



PeelHall

PRIMARY SCHOOL



October 2017

Dates for your Diary



31st October Science Day

1st November Science Day

6th November Flu Nasal Inoculations Rec – Year 4

8th November Bury Fusiliers Museum Y6

10th November Cinema Experience Y6

27th November Crucial Crew Y6

This Time in History

October 3, 1863 - President Abraham Lincoln issued a proclamation designating the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

October 5, 1964 - The largest mass escape since the construction of the Berlin Wall occurred as 57 East German refugees escaped to West Berlin after tunnelling beneath the wall.

October 11, 1976 - The "Gang of Four," including the widow of Mao Zedong, was arrested in China, charged with plotting a coup. They were subsequently tried and convicted of various crimes against the state.

October 16, 1701 - Yale University was founded in Killingworth, Connecticut (as the Collegiate School of Connecticut). The school moved to New Haven in 1716. Two years later, the name was changed to Yale College to honour Elihu Yale, a philanthropist. In 1886, it became Yale University.

October 21, 1805 - The Battle of Trafalgar took place between the British Royal Navy and the combined French and Spanish fleets. The victorious British ended the threat of Napoleon's invasion of England. British naval hero Admiral Horatio Nelson was mortally wounded aboard his ship *Victory*.

October 31, 1961 - The body of Joseph Stalin was removed from the mausoleum in Red Square and reburied within the Kremlin walls among the graves of lesser Soviet heroes. This occurred as part of Russia's de-Stalinization program under his successor Nikita Khrushchev. Stalin's name was also removed from public buildings, streets, and factories. Stalingrad was renamed Volgograd.

Dear Parent/Carer

The first half term of the academic year is already behind us, as we now creep ever closer to Christmas.

Please keep an eye on our newsletters and website for future activities that may need noting in your diary.



POPPIES

Poppies are on sale this week in school, if you/your child would like to buy a poppy please send a minimum donation of 10p per poppy.

Attendance



School success starts
with attendance

Mr Kershaw's year 1 class had the highest overall attendance this half term. **WELL DONE!!!**

To be classed as having good attendance a child needs to achieve at least 96%. Which class will get the highest percentage attendance this half-term?

Reminders



Late Attendance, parents should accompany a child who arrives late at school so they can be signed in. The signing in system will show a message saying 'hurry to class' once you have signed your child in correctly.

Parking, as most of you are aware Greencourt Drive has double yellow lines and parking restrictions. We have no facility to allow parents/carers to park in the school car park.

Please park within the guidelines and please do not block any of the resident's driveways.

There have been a number of incidences where cars are parked fully on the pavement, this makes it very dangerous for the children walking to or from school as they have to walk in the road!

Dogs, of any type or size are not allowed within the school grounds, even if you carry them.

P.E. Kit, is required for sports sessions. The kit can stay in your child's locker and at the end of each half term it can be taken home to be refreshed.

P.E. kit should be either a white or pale blue plain t-shirt, navy or black shorts and black pumps or trainers for outdoors.

If your child takes part in an after school sports club it is advisable, where possible, he/she has a separate kit for the club. It does not have to be the school P.E. uniform.

Lost Property, the number of items of lost clothing is increasing. Please name your child/children's clothing so lost items can be returned. Anything not claimed by the end of each half-term will unfortunately have to be disposed of, as we do not have the facility to store items indefinitely.

School uniform policy is detailed on the website – if you are unable to access this please ask at the office for a paper copy.

Parentpay, as we have been informing parents previously we do not keep cash on school premises. Therefore, with immediate effect if you are unable to pay for items on Parentpay such as school uniform or Children's University photo money and have to pay by cash you must provide the correct money. We will not be able to give change.

School photo money is separate and must be placed in the sealed envelope provided with the photo. School passes these direct to the school photographer.

Activities This Term



Year 4 visited Chester Roman Experience.

All years took part in science workshops.

A number of afterschool sporting fixtures.

Zulu Nation (African music and dance group) performed for years 3-6 and the children took part in workshop sessions. Click on to the school website blog to see the children's and teachers' moves.

School Meals



Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

If you are in receipt of benefits and do not get Working Tax Credit you may be entitled to claim Free School Meals for your child/children. If entitled to free school meals your child/children will also receive free milk, as well as the school receiving additional funding. This allows us to provide more resources and extra staffing to help children achieve their full potential. Even if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 please claim if you are entitled.

Please be reminded if you wish to change your child's meal pattern you are supposed to give two weeks' notice. In addition, dinner money is due in advance.

Please claim if you are entitled

If in doubt, check at the school office as this benefits both your children and school.

Mrs G Dunkley

Headteacher