Pilgrim Primary Academy

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Dear Parent / carers

Welcome back to the start of our new academic year. It is lovely to see the children so keen and eager to be back in school.

Just an update and reminder of a few things for the start of this new term:

Building Work in KS1 playground

During the holidays work started on the re-positioning of the infant play equipment into the willow garden. This is to provide more playground space for our EYFS and KS1 children. We were unable to let you know before the summer holidays as we only secured this project during the summer holidays. The willow garden is also being re-landscaped to make it a more usable play space.

During the works, we are unable to open the pathway immediately in front of our willow garden, which allows flat access to the KS1 playground from the Hastings Terrace entrance. Please use the alternative entrances to school should you need flat access to the KS1 playground.

We anticipate that the works will be complete by the end of September. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Meet the Teacher

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At the beginning of the new year we always like to give our parents / carers the opportunity to come in and meet their child's new teacher as early as possible. This is an opportunity for parent / carers to hear lots of important information relating to that class and it also gives you the change to ask any questions you may have or pass on any information. Please see below for meeting times of each year group. It would be great if you could prioritise attending this meeting.

Year/class	Day/Date
Y1 Sea Stars/Seahorses	Tuesday 18 th September
Y2 Penguins/Owls	Thursday 20 th September
Y3 Chameleons/Geckos	Friday 21 st September
Y4 Lions/Tigers	Monday 17 th September
Y5 Dolphins / Orcas	Friday 14 th September
Y6 Eagles	Friday 14 th September



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All sessions are at 2.45 to 3.15 pm. Parents of Years 1 to 4 please come in via external classroom doors Parents of Years 5 & 6, please come to the main office at 2.45 pm

Communication

For over a year now we have been using the website (and parent website App) as our main method of communicating to parent / carers. However, we are aware that some parent / carers are not regularly accessing the website or App. It is crucial that you have your individual logins and passwords in order for you to use this service. If you have never had, or have forgotten / lost your login details please contact the office immediately to get set up. We can also help you to download the App to your preferred device.

Uniform and Extreme Hairstyles

I have noticed today many children returning to school with hairstyles which are inappropriate and contrary to school expectations. Coloured hair, tramlines, patterns or extremely short hair (below grade 2) is considered extreme. Please ensure that your son or daughter meets our expectations as regards to hairstyles. I would also like to remind parents that the uniform is a light blue shirt / polo shirts and I request that any new shirts are bought in the blue colour.

Activity Clubs

We are in the process of putting together our afterschool club activities offer (which will run from week commencing 24th Sept 18 until the end of Dec 18). Look out for a letter which will come out next week. Just a reminder that there is a minimum charge for each club as a contribution to the running costs.

Due to the popularity of the clubs, places are allocated on a first come first served basis so we recommend that you return your requests as soon as possible.

Year 5 and 6 pickup location change

On a final note, we are starting a new system for parent / carers collecting children after school for Year 5 and Year 6 ONLY. They will now be taken to the middle of the playground by their teacher for you to then collect.

Here is to a good Autumn Term.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Meek Headteacher



