



Peover Superior
Endowed Primary School

Aspire
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Newsletter: Thursday 5th September 2019

Welcome Back

I would like to welcome everyone back after our long summer break; I hope you all had a well-deserved holiday. The children and staff have returned to school looking fresh and relaxed, ready for a busy and exciting autumn term.

Welcome to our 12 new EYFS children and our other new starters around school. We hope that you settle in quickly and enjoy your time at Peover Superior.

Thank you!

Firstly, I would like to express my thanks to Mr Whitmore, who over the summer holidays, organised, led and funded the huge renovation and redecoration of school. Mr Whitmore was ably supported by Mr Wiley, Mr and Mrs Wadsworth, Mr and Mrs Colling, Mrs Whitworth, Mrs Whiles, Katie and her friend Abbi and Dominic, Darcie, Oscar and Ruby. The main works included: repairing the roof and replacement of fascia boards on the cabin, complete repainting and cleaning of the cabin, full redecoration of the school hall, and full refurbishment of the boys toilets in school (new floor, urinals etc...), painting of outdoor furniture and replacement of the EYFS fencing. The staff and children have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support of Mr Whitmore and his team. Without their hard work over the summer, many of these major refurbishment jobs would have been beyond the reach of our increasingly tight school budget.

School Budgets and Payments

As you know from the news, funding for schools is a contentious issue. We are fortunate to be part of a fabulous multi-academy trust, saving us additional money and enabling myself and the staff to bring additional income into school from our external support roles. However, every penny counts. Since Janet took over as full time bursar in April, we have streamlined our financial management systems.

We no longer accept any cash and all payments to school must be made through Parent Pay or Direct Bank transfer. We have also tightened up our debt management procedures. Despite this, we still struggle to get parents to pay outstanding bills for Chill Zone and School Dinners. **At present, the total amount still owing from 2018-19 is £2455.** This impacts directly on the school budget and could pay for items such as: 2 years Wider Opportunities Brass tuition for 30 children or Swimming lessons for 30 children for a year or 6 laptops and IT support or a new faster broadband and phone system or 200 Teaching Assistant hours, a fully paid residential for Class 2, 2 terms educational materials, a full year of French tuition for school etc....

Therefore we have tightened our debt procedures further: Parents who do not have a balance of zero will not be allowed to book their child/ren into Chill Zone until their balance is cleared. Payment should be made within 2 weeks of being invoiced. School dinner payments will be closely monitored with strict procedures in place for debts not being paid.



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Please can all new parents activate their Parent Pay accounts as this is our method of communication? We rarely send home paper letters, almost all communication is by email, the school website or our twitter account @peoversuperior.

School Uniform – Express Uniform

All our school uniform is available from Express Uniforms. Please can you name all pupil's uniform to avoid it going missing.

PE kits and outdoor footwear

All children must have a PE kit which they leave in school during the week. PE takes place at different times in the week and children also run their golden mile. We will also be using the school field for playtime/lunchtime. Please can you also provide your child with an old pair of trainers or wellies/boots to play out in? We will use the field as much as possible in the drier weather.

Punctuality

From Monday 9th September, we would like all our children to come into school by themselves, without an adult. A member of staff will be on the front door each day to take messages, however, parents must leave their child at the front door. The front door is open from 8.45 – 8.55 am. The register is taken from 8.55 – 9.00 am with lessons starting at **9.00 am**. A member of staff will also be present on the front gate to encourage punctuality. Please arrive by 8.55 am to avoid being Late at the Gate. Children arriving after 9.00 am will be entered as late into the register.

In order to safeguard children and staff in school, please can I remind everyone to close the main front gate behind them? Entrance through the back car park is not permitted except for Jones Taxi. Please use the main front gate if you park at the back of school.

Breakfast Club and after school club (Chill Zone)

Breakfast Club will continue to be run by Mrs Wootton. Please see the separate email for updated T & C's. Chill Zone will now be managed by Miss Moores. We have made significant changes to our collection procedures as Chill Zone will now take place in the hall. Please see the separate letter for Chill Zone Changes.

Aldi

From Friday 6th September, we are collecting Aldi's Kit for School stickers. If you shop at Aldi from 6th September – 3rd November, you will receive Team GB stickers to send to school. We will receive an exclusive sports kit and be entered into a chance to win £20,000 to kick start a healthy legacy for school. You have to be in it to win it – so get shopping!



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Bonus Ball

The Bonus Ball is now a triple rollover with a potential £150 up for grabs. It is only £2 per number paid monthly by standing order, with half the proceeds going to school and the other half paid in cash to the winner. The winning number is drawn at the end of the month by the children during assembly.

If you would like to get involved please contact Louisa Higginbottom on 07970 223342

Curriculum overviews and homework

Please find attached a curriculum overview and homework grid for Class 1, 2 and 3. We have made considerable changes to our curriculum during the summer term and will continue to develop our knowledge based curriculum. A timetable of proposed trips and residential visits will follow shortly.

Yours sincerely

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Principal



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Dates for diaries

We endeavour to give parents as much advance notice as possible for upcoming events. We have set dates for key events for the year – please see the table below.

Event	Date and time
Meet the teacher Class 1 Miss Crumbleholme	Monday 9 th September 3.30pm
Meet the teacher Class 3 Miss Woodward	Tuesday 10 th September 3.30pm
Meet the teacher Class 2 Mrs Ellis-Stansfield	Wednesday 11 th December 3.30pm
Premier Sport After School Clubs start (free of charge)	Week beginning 9 th September 3.30pm
French Club starts (fee payable)	Week beginning 9 th September 3.30pm
Other after school clubs start	Week beginning 23 rd September
Jeans for Genes Day	Friday 20 th September
Back to school BBQ	Friday 20 th September 3.30 pm
Feedback Friday	Friday 27 th September 8.30 – 8.45 am
Open Day for entry to EYFS 2020-2021	Thursday 26 th September 2019 9.30am - 11.30am 1.30 – 3.00pm
European Day of Languages	Thursday 26 th September 2019
Y6 Trip to Macclesfield (am)	Monday 30 th September 0900
Harvest Festival – St Lawrence Church TBC	Friday 4 th October TBC
Individual Photographs (Academy Photos)	Wednesday 9 th October 9.00 am
Grandparents Afternoon	Friday 11 th October 2.00pm
Informal Parents Evening	Thursday 14 th November 2019 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm
Carol Concert Practice at St Lawrence Church TBC	Tuesday 10 th December 2019 9.00 am TBC
Carol Concert at St Lawrence Church TBC	Thursday 12 th December 6.00 pm TBC
Class 1 Nativity Play	Monday 16 th December 2.30 pm & Tuesday 17 th December 2.30 pm
Party Day and Panto trip – The Grange Theatre	Wednesday 18 th December 2019
Break up for Christmas – early finish	Friday 20 th December 2019 1.15 pm
INSET School Closed	Monday 6 th January 2020
Formal Parents Evening Class 1 (Miss Crumbleholme's class will be held over 2 days)	Wednesday 26 th February 2020 3.30 – 6.00 pm Thursday 27 th February 2020 3.30 – 6.00 pm
Formal Parents Evening EYFS, Class 1, 2 & 3.	Thursday 27 th February 2020 3.30 – 7.00 pm
New bank holiday for VE day, to replace Monday 4 th May.	Friday 8 th May 2020
KS2 SATs week	Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May 2020



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School closed INSET	Monday 1 st June 2020
Y1 Phonics Screen	Monday 8 th June – Thursday 11 th June 2020
National School Sports Week	Monday 22 nd June – Friday 26 th June 2020
Sports Day and Family Picnic	Friday 26 th June pm 2020
KS2 Production	Wednesday 8 th and Thursday 9 th July (evening)
Whole school trip to Lyme TBC	Tuesday 14 th July 2020
Break up for summer 1.15 pm	Friday 17 th July 2020

REQUESTS FOR ABSENCE

From 1st September 2013, the Principal will not grant *any* leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. It is important for parents to understand that they have no entitlement to take their child out of school for a holiday in term time. Peover Superior uses a specific request form for any absences. We believe this complies with current regulations. This form can be found on the website.

Fixed Penalty Notices

The LA will issue Fixed Penalty Notices related to irregular unauthorised absences and unauthorised. Failure to make payment will result in the LA taking legal action for failure to ensure regular attendance at school under Section 444 (1) Education Act 1996.

Penalties for unauthorised absence		
Timeline	One child	Two children
Paid within 21 days	£60 per parent	£60 per child = £120 per parent
After 21 days and before 28 days	£120 per parent	£120 per child = £240 per parent
After 28 days	The parents will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds the parents have failed to secure their child's regular attendance	The parents will receive a summons to appear before the Magistrates' Court on the grounds the parents have failed to secure their children's regular attendance



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