



New Pastures Primary School Newsletter 16th September 2021



Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back, we hope you all enjoyed your summer break and feel revived and ready for the new school year. Your children look wonderful in their uniforms and all staff have been impressed with how they have settled in to their new classes. They are a credit to you. We are still operating in the midst of the Covid pandemic, following all government and local advice and continuing to give you all updates. Please ensure you are registered to use the dojo messaging system and check this along with the website for further information.

We are now officially part of the Venn Academy Trust. If you haven't already done so, log into our new website. I am sure you will agree that it looks great and is much easier to navigate. <https://newpasturesprimary.org.uk/> All future newsletters will be displayed here.

Dates for your diary

WB Monday 20 th September	Macmillan coffee morning (virtual)
Tuesday 21 st September	Class 2 school visit
Wednesday 22 nd September	Class 3 school visit
Thursday 23 rd September	Class 4 school visit
Friday 24 th September	School closed for training day
Tuesday 5 th October	School photos
Friday 15 th October	3.15pm School closes for Half term holiday
Monday 1 st November	School reopens

Breakfast Club

We are hoping to restart our breakfast club provision (initially C1-C9) before the end of term and need to get provisional numbers so that we can organise staffing and provisions. If you would like to access this can you please call the school office with your details. Breakfast club is currently at a reduced cost of £1.50, opens at 8am and children go directly to their classes at the start of the school day.

Extra Curricular Activities

Our extra curricular activities are also being introduced again this term. Once again, some of the after school clubs may be free to your child and paid for by school and some may be with a small cost to cover staffing and resources. Mr. Purdy is coordinating the timetable for this and information will be put on the school website.



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MacMillan coffee morning

This will go ahead virtually this year. Information about this has already been sent out via class dojo but here is a reminder-

We will still take part in this important fundraiser event as it is one that is close to most people's hearts. Cancer affects so many families in one way or another. The work of MacMillan support is vital, particularly at this time with treatments being cancelled or delayed. The children in Class 8 and 9 are have been busy making small coffee morning bags that can be purchased for a minimum donation of £3. In the bag you will receive a twin pack of Border biscuits, a sachet of coffee, a tea bag and 5 raffle ticket so that you can still join in with the 'World's biggest coffee morning'.

If you would like to purchase a bag please send your donation in an envelope with your child's name and class on and how many bags you would like, remembering that each bag has a minimum value of £3. The official day for the Coffee morning is the 24th of September but this is our training day and school will be closed. Please return your envelopes from the week beginning 20th of September so that we know how many to make and if we need to order more supplies. The raffle will be drawn on the 27th. Thank you for your continued support.

Jewellery

Please note our policy on wearing jewellery in school which is in place for pupil safety. Pupils must not wear bracelets, necklaces or rings in school at any time. In Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 earrings and jewellery are not allowed.

In Key Stage 2 we do allow one pair of small, plain stud earrings to be worn. Earrings must be removed for all PE and swimming lesson. Watches may be worn but are the pupil's own responsibility. They must be removed for PE and games lessons.

Please note that if a pupil has their ears pierced it should be at the start of the summer holidays giving six weeks to heal.

Parent Conferences

These will take place by telephone the week beginning November 1st. Class teachers will be in touch via dojo to arrange appointments with you.

Thank you for your continued support

P. Belnavis Head teacher