



PeelHall

PRIMARY SCHOOL



January 2019

Dates for your Diary



- 4th February Year 2 Trip – Information to follow soon
- 15th February 5 Peake Trip – Information to follow soon
- 15th February Break for half term
- 26th February 5 Darwin Trip – Information to follow
- 4th March (Monday) Day 1 of 4 Bike-ability Year 5 (Limited places)
– Information to follow nearer the time
- 5th March Day 2 of 4 Bike-ability
- 6th March Day 3 of 4 Bike-ability
- 7th March Day 4 of 4 Bike-ability
- 8th March World Book Day at school – Information to follow
nearer the time
- 12th & 14th March Parents Evening – Letters nearer the time

Dear Parent/Carer

This spring term we have booked quite a few activities and have provided the dates so you have plenty of advance notice and can put them in your diary. As the activities cover the whole term letters will be sent via the class teacher nearer the time. Trips will still be paid on 'Parentpay' where you can also tick the consent box.

If any other activities are booked for this term we will let you know.

The school website www.peelhall.co.uk is updated regularly so please check it to see what the children are doing/taking part in.

If you download 'ourschoolsapp' you will be able to link to the school website from the app.

The school newsletter is put on both the website and app once it has been sent out.



Parent Mail

Parent Mail is in use. If you have provided us with your email address and school hasn't been notified your child is absent, you will receive an email so please check your emails. If we don't have your email address you will continue to receive a text message.



The Daily Mile

We have finally managed to utilise our new artificial grass running track to start our 'Daily Mile' initiative. Though running might not be everybody's cup of tea most children seem to have enjoyed taking part; they ran, jogged, walked, as was comfortable for them. Staff also joined in at whatever pace they could manage!

Mr Sutherland (Sports Co-ordinator) drew the short straw, he felt that as he had been the one who spoke to all the children about it (showing them the second of the video links detailed below) that he should go out with every class on their first attempt.

Key messages about the 'Daily Mile' are:

It is not a sports lesson, simply a way of encouraging all children to take part in regular physical activity.

The children run in their school clothes without changing into kit, putting jackets on if it's cold or damp and taking sweatshirts off if it's warm.

Please see links below, which explain in more detail the rationale behind the idea of children taking part in the 'Daily Mile'

<https://thedailymile.co.uk/steps-to-success/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VORahcsF4aI>

Our aim is that each class takes part at least three times a week, ideally on the running track but also at times on the playground.

Sporting Events

There are a few sporting activities/competitions taking place this term. If your child is selected to take part in any of them they will bring a letter home from school to advise you of the details.

Activities This Term



Science workshops.

Chethams Outreach are working with Y4 on musical workshops



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.

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



Reminders

Severe Weather Warnings, if school is going to be closed due to severe weather you will be able to find out through the following media channels. Salford Council, school website/our schools app or an email/text message from ParentMail.

Parking, the vast majority of our parents have supported us by not parking on Greencourt Drive, there are, however, a small number of drivers still putting children at risk by inconsiderate parking. **TWO CHILDREN HAVE ALREADY BEEN HIT BY CARS AND THERE HAVE BEEN MANY NEAR MISSES.**

In the interests of the safety of all our children **DO NOT PARK ON GREENCOURT DRIVE.**

Breakfast Club, parents should accompany their child/children to the waiting area for breakfast club and remain with them until they have safely entered the building from 8:30am onwards. You can buzz the gates from 8:20am to be let in to queue outside Reception for breakfast club.

This Time in History

New Year's Day - The most celebrated holiday around the world.

January 1, 1892 - Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

January 8, 1987 - The Dow Jones industrial average first topped the 2,000 mark.

January 10, 1922 - Arthur Griffith was elected president of the newly formed Irish Free State.

January 12, 1990 - Romania outlawed the Communist Party following the overthrow of Dictator Nicolae Ceausescu who had ruled for 24 years.

January 17, 1773 - The ship *Resolution*, sailing under Captain James Cook, became the first vessel to cross the Antarctic Circle.

January 21, 1976 - The Concorde supersonic jet began passenger service with flights from London to Bahrain and Paris to Rio de Janeiro, cruising at twice the speed of sound (Mach 2) at an altitude up to 60,000 feet.

January 25, 1959 - An American Airlines Boeing 707 made the first scheduled transcontinental U.S. flight, traveling from California to New York.

January 30, 1992 - Argentina allowed access to numerous files of Nazis who had fled to South America from Germany after World War II, thus aiding the hunt for Nazi war criminals.

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