

Thursday, 18th March 2021

Laughter, Smiles and Fun.

Dear Parents/Carers,

Nursery Places

For the first time in a very long time we have spaces within our Nursery moving forwards, especially from September 2021. We are not sure if this is due to the Lockdowns and parents not taking up or requesting places for their children as they thought school was closed.

If you are looking for a place in our Nursery in the future we would encourage you to get in touch ASAP via the school office on 01773 872378, or info@pilsley-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk. We are also about to send out a Nursery Flyer which has the links to further information and the nursery place request forms.

Red Nose Day – Friday 19th March

Mr Snape has asked that children DO NOT wear Red Noses on Red Nose Day – humph!

However, the staff have persuaded him to have a **RED DAY**. So on Friday the children can wear as little, or as much, **RED** as they want to.

As Mr Snape is being such a grump, the staff have asked if the children can bring in their best and their worst joke. We are going to have a class competition to find the one that makes us laugh the most, and then each class will try to get Mr Snape to laugh with their joke. Good luck with that!

We are not handling cash in school so please make any donations to Red Nose Day through your ParentPay Account where it has been set as a Payment Item. Thank you.

National Day of Reflection (23rd March)

There is a National Day of Reflection on Tuesday, 23rd March with regard to the impact of the pandemic. The school understands that the local community will want to focus on the past and the impact it has had on us all. As adults and members of that community we all share those emotions. The school will however be looking forwards. We will use the day to symbolise 'Being and Working Together' with 'Hope' as a key theme.

School Dinners

Next Wednesday (24th March) we are trialling a hot dinner in the classrooms. If this is successful then we will look towards switching to more regular hot dinners in the future.

Coughs and Colds

As children mix again we are seeing a growth in coughs and colds. We would ask that parents are extremely cautious at this vital time and keep pupils off with a cough or if displaying a temperature. Remember headache and fatigue have been noted by the ZOE study as COVID symptoms in children. As a reminder where required tests can be booked here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/>

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Voluntary Testing within Families

The government has offered home testing using Lateral Flow tests for households and Childcare Bubbles. This means parents can request LFT tests if this would help any anxieties or the family situation. Information can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Parent Hub and the School App

The initial trial of Parent Hub has been very promising. It is very likely we will switch to Parent Hub after the Easter Break. We would encourage ALL parents please to download the Parent Hub as per the instructions below so if there are teething problems we can sort them before our return on April 19th.

Pilsley Primary School

would like you to join their school on Parent Hub.

Just tap "Join a School" in the app and enter the handle below...

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The Parent Hub app is FREE to download and use.



What is Parent Hub?



Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.

Instructions for Parents



1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android).
2. Create yourself an account.
3. Choose "Join a School" and enter the school handle (above).

Visit www.parenthub.co.uk to find out more

Take Care and Stay Safe



Headteacher and the Pilsley Staff Team