



PeelHall

PRIMARY SCHOOL



March 2018

Dates for your Diary



29th March close for Easter

11th - 13th April Easter school year 6 only 9:00-12:00am

16th April Return to School

7th May Bank holiday

14th May SATs week Year 6

This Time in History

March 4, 1681 - King Charles II of England granted a huge tract of land in the New World to William Penn to settle an outstanding debt. The area later became Pennsylvania.

March 12, 1609 - The island of Bermuda was colonized by the British after a ship on its way to Virginia was wrecked on the reefs.

March 25, 1807 - The British Parliament abolished the slave trade following a long campaign against it by Quakers and others.

March 27, 1977 - The worst accident in the history of civil aviation occurred as two Boeing 747 jets collided on the ground in the Canary Islands, resulting in 570 deaths.

April 3, 1995 - Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman to preside over the Court, sitting in for Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist who was out of town.

April 4, 1949 - Twelve nations signed the treaty creating NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The nations united for common military defence against the threat of expansion by Soviet Russia into Western Europe.

April 11, 1970 - Apollo 13 was launched from Cape Kennedy at 2:13 p.m. Fifty-six hours into the flight an oxygen tank exploded in the service module. Astronaut John L. Swigert saw a warning light that accompanied the bang and said, "Houston, we've had a problem here." Swigert, James A. Lovell and Fred W. Haise then transferred into the lunar module, using it as a "lifeboat" and began a perilous return trip to Earth, splashing down safely on April 17th.

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you have had a chance to download our new school app. 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

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?

The class with the best attendance this half-term is **2 Armstrong**

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!

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 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, 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.

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.

Activities This Newsletter



Bhangra and Dohl workshop years 3, 4 & 5

Sporting Activities

Touch Rugby competition years 3 & 4

MUFC Football for years 2 & 3 at The Cliff

Cricket for years 3 & 4 at the Soccerdome



Easter Raffle

The Easter raffle was drawn in assembly this morning. We raised approximately £156.00 for school funds. Thank you to staff who contributed the eggs and to the parents for supporting school by purchasing raffle tickets.

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.**

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

Please be reminded if you wish to change your child's meal pattern Citywide (the school's caterers) require two weeks' notice. In addition, dinner money is due in advance.

Mrs G Dunkley

Headteacher