

Autumn 3, 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Class Parties

Each class will be having their class party days next week. Years 1 and 2 will be holding theirs on Wednesday, 19th December in the afternoon. Key Stage 2 will be holding theirs on Thursday, 20th December also in the afternoon. The Foundation (Mrs Morson and Miss North) will be on the morning of Thursday, 20th December. Each teacher will let you know what's happening.

Christmas Jumper Day and End of Term

Due to parent requests we will hold Christmas Jumper Day but this will be on the last day of term. Children may wear a Christmas Jumper or alternatively non-uniform. All donations of £1 will go towards the Save the Children Charity. Thank you.

Christmas Concerts

We would like to thank all the children and adults involved in the Christmas Concerts and Nativity Plays this year. It has been wonderful to see so many of the children enjoying sharing their singing, acting and smiles with you. They were amazing once again!

Miss Allanson

We have had the wonderful news that Miss Allanson is going to have a baby due in May. We're sure you will join in with us passing on our congratulations. We will let you know next term the future arrangements for the Y3/4 class.

Carol Concert

The Carol Concert on Monday has now sold out of tickets. On the night we will be holding a raffle and the chance to win some Christmas 'Surprise' Bags on the children's tombola.

Key Stage 2 Outcomes

As you know there is far more to our pupil's development than tests can show. This term we have begun to devise a new way to approach our pupil's mental as well as physical health with work on being resilient. We have been developing our School Council in to a 'Family Council' system where all pupils can have their say on the school. We plan next term to develop our curriculum even further with a key focus on how to plan for and self-check their thinking.

However, schools are measured by their outcomes. The link is on our website but you can find how we have achieved here:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/112605/pilsley-primary-school>

Last year our Y6 achieved excellent results once again placing them in the top 12% of schools in Derbyshire, with our outcomes for pupils in receipt of the Pupil Premium in the top 2%. #

Uniform

As a school we are not as demanding as many when it comes to school uniform. Many schools are not allowing trainers, non-badged versions of jumpers, etc, like we do. However, recently we have had a few children coming to school regularly in non-uniform. We know that some days it may be in the wash or they've fallen on the way to school but please be aware that we do expect a certain level of uniform and we will contact you directly if your child is consistently not wearing it.

On the same issue we have noted some girls coming in much higher heeled shoes. This is a boundary often pushed by the older girls. However, in the playground they cannot run about or join in games, they also often trip and fall. Again, we will be contacting parents with regard to unsuitable footwear after Christmas.

2019

7th January Back to school
15th January Year 2 & Year 6 Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Fire Safety Talk
28th January Big Bird Watch Theme School Dinner Day
14th February Viking Theme School Dinner Day
18th - 24th February Half Term
5th March Pancake Day Theme School Dinner
7th March Year 3 Trip to Chesterfield Library
13th March Year 1 trip to Hardwick
15th March Red Nose Day
10th April F1 trip to Twycross Zoo
15th April – 28th April Easter Holidays
6th May Bank Holiday
27th May – 2nd June Half Term
14th & 15th June Lea Green Trip/ Residential (Year 1 to go for the day on 14th, Year 2 to stay overnight)
28th June INSET DAY
1st July INSET DAY
10th July Year 1 trip to Hardwick
10th – 12th July Year 6 Dukes Barn residential
19th July Break up for Summer
22nd July INSET DAY

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year from The Pilsley Staff Team