



# PeelHall

PRIMARY SCHOOL



## February 2018

### Dates for your Diary



16<sup>th</sup> February close for Spring Break

26<sup>th</sup> February Return to School

2<sup>nd</sup> March we are celebrating World Book Day. See separate section.

13<sup>th</sup> March Parents Evening

15<sup>th</sup> March Parents Evening

## This Time in History

**February 1, 2003** - Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven crew members.

**February 4, 1985** - Twenty countries in the United Nations signed a document entitled "Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment."

**February 10, 1942** - The first Medal of Honor during World War II was awarded to 2nd Lt. Alexander Nininger (posthumously) for heroism during the Battle of Bataan.

**February 14, 1849** - Photographer Mathew Brady took the first photograph of a U.S. President in office, James Polk.

**February 21, 1965** - Former Black Muslim leader Malcolm X (1925-1965) was shot and killed while delivering a speech in a ballroom in New York City.

**February 23, 1942** - During World War II, the first attack on the U.S. mainland occurred as a Japanese submarine shelled an oil refinery near Santa Barbara, California, causing minor damage.

**February 26, 1994** - Political foes of Russian President Boris Yeltsin were freed by a general amnesty granted by the new Russian Parliament.

**February 28, 1986** - Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme (1927-1986) was assassinated in Stockholm while exiting a movie theater with his wife

## Dear Parent/Carer

This half term has been extremely busy, have a look at the 'activities this newsletter' section to see all the activities the children have taken part in.

## 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?

## Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought books at the book fair. With the commission received from 'The Book People' and with a Black Friday deal we have purchased 132 books for the benefit of the children. Your support is much appreciated.

# 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.

## World Book Day



We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Get your thinking caps on as to what character from a book your child can come as and if you're really artistic you could start making their costume.

## Activities This Newsletter



Cricket coach has been working with Year 3

Rugby coach has been working with Year 4

Chethams music workshops for one of the Year 4 classes (unfortunately they could only accommodate 30 children) + visit to Stoller Hall in Manchester to listen to the orchestra perform

Library visit for both Year 2 and Year 3

Librarian visit to Year 1

Year 1 visit to St Paul's Peel Church

Tutors from the Dental Play Box visited both Reception and Year 1 classes teaching the children about oral hygiene

Sporting activities include Year 6 girls and mixed Year 5/6 competitions at Manchester United's Cliff training ground, Gymnastics competitions for selected children from Year 4 and Year 2, Mixed football competitions at Manchester City's training complex and a Year 5/6 Dodgeball tournament held at Peel Hall.

## 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.

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