



Paulton Infant School / Newsletter No. 2

PTA update

We ended a very successful year of fundraising by handing over a cheque for £3476 which is an amazing amount and will be put towards buying some listening centres and balance bikes.

We would like to thank all the parents that helped with events and supported us throughout the year.

We are starting the new school year off with another pumpkin hunt to take place during the half term; details of this will be sent out soon. If you live in the village and might be able to display a pumpkin please let me know.

As always, we are looking for parents/carers to help out with PTA events so please get in touch with us on the Facebook page or by catching us in the playground. The Secretary, Faye Gunstone, is stepping down so if you would like to become the new secretary please let us know.

If you have any contacts in the stationery world and can help us obtain any stationery supplies please let myself or the office staff know.

Carolyn Birch

Absence from school

If your child is going to be off school for **any** reason you **must** notify the school office.

Medical appointments: You must provide evidence of the appointment to the school office and discuss arrangements for early/late arrival, lunch etc.

Sickness. If your child is unwell, you must leave a message on the school answer phone or send us a text message by **9am** on the day of absence. You must provide a detailed reason for why they are unable to attend school and give us an expected return date. If they are off for sickness and/or diarrhoea they must stay away until they have been completely clear of any symptoms for 48 hours.

If your child needs to be away for any other reason you **must** ask for a 'Request for Absence' form at the school office and **return it at least 2 weeks before** the absence is due to start (with the exception of funerals). Holiday's during term time are not authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Please label all items of clothing for your child and check labels written in pen each month as they can fade with washing.



We are looking for donations of 3 smart phones. They don't have to be a new model's just a working smart phone with a charger. We will buy a SIM card and use the phones on trips, not only for emergency use, but for taking photographs with school equipment when we are not on the school grounds. Please speak to the office if you think you can help.

The **EYFS** children have really enjoyed staying for lunch this week and have eaten really well. We have been so impressed with how well they have settled in to school and are looking forward to them staying all day next week!

Staff toilets

For safeguarding and H&S purposes, we cannot allow anyone access to staff toilets before, during or after the school day.

Dates for your diary (Please check our school website for the calendar for the year. This will be updated regularly and all dates/times are subject to change)

Thursday 26th September - Individual school photo's will be taken. (EYFS children with siblings at PJS will have family photographs taken at our school)

Friday 27th September - Macmillan Coffee Afternoon from 2PM in the hall. Please do come along and enjoy a chat and a slice of cake for this worthy cause. If you would like to donate any cakes please bring them on Friday morning.

Tuesday 1st October - Reading meeting for EYFS parents. We are holding 1 session at 9am.

Tuesday 8th October - Year 2 trip to Farleigh Hungerford Castle. More details coming home soon!

Thursday 10th October - Harvest collection for the Foodbank. We will send out a list of what they are in need of in the next few weeks

Thursday 24th October (date change) - Sponsored Walk - Raising funds for our school. Details to follow.

Friday 25th October - Last day of Term 1

Monday 4th November - First day of Term 2



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