Pashley Down Infant School

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Newsletter 4 - Wednesday 17th April

Dear Parents & Carers,

I really hope your children and yourselves have had a good Easter break. It certainly felt like a longer holiday with that Good Friday at the start, but it's great to be back feeling fully refreshed for the summer terms. It really is incredible to think that I have already completed two thirds of my first year here at Pashley. The coming weeks should bring warmer weather and further sunshine, but my window is currently being pounded by rain in a howling wind...! It can only get better. What I am looking forward to the most this term is joining Year 2 in visiting our beehives. Just one example of all the wonderful things we do on a daily basis here at Pashley Down and on that note, I am anticipating that we will be able to share the school's Ofsted report with you in the very near future. When the report comes out, I shall organise a Parent Forum to take place at the start of a school day for us to go through the report in more detail and for yourselves to ask any further questions about it, should you wish to.

We have returned to school with a number of children poorly with chicken pox. We do need to be on red alert with infections such as chicken pox, due to vulnerable children we have in school, where these infections have potentially very serious implications to them. I ask please that if you are in any doubt as to whether your child has it, then please seek medical advice before sending them into school

Meanwhile, I would like to ask for your support with something regards your mobile phones. There have been numerous occasions where I see our children coming out of class at the end of a school day (or being brought in at the start of the day), excited or relieved to see whoever is picking them up, only to find their adult scrolling at their phone, typing a message or on a phone call and it's sad to see. I don't believe this is solely an issue at Pashley by any means and is indeed an issue with society in general, but I do believe that if we can raise awareness of it, then we are helping to ensure we can try and resurrect the joy of conversation back into the community. This isn't meant to sound patronising in any way but simply to make us think. So, please can I ask that you are not on your mobile phone when the children come out of school at the end of the day and when you come through the school gates in the morning.

A reminder regards attendance please. We do need to know if your child is not coming in and the reasons for it by 8.45am on a school day and this message needs to go to the school office please. It is a safeguarding issue all the time, we don't know where your child is and it also takes up a lot time for Chloe to try to track a child down, simply because nobody has left a message about them. I would like to thank the wonderful Friends of Pashley for funding new items for Early Years classrooms. Each class received a new play kitchen, till, easel and role play items for the outside areas.

I would like to finish by saying congratulations to all those families who have a child starting with us in September. We are delighted to have your siblings joining the Pashley team and look forward to seeing them in school in the coming months.

Mr Best.

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Leave of Absence form

If you are planning to take your child out of school in term time, please make sure you complete the leave of absence form which can be picked up from the school office.

Absence Reporting

We expect children to be at school on time, every day, by 9.00am. If this is not possible due to illness, then please contact our School Office by telephone: 01323 730719 by 8.45 or email absence@pashley.e-sussex.sch.uk . Please ensure you report absence each day your child is off even if it is a longer illness such as chickenpox. For appointments during the school hours, please obtain a medical note or certificate to cover & authorise the absence and give to the office.

Dates for your diary for Term 5

Tuesday 23rd April	Twilight (No Ladybirds)
Wednesday 24th April	EYFS maths workshop 14.15-14.45
Wednesday 8th May	Woodpecker Class Assembly 14.10-14.45
Friday 10th May	Class Photographs
Wednesday 15th May	Year 1 Downs trip
Wednesday 15th May	Owls Class Assembly 14.10-14.45
Monday 20th May	World Bee Day
Wednesday 22nd May	Robin Class Assembly 14.10-14.45
Thursday 23rd May	Last day of Term 4
Monday 3rd Jane	First Day Term 5