



**May 2018**

### **Dates for your Diary**



25<sup>th</sup> May break for half term

6<sup>th</sup> June (Wednesday) Re-open Summer Term 2

18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June Year 6 Prestatyn

2<sup>nd</sup> July St. Patrick's Transition Day Y6

3<sup>rd</sup> July St. Patrick's & Walkden High Transition Day Y6

4<sup>th</sup> July St. Patrick's, Walkden High, Harrop Fold & Swinton High (Co-op Academy) Transition Day Y6

5<sup>th</sup> July St. Patrick's, Walkden High, Harrop Fold, Swinton High (Co-op Academy) & Harper Green Transition Day Y6

6<sup>th</sup> July Harper Green & St James' Transition Day Y6

*The above transition days are the ones we have been made aware of. Your child will be expected at their respective high school on the dates above, wearing Peel Hall uniform.*

## This Time in History

**May 1, 1707** - Great Britain was formed from a union between England and Scotland. The union included Wales which had already been part of England since the 1500's. The United Kingdom today consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**May 7, 1954** - The French Indochina War ended with the fall of Dien Bien Phu, in a stunning victory by the Vietnamese over French colonial forces in northern Vietnam. The country was then divided in half at the 17th parallel, with South Vietnam created in 1955.

**May 12, 1937** - George VI was crowned at Westminster Abbey in London, following the abdication of his brother, Edward VIII. King George reigned until his death in 1952. He was succeeded by his daughter Elizabeth, the current reigning monarch.

**May 18, 1804** - Napoleon Bonaparte became Emperor of France, snatching the crown from the hands of Pope Pius VII during the actual coronation ceremony, and then crowning himself.

**May 24, 1881** - A boating disaster occurred in Canada when *Victoria*, a small, double-decked stern-wheeler carrying over 600 passengers on the Thames River keeled over then sank, killing 182 persons.

**May 31, 1889** - Over 2,300 persons were killed in the Johnstown flood in Pennsylvania. Heavy rains throughout May caused the Connemaugh River Dam to burst sending a wall of water 75 feet high pouring down upon the city.

## Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have downloaded 'OurSchoolsApp' to your smartphone.

It is like a mini website on your phone. There are links to our school website, 'parentpay' and school uniform. We will be using this app to inform parents of upcoming events in school by using push notifications, so please make sure you allow notifications on your phone. If you don't have a smartphone, please inform the school office. Hopefully we will be able to reduce our carbon footprint by reducing the amount of letters we send home. If you have any difficulty downloading the app, please speak with Miss Robinson in the office who will be pleased to help you.

## Attendance



School success starts  
with attendance

Based on average national data, to be classed as having good attendance a child needs to achieve at least 96%. Which class will get the highest percentage attendance this term?

The class with the best attendance this half-term is **5 Peake**

## Children Coming to School

Please remember it is parents' responsibility to bring children to school and to supervise them on the school yard. School only becomes responsible for your child once they have entered the school building either at 8:30 for breakfast club or 8:45 when they have entered the key stage doors applicable for their year group.



## Summer Trips

Summer trips/outings are in the process of being booked but we are having difficulty finding coaches for the dates the venues are available. We will send letters to individual year groups when we manage to book a trip for that year group.



## Events/Activities that have taken place this term

- + Year 6 completed their SATs
- + Reception have had baby chicks hatch and have been watching them grow
- + Early years celebrated the Royal Wedding with a picnic
- + Year 3/4 children took part in a Tri Golf Competition
- + Year 5 girls took part in a football match hosted by St. Edmunds
- + Year 4 took part in a football match hosted by St. Edmunds



**After School Clubs**-there are no after school clubs the first week back from a holiday. This is the week the letters come out for the new clubs.

Please be reminded that if your child wants to do any of the clubs, they are expected to attend all sessions unless their parent/carer advises the school office of any reason why they cannot attend the session.

## 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:** Greencourt Drive has double yellow lines and parking restrictions. We have no facility to allow parents/carers to park in the school car park.

We are strongly advising that parents do not drive onto Greencourt Drive, there has already been an accident involving one of our children and several near misses.

Children's safety should be everybody's priority

Please also remember the parking restrictions still apply to afterschool club collection of children.

**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 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**, 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 previously informed, 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 and have to pay by cash you must provide the **correct money. We will not be able to give change.**

**Juice Bottles**, for classroom use, should only contain water not fruit squash.

*Mrs G Dunkley*

Headteacher