good weather!
8 th July	School Summer Fair
10 th , 11 th & 12 th July	Swap Days
13 th July	Year 1 & 2 Visit to Lea Green (Y2 stay overnight, return on 14th July)
12 th , 13 th & 14 th	Year 6 at Dukes Barn
17 th July	Golden Day
19 th July	Leavers Discos
20 th July	Hardwick 10k Race (7:30pm)
21 st July	Last day of term (break up for summer holidays)
4 th and 5 th September	INSET DAYS
6 th September	New School Year Begins