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Newsletter 1 – Tuesday 5th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a huge privilege to write my first newsletter here at Pashley Down and to introduce myself to you all. Already I have had such a warm welcome to the school and I am so proud to be the Headteacher here. It is clear that the school is built around a community of staff, governors and parents that are very passionate about the school and the children being given the best experience possible in their early years of school. The grounds are just sublime and I am particularly looking forward to donning my beekeeper suit for the first time as this has always been a dream of mine.

This is my second school as Headteacher having been at Rocks Park School in Uckfield since 2017 and I have also previously worked in Eastbourne at St John's Meads, so it is exciting to be back by the sea again and in the Old Town! Out of school I love the great outdoors and exploring the countryside with our two sausage dogs, Chester and Martha. Cooking and snooker are my other hobbies whilst listening to music whenever I can. I love sport in general with a particular love of football, but Nottingham Forest in particular.

I am really excited about getting to know the children and am setting myself a challenge of learning all the children's names by the end of the month! I am also really looking forward to meeting all of you and will be on the gate as much as possible at the start and end of each school day. Please do come and say hello!

I am delighted to be working alongside Mrs Thomas in her role as Deputy Headteacher whilst Mrs Lewis is on maternity leave. Already I have been awestruck by her passion and enthusiasm for everything that is Pashley Down and this will only continue to make the school a better and stronger place for your children to be coming to.

Staff News

We are thrilled to announce a new addition to the Pashley family. Emma Lewis, our Deputy Head had a little boy called Alfie on the 30th August. They are enjoying life as a family of four. We can't wait until she brings him in for cuddles.



Pashley Down welcomes Miss Mallard to the school who became my first appointment at the school back in May. I know she is going to settle in very quickly and is an excellent addition to our teaching team.

"I have been overwhelmed by how lovely everyone has been in welcoming me very warmly into Pashley so far! The sense of community within Pashley is really apparent and is something that I feel very lucky to now be a part of. It has been lovely getting to know everyone so far and I'm very excited for the upcoming school year, I know we're going to have lots of fun. If you do see me, please do come, and say hello, you'll usually be able to spot me with something pink on!"

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PE kits and labelled clothing

Please ensure that all of your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name, including their shoes and their coats. We will encourage the children to look after their possessions, but occasionally jumpers will become muddled. It is much easier to return clothing to the correct child if it is clearly labelled. Thank you for your support.

Parking

We would like to remind all our parents about parking safely and legally when collecting and dropping off the children, both at the start and end of the day.

We respectfully ask to be mindful of private driveways and 'keep clear' road markings. Parking by the School can cause serious congestion at busy times and especially when cars need to reverse or manoeuvre. **Please also NEVER double park!**, as this can cause real disruption to local residents. We suggest a one way system driving up Beechy Avenue, turning right onto South Avenue.

Medicine

May we kindly remind all parents that all medicines must come through the office as you must complete a consent form for it to be administered by the staff. Please note all medicine must be prescribed by the doctor, it should be in its original packaging with a pharmacy label and child's name. Please do not send medication in to school with your child in their schoolbag.

Water bottles

We are keen to make sure that children keep 'topped up' with water during the school day. We ask that **only water** is put in bottles (not juice, nor squash). Water really is the best liquid for keeping hydrated, and to keep teeth safe. May we also remind parents **not** to put water bottles in book bags as books can get soggy. These can be purchased from the school office for the cost of £3.00 Thank you!

Cool Milk

School milk is available at a small cost for pupils over 5. If you would like your child to have milk at school then please apply online at www.coolmilk.com

Tissues

Please would parents send in boxes of tissues to use in class. The Pashley tradition may seem unusual, but, especially in the season of sneezes and sniffles, it makes a lot of difference to class hygiene. Thanks!

Dojo

All our communication with parents will now be posted on class Dojo only. If you need help signing up, please let your child's teacher know. This is the best way for us to make sure you have up-to-the-minute news on what is happening at school. Sign up today to receive in-time school communication.

Dogs

We would like to advise parents/carers that if you wish to bring your dog with you on the school run - you will need to tie them up well away from any entrance gates (main gate or Longland road entrance). Some children are afraid of dogs, so it can be difficult for them to have to walk in through a gate if they see a dog nearby. Dogs should not be brought onto the grounds (even if they are being carried) as they are a health and safety risk. Thank you!

Bikes and Scooters

Many of our children come to school on bikes and scooters, which is a fantastic way to keep healthy. We ask that the children refrain from riding their bikes or scooters on the yard and walk them to the allocated parking area.

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Dates for your diary for Term 1

Wednesday 6th September 9.00-9.30am	Welcome to Year 1 - parent workshop in hall
Tuesday 12th September	Twilight term 1 - No Ladybirds
Monday 18th September	All EYFS children - 9-1.30pm
Wednesday 20th September	Individual School Photos
Wednesday 20th September	EYFS in full time
Friday 22nd September 2.15-2.45pm	Robins Assembly - parents welcome
Tuesday 3rd October 3.30-6pm	EYFS parents evening
Wednesday 4th October	Year One Downs trip
Thursday 5th October 3.30-6pm	EYFS parents evening
Friday 6th October 2.15-2.45pm	Woodpeckers Assembly—parents welcome
Tuesday 10th October	Year 2 Trip to Hastings Contemporary
Tuesday 17th October 3.30-6pm	Year 1 & 2 parents evening
Thursday 19th October 3.30-6pm	Year 1 & 2 parents evening
Friday 20th October 2.15-2.45pm	Owls Assembly—parents welcome
Friday 20th October	Last Day of Term 1
Monday 30th October	First Day Term 2

Twilights and Inset Days

Twilight Days 2023-2024 (3.30-6.30pm, no Ladybirds)	Inset Days 2023-2024 (no children in school)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 1- Tues 12th Sept 23 Term 2- Thurs 9th Nov 23 Term 3 - Tues 16th Jan 24 Term 4 - Thurs 29th Feb 24 Term 5- Tues 23rd April 24 Term 6 - Thurs 6th June 24 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term 1 - Friday 1st September 23 Term 3 - Tuesday 2nd Jan 24 Term 5 - Friday 24th May Term 6 - Monday 22nd July Term 6 - Tuesday 23rd July