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Newsletter 01 – Monday 5th September 2022

Welcome!

A warm welcome back to everyone and to those families who are just starting at Pashley this year! We very much hope that you have all enjoyed the Summer break and made the most of the wonderful weather and a much more 'normal' Summer in terms of seeing people and going out.

Parent Workshops

In Year 1 and Year 2 we are holding workshops next week and parents will also have the opportunity to see their child's new classroom and meet the teacher and class teaching assistant. Please do come along and sign in at the front office after drop off in the morning. We will be organising for half the parents to go in at a time so it's not too crowded while the other half are in the hall and have an overview of what's happening this year. The groups will then swap over.

Year 1 – Thursday 8th September

Year 2 – Friday 9th September

For our new EYFS parents we will be holding a workshop in the hall on Wednesday 21st September at 2.15pm. This will be an overview of the year's events for EYFS and the whole school as well as information about the learning. EYFS parents will also have the opportunity to be able to ask any questions and see the classrooms at the end of the day.

Parent Council and Parent Governors

Last year we started up the Parent Council and managed to get at least one representative from each class. This year we aim to meet every term and will be giving out dates for the rest of the year at the first meeting.

The first meeting will be on Thursday 22nd September at 9am.... With chocolate biscuits!

Meetings will be on a Thursday morning after drop off and will last about an hour. We hope all classes will set up WhatsApp groups (we know that some have already!)

If you are interested in joining the parent council please let us know via the office or chat to Heather or Emma on the gate. We would welcome more than one parent per class so if you are available please do let us know. We will be sending more information about this shortly.

Parking

Zoe, in the office, will be sending out some extra information about parking near school in the area including advice about where you can park nearby. Please do park safely and avoid double yellow lines and blocking driveways.

Attendance

As you are aware the school opens at 8.45am with the gates closing at 9.00am. Please make sure that your child comes in through their year group door at that time every day.

If your child is unwell please let the office know or ring the school. You will need to give your child's full name, class and reason for absence. You need to report your child's absence every day they are unwell.

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Summer Work

During the Summer holidays the pond was renovated with new decking and is now all one level. There has also been some painting and decorating with the front office being fantastically transformed into a wonderful Pashley animal sky display! The classrooms all have themed book corners which are enticing for children to choose and read their favourite texts. Many of the staff have come in during the holidays to ensure the school is a welcoming positive place for children to enjoy learning so a huge thank you to them all!

Cheese and Wine Evening

To welcome new EYFS parents to the school we will be hosting a Cheese and Wine evening on Thursday 29th September from 6pm in the hall. The school will provide the wine and cheese and simply ask for you to pop along and get to know each other, should you wish to join us! Some of the EYFS team and members of the Senior Leadership team will be present to get to know our new additions to the community. We look forward to seeing you then!

Staff Changes

Mrs Esther Martin is continuing with us covering Miss Brown while she is on maternity. Mrs Martin is leading Moles Class in Year 1. In EYFS Mr Ben Page is our new teacher. Mr Page is looking forward to leading the learning in Rabbits Class. We also welcome Mrs Carly Baker who is joining our Inclusion team three days a week until Christmas and Mrs Daly who is joining the cleaning team.

Mrs Emma Lewis will continue as Deputy Head working four days a week with her non-working day on Wednesday. I will also be working four days a week, so Mrs Lewis will be Acting Headteacher on my non-working day which will generally be on a Friday. Mrs Souto, our Inclusion Leader, will be increasing her days to four days a week.

As always, should you need to contact anyone in the Senior Leadership team, then please do email the office to make an appointment or speak to us on the front gate where we can usually be found at school drop off and pick up.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents and carers into school regularly this year. We have already planned events, assemblies and local trips and as always would love to have anyone in school who is interested in volunteering. Please contact your child's class teacher if this would be something you are interested in.

With warm wishes

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 8th September 9 -10am	Year 1 Parent Workshop
Friday 9th September 9 -10am	Year 2 Parent Workshop
Tuesday 13th September	Twilight Training - No Ladybirds
Wednesday 21st September at 2.15pm	EYFS Parent Workshop
Thursday 22nd September at 9am	Parent Council Meeting
Tuesday 27th September	Individual Photos
Thursday 29th September 6-8pm	Cheese and Wine evening for new parents
Friday 7th October	Yr 1 trip up the Downs
Wednesday 12th October	Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 20th October 15.00-16.30	Year 2 Disco - tbc
Friday 21st October 9am	EYFS first parent morning drop in
Friday 21st October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 31st October	First Day Term 2
Friday 16th December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 3rd January	First Day of Term 3
Friday 10th February	Last day of Term 2