



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023



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## Message from Mrs Munro

As we approach the conclusion of the autumn term, I am delighted to reflect on the joyous moments we have experienced together as a school community. This week, our (EYFS) and (KS1) children graced us with their magical nativity performances, bringing warmth and festive spirit to our school. The hall was filled with the heart-warming sounds of children singing, the delight of families, and the joyous laughter of our little ones as they delivered their lines in 'The Shepherd's Delight.' It was a truly enchanting experience, and we extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents and family members who attended to support and celebrate with us. A special acknowledgment goes to our dedicated staff whose hard work and commitment were instrumental in putting together these wonderful nativity performances. Their time and effort has been truly magnificent, and it was evident in the smiles and excitement of our young performers. Furthermore, I would like to express our gratitude to the PTA for their invaluable support. The delightful mince pies, mulled wine, and buck fizz provided by the PTA added an extra touch of warmth and joy to the festive atmosphere on both days.

I am thrilled to extend my congratulations to the fantastic children in Year 4 and 5 who actively participated in this week's Bikeability sessions. It was truly wonderful to witness their enthusiasm, attentiveness, and the commendable way they represented our school. Throughout the sessions, our children demonstrated exemplary behaviour, attentively absorbing the clear instructions about bike safety. Their commitment to learning and their willingness to apply the principles of safe cycling were truly commendable. It was particularly impressive to see our Year 5 children confidently taking to the road outside of school, showcasing their growing skills and understanding of road safety.

Our week has drawn to a close with a buzz of excitement as children engaged in a variety of craft activities provided by the PTA. Cupcake decorating, creating hot chocolate cones, adding vibrant colours to Christmas decorations, and crafting personalized baubles added a special touch of magic to the day which Mrs Ellis-Stansfield and the staff organised. It was heart-warming to witness the creativity and enthusiasm of our children as they expressed their holiday spirit through these wonderful crafts. The festive magic was further amplified by the mischievous visit from our very own 'Elf,' who seemed to be causing a bit of delightful chaos around school and the neighbouring park. The laughter and excitement was infectious, creating lasting memories for all involved.

It leaves me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of our Peover families. Enjoy the time together making wonderful memories and we will see you all again for the Spring Term on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January!

Mrs Munro

## Calendar Dates

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| 22.12.2023 | <b>School Closes 1:30 (Christmas Holiday) NO Chillzone</b>                              |
| 8.1.2024   | <b>School Opens</b>   |
| 12.1.2024  | <b>Rec – Celebration Assembly – Class Rec<br/>Parents/Grandparents invited 2:45pm</b>   |
| 22.1.2024  | KS2 SATS Parent's Meeting (Y6 Parents)  |
| TBC        | Safer Internet week PCSO Parent Workshop Event  |
| 9.2.2024   | <b>Class 3 – Celebration Assembly – Class 3<br/>Parents/Grandparents invited 2:45pm</b> |
| 16.2.2024  | <b>School Closes (Half term)</b>  |

## Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their understanding yesterday during our powercut and having to close school due to no electricity. We never like to close as we know all of our children love coming school but this was an unforeseen circumstance, so thank you as we know how hard it can be to find alternative arrangements at the last minute.

Also, we would like to thank everyone for offering their help to clear up after the storms hit and destroyed our Santa's grotto which had been kindly constructed by parents Shelley, Tash and Supriya. Thank you to James Leach and his company, The Pearson family and the Woods family who all attended school to help with the storm clear up.

Thank you to the PTA and school staff who quickly rescheduled the Christmas events and activities for today - our children have had a wonderful last day in school.



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Stars of the Week

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## ATTENDANCE

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| Willow   | 97% |
| Sycamore | 95% |
| Chestnut | 96% |
| Oak      | 90% |

## HOUSE POINTS

|                   |     |
|-------------------|-----|
| <b>BROOKS</b>     | 40  |
| <b>PEEL</b>       | 297 |
| <b>PATTON</b>     | 23  |
| <b>MAINWARING</b> | 198 |

## STARS OF THE WEEK



|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| Willow   | Teddy |
| Willow   | Alden |
| Sycamore | Ben   |
| Sycamore | Isla  |
| Chestnut | Libby |
| Chestnut | Teddy |
| Oak      | Sam   |
| Oak      | Jack  |

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## Important Reminders

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### Request for Absence

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.

**We are receiving a large volume of holiday requests during term time, please be aware that these are unauthorised and the LA will issue Fixed Penalty Notices related to irregular unauthorised absences.**

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.

### Friendly Reminders

- As we are entering Autumn please could you ensure that children have the suitable outdoor wear for the changes in weather in order to keep them warm and dry
- Please can children have their water bottles with them daily and a healthy option break-time snack - **this should be an appropriate portion so that our children eat and enjoy their lunchtime meal.**
- Just a friendly reminder that the back gate will be open each morning and after school for the school taxi and for disabled access use only. This is to ensure safety of all children.
- **Just a friendly reminder that dogs are not allowed on our school premises - thank you for your support with this.**

### Drop off and Pick Up

During drop off and pick up times, our playground area is busy and we kindly ask that children **do not** use the Astroturf area for ball games as we have had a few incidences where children and adults have been hurt by footballs, which had been kicked very hard.

The children have been reminded of this by their classroom teachers.

### Appointments with Teachers

If at any time you would like to meet with one of our teachers to discuss anything at all, please could you book an appointment slot through Janet. Due to time constraints in the morning these appointments will be held after school.

**Safeguarding:** Please could we ask that all parents refrain from entering the main school building or the cabin unless they have an appointment with the Class Teacher, Mrs Munro or Janet.

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## Peover's Reading Champions

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In order to continue to promote our healthy school, we are launching a new idea. This year for children's birthdays or special occasions, we are asking for a book donation school instead of class sweets and treats. This donation would really help us as a school to build up our quality texts for our children to read for pleasure. We have set up our book wish list on Amazon and you can use this link to purchase a book for school.



Our wonderful Reading Champions have worked really hard this half term to promote our reading for pleasure culture across school. They have hosted their first 'Toast & a Tale' afternoon, where children got the chance to read with their friends and teachers across school.

At the beginning of December, the Reading Champions set up a Christmas book advent calendar, which has been a great success and the children

### Christmas Reading Challenge

Over the Christmas holidays, how many of the challenges above can you complete? You could email a

<https://amzn.eu/6D9vRbT>



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We are incredibly proud of the Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 children for their outstanding performance in the nativity play, 'A Shepherd's Delight.'

These young talents exhibited remarkable dedication and hard work, learning their speaking parts, mastering new songs, and delivering an incredible performance on the stage.

The creativity and effort put into their costumes was amazing so a big thank you to our wonderful parents!

The children's enthusiasm and commitment shone brightly, making 'Shepherd's Delight' a resounding success and a testament to the remarkable talents within our 'small but mighty' primary school.

A special thank you to our wonderful staff for working so hard to put the performance together.

*A Shepherd's Delight!*

*December 2023*

*Mrs Ellis-Stansfield*



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## Top Tips

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### Online Safety Tip of the Week

This week's free online safety guide, provided by the [National Online Safety \(NOS\)](#) website, focuses on [Overwatch 2](#). A long-awaited sequel to 2016's massively successful Overwatch, this is a futuristic shooting game with a focus on teamwork and strategy which gives it an extra dimension to the majority of titles in the genre. Its cast of characters is diverse and memorable, while there's a definite (and rewarding) learning curve to players improving their skill. Created by established developers, Blizzard Entertainment, Overwatch 2 is free to play, with an emphasis on competitive multiplayer action.

**#NationalOnlineSafety**



### Reading to your child

It might seem like everything has gone digital, but books still play a very important part in school life. As well as giving your child a head start, developing a love of reading can be really enjoyable.



Make books and stories part of everyday life:

- Build a reading story into a routine, e.g. a story at bedtime.
- Stick your feet up and let your child see you reading a book.
- Go to the library so your child can choose some books to borrow for free.
- Read in fun places, e.g. a den made from blankets.
- Give books as birthday presents - this will show you value them.
- Keep books in your bag or the car.

### Safeguarding Tip of the Week

#### Gangs

This week our safeguarding focus is gangs. The word 'gang' means different things in different contexts, and the government distinguishes between peer groups, street gangs and organised criminal gangs. It's not illegal for a young person to be in a gang, however, gang membership can be linked to illegal activity, particularly organised criminal gangs involved in trafficking, drug dealing and violent crime. Young people may become involved in gangs for many reasons, including: peer pressure and wanting to fit in with friends; they feel respected and important; they want to feel protected from other gangs or bullies or they want to make money and are promised rewards. For more information visit the [NSPCC](#) website.

### Sustainability Tip

Unintuitive though it may sound, dishwashers actually save water (up to 5,000 gallons a year with an efficient appliance). That at least makes everyone's least favourite chore a bit better, especially when using eco-friendly dishwasher tablets.

### Times Tables – Learning at home

It is always wonderful to hear our children getting excited about Times Tables. As TT are a basic skill and are tested at the end of year 4, we daily teach our children a variety of strategies to help and support them in learning their tables. Alongside this, children can access TimesTable Rockstars from home or can choose to chant/say and write them out, make posters for around the house or simply play times table games. There are lots of ways to make learning fun as well as help children to remember times tables.



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Our week in Photos

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## Diary Dates

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### Peover Superior Events Calendar 2023-2024



#### Key to Events:

|  |                              |
|--|------------------------------|
|  | INSET DAYS                   |
|  | Open & Close Dates           |
|  | Reception – Stay and Learn   |
|  | Class Celebration Assemblies |
|  | PTA Event                    |

|           | Date                             | Event   |
|-----------|----------------------------------|---|
| Spring 1  | 8.1.2024                         | <b>School Opens</b>   |
|           | 12.1.2024                        | <b>Rec – Celebration Assembly – Class Rec Parents/Grandparents invited 2:45pm</b>   |
|           | 22.1.2024                        | KS2 SATS Parent's Meeting (Y6 Parents)  |
|           | TBC                              | Safer Internet week PCSO Parent Workshop Event                                      |
|           | 9.2.2024                         | <b>Class 3 – Celebration Assembly – Class 3 Parents/Grandparents invited 2:45pm</b> |
|           | 16.2.2024                        | <b>School Closes (Half term)</b>  |
| Spring 2  | 26.2.2024                        | <b>INSET Day</b>  |
|           | 27.2.2024                        | <b>School Opens</b>   |
|           | 28/2.2024 – 01.03.2024           | Oak Class residential – RobinWood (3 days/2nights)                                  |
|           | 11-15.3.2024                     | Science Week  |
|           | 12.3.2024                        | Parents Evening (Face to Face)  |
|           | 13.3.2024                        | Parents Evening (All Virtual)   |
|           | 15.3.2024                        | <b>Class 2 – Celebration Assembly – Class 2 Parents/Grandparents invited 2:45pm</b> |
|           | 19.3.2024                        | <b>Reception – Stay and Learn (PM)</b>  |
|           | 21.03.2024                       | World Down Syndrome Day – Wear odd socks to school                                  |
|           | 22.03.2024                       | Grandparents Afternoon – Sustainability and planting session                        |
| Summer 1  | 28.3.2024                        | <b>Easter Extravaganza – PTA Event</b>  |
|           | 28.3.2024                        | <b>School Closes (Easter Holidays)</b>  |
|           | 16.4.2024                        | <b>School Opens</b>   |
|           | 13.5.2024 – 16.5.2024            | KS2 SATS week (Yr6 Children)  |
|           | 17.5.2024                        | <b>Class 1 – Celebration Assembly – Class 1 Parents/Grandparents invited 2:45pm</b> |
|           | 24.5.2024                        | Oak Class – Chester Zoo Trip  |
| 24.5.2024 | <b>School Closes (Half Term)</b> |   |



|                 |            |   |
|-----------------|------------|---|
| <b>Summer 2</b> | 3.6.2024   | <b>INSET Day</b>  |
|                 | 4.6.2024   | <b>School Opens</b>   |
|                 | 14.6.2024  | * Sports Day  |
|                 | 21.6.2024  | Teddy Bears Picnic (New EYFS)   |
|                 | 24.06.2024 | School Diversity Week – Dress in bright colours on Monday                         |
|                 | 27.6.2024  | Information Evening (New EYFS parents)  |
|                 | 28.06.2024 | <b>Rec – Celebration Assembly – Class Rec Parents/Grandparents invited 2:45pm</b> |
|                 | Date TBA   | <b>PTA Summer Event (TBA)</b>   |
|                 | Dates TBC  | Transition Days (TBA) – in line with local high schools                           |
|                 | 16.7.2024  | Ks2 Summer Production   |
|                 | 17.7.2024  | Ks2 Summer Production   |
|                 | 19.7.2024  | Reports to Parents  |
|                 | 19.7.2024  | Peover Fun Day  |
|                 | 22.7.2024  | Year 6 Leaver's Assembly  |
|                 | 23.7.2024  | <b>School Closes (Summer Holiday)</b>   |

\*These events are subject to change based on weather