



Parsons Heath

Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School

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WELCOME BACK

Information Newsletter – Wednesday 5th September 2018

We hope that you had a wonderful summer holiday and the children, and yourselves, are refreshed and ready for the start of a new term. This is an information newsletter and our regular newsletter will resume on Friday 14th September 2018.

Staff and Class Arrangements

The class arrangements for this year are as follows:

Reception	Miss Acheson (Mon & Tue) and Mrs Godfrey (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
Year 1	Mrs Todd
Year 2	Mrs Ellerington (Mon & Tue) and Miss Bowen (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
Year 3	Mrs King (Mon, Tue, Wed) and Miss Mair (Wed, Thurs, Fri)
Year 4	Mrs Clark
Year 5	Mrs Johnson
Year 6	Mrs Newman (Mon, Tue, Wed) and Mrs Cairey (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Our School Code

Our school code underpins all we do at Parsons Heath C of E Primary School.

Our School Code is:

We Choose Kindness

We Choose Respect

We Choose Safety

We Choose Challenge

Themes for the first half term

Our theme for this half term will be 'Reach for the Stars.' We will launch the theme with a whole school planetarium experience on Wednesday 12th September. All the children will be given an overview of what they will be covering during the half term by Friday 14th September 2018. This overview will enable you to understand what your child will be studying over the coming weeks and months.

Homework

We launch our new style homework this half term. Homework tasks are set for the half term and are due in as stated on the homework overview sheet. Please refer to your child's homework sheet for more information. The first optional homework task will be given out on Friday 14th September 2018.

Uniform

We were very proud of the children last year as they looked so smart in their school uniforms. We strongly encourage all the children to wear their uniform to school as outlined in the school dress code.

School Uniform

White polo shirt

Blue school sweatshirt

Grey or black trousers/skirt

Blue and white check summer dresses

Grey pinafore dress

Black shoes and not trainers

P.E. Kit

Black indoor plimsolls

White T. Shirt

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Black/Navy shorts
Dark coloured track suit

Lost Property

We always have a lot of lost property at school and at the end of the day there are always children looking for 'lost' jumpers. Please help us by naming all your child's possessions; we can then reunite lost items with their owners.

Jewellery

Also as it is the beginning of a new school year, it is a good time to remind all parents and carers that no jewellery is worn to school especially necklaces, bracelets and rings. Earrings should be small sleepers or studs and these have to be removed by the child for all P.E. and games activities, this is laid down in Essex County Council Health and Safety Guidelines which we are legally responsible to follow. If your child cannot remove their own earrings then we recommend that they wear no earrings to school on days when they have P.E. and games lessons.

First Day Absence

Please remember it is very important that if your child is going to be absent for the day the school needs to be informed first thing in the morning. Here is a reminder of the procedures to follow:-

1. Phone up the school office, (**do not email**) if possible before 8:50 am.to say your child will be absent and the reason why -
SCHOOL TELEPHONE NUMBER – 01206 860612

Please follow the procedures, which have been put in place for your child's safety. It is very important that if a child does not reach school that we can follow this up as soon as possible.

Contact Numbers

It is very important that we have telephone numbers for all the children at our school. If a child is ill or has had an accident, we need to be able to contact a member of their family. Please ensure that we have numbers on file so that we can contact you – your child may need you and contact numbers mean that we can get in contact with you if required.

Late arrival at school

The school day starts from 8:50 am. If your child arrives late to school, they will need to be brought on to the school site by an adult. The child will then need to be signed into school by the adult before they can go to their classroom. This will mean that no child will be in school unregistered, this is another way that we can ensure the safety of every child and peace of mind for everyone at home. Please do help us by following these procedures; they have been put in place for the very best reasons.

Communication

Our primary communication method with parents is via SchoolPing and the school website. We will not be sending home paper copies of letters, newsletters etc. We also have a notice board outside the foyer area. Please ensure that you check these daily for any changes, updates or letters home. If you have not yet registered with SchoolPing or need assistance please call into the school office where Mrs Bull can give guidance.

Absence from school

If you need to take your child out of school for any appointments and/or holidays then a Leave of Absence/Medical form needs to be completed and returned to the school office with an accompanying letter. Requests will not be considered without these forms.

Clubs

After school clubs start on Monday 17th September. A club letter will be sent out on Thursday 6th September and children will be notified whether they will be attending a club by Friday 14th September at the latest. All sports clubs finish at 4:15pm allowing children the time to change their clothes. All other school run clubs finish at 4:00pm. Clubs for Foundation do not start until after Christmas.

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Dates for the Year 2018 to 2019

We look forward to an exciting term ahead. Please find below is a list of dates for the whole year. Additional dates will be added to newsletters on a weekly basis as and when needed.

<p>September 4th – Non-Pupil Day 5th – Children return to school 12th – Planetarium Experience 12th – Year 6 Parents Meeting PGL 6:00pm 12th – Year 5 Parents Meeting PGL 6:30pm 14th – First Optional Homework for the term due in 18th – FGB Meeting from 4.15pm 20th – Harvest Festival at 10.30am 17th – Clubs start today 26th – PTFA AGM at 6.00pm</p>	<p>October 17th – Eucharist at 10.00am 19th – Baseline reports go out to parents 19th – Individual Photo's by Van Cols 20th – Break up for half term 22nd to 26th – Half term 29th – Children return to school 29th to 2nd November – Year 6 PGL</p>	<p>November 6th - Parents' Evening 3:30 to 6:00pm 7th - Parents' Evening 5:00 to 7:30pm 12th – 100 Year WW1 Remembrance Week 16th – Children in Need</p>
<p>December 4th - Pantomime (Whole School) 7th – Clubs finish today 10th – Nativity pm (Collecting for Great Ormond Street Hospital) 11th – Nativity pm (Collecting for Great Ormond Street Hospital) 12th – Nativity evening at 6.00pm (Collecting for Great Ormond Street Hospital) 12th – Christmas lunches 17th – KS2 Outside Christmas Concert at 6:00pm (Collecting for Great Ormond Street Hospital) 19th – Break up for Christmas Holiday</p>	<p>20th to 7th January 2019 – Christmas Holiday January 3rd – Non-Pupil Day 4th – Non-Pupil Day 7th – Children return to school 30th – Year 6 SATs Information Meeting – AN</p>	<p>February 5th – Internet Safety Day 8th – PTFA Disco 15th – Break up for half term 18th to 22nd Half term 25th – Children return to school</p>
<p>March 1st - Mid-year reports go out to parents 5th - Parents' Evening 3:30 to 6:00pm 6th - Parents' Evening 5:00 to 7:30pm 7th – World Book Day 15th – Red Nose Day</p>	<p>April 8th to 23rd April – Easter Holiday 23rd – Children return to school 23rd – Swimming starts (TBC)</p>	<p>May 6th – Bank holiday Monday 13th to 17th – Year 6 SATs Week 24th - Class Photos by Van Cols from 9.00am 24th – Break up for half term 27th to 4th June – Half term (4th Non-pupil Day)</p>
<p>June 3rd – Non-Pupil Day 4th – Children return to school 10th to 14th – Phonics Screening 11th – EYFS New Intake Induction Evening at 6:00pm 14th – Sports Morning and picnic lunch 19th – Summer Choir Concert 6:00 to 7:00pm</p>	<p>July 5th – End of year reports go out to parents 5th – Last Homework for the term 5th – Last clubs for the year 10th – Year 6 Production at 2:00pm 11th – Year 6 Production at 6:00pm 23rd – Break up for Summer holidays 23rd – Year 6 leavers assembly at 2:30pm 24th – Non-Pupil Day</p>	

We would like to welcome any new parents and carers and continue to work closely with our current parents and carers this year. If you have any questions or queries about any aspects of life in school, please do come in and ask.

Yours faithfully,

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