



PAGET PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – JANUARY 8TH 2020

TO BE THE BEST THAT YOU CAN BE

A Word from the Head

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back to school and to wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas break and have managed to spend some quality time with your loved ones.

You will have by now seen our latest Ofsted report and hopefully my letter accompanying this. Please rest assured that despite our disappointment with the overall outcome we remain firm that we continue to work incredibly hard to provide the best possible opportunities for all of our children. I am still in the process of complaining about the way the report was written as it does not reflect the many, many strengths of the school. Updates about plans to improve the aspects highlighted in the report and our progress towards meeting them will be shared in subsequent newsletters.

There is lots to look forward to this term, the netball, football and basketball leagues continue, we have the Year 5 trip to the Space Centre, the Year Two residential visit to Woodlands (my particular favourite) and all of the Easter celebrations to name just a few highlights.

Best wishes for the new year.

Vicky Nussey

Values

This month we will be focusing on the value of resilience. Resilience is the ability to be happy, successful, etc. again after something difficult or bad has happened:

People who show resilience:

- Bounce back from disappointment
- Carry on against the odds
- Put on a brave face

People who show resilience realise:

- You should focus on the future
- Having a positive attitude helps you succeed
- Not giving up helps you to feel proud of your achievements and yourself

People show resilience by:

- Believing in themselves
- Having a positive attitude
- Bouncing back from disappointment

Resilience is very different than being numb. Resilience means you experience, you feel, you fail, you hurt. You fall. But, you keep going.

Simon Sinek

Staffing Update

Parents in Reception classes may have noticed that Mrs Eley (Tiger Class teacher and Early Years Lead) is pregnant. Mrs Eley will start her maternity leave from the 20th January. Tiger class will be taught for the remainder of the year by Mrs Roydes. She is an experienced Early Years teacher, having taught for several years in another Erdington School. I hope that you will welcome her warmly to the Paget family.

Attendance and Punctuality matter –

We need your support, if your child is absent from school, we need communication. A phone call, a text, a Whatsapp message or an email.



School Closure Reminder

A quick reminder that school is closed to children on Friday 17th January for a Teacher Training Day.

Educational Visits

At Paget we pride ourselves on the many opportunities the children are given to experience events, places and activities they may otherwise not through the range of visits and visitors we provide. As you know these experiences cost money. Recently we have seen a reduction in the numbers of parents making contributions which makes it more expensive for us as a school. All of our educational visits are heavily subsidised by school budget but with tightening school funding we will not be able to continue with this to the extent that we currently do. Some examples of how we have subsidised recent visits are:

<u>Visit</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Contribution asked for from parents</u>	<u>School Contribution</u>
<u>Lichfield Garrick Pantomime</u>	<u>£6,877.50</u>	<u>£15</u>	<u>£2000</u>
<u>Lunt Fort – Y4</u>	<u>££620</u>	<u>£6</u>	<u>£300</u>
<u>Harry Potter Studios – Y6</u>	<u>£1200</u>	<u>£19</u>	<u>£650</u>

Without parental contributions we cannot afford to run the range and amount of visits that we do. Moving forwards, with an ever shrinking budget visits will have to be cancelled if we do not receive sufficient parental contributions. This will obviously be a last resort but I thought it would be useful for you as parents to see how the impending school funding cuts will directly affect your child.

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ATTENDANCE



Well done to 1W (98.4%) for the best attendance.

Can you help your class do this well?

Attendance for the school year is currently 95.5%

Minutes late arriving is 3337.

This is lost learning!

We need to do better Paget!

Staff Car park

Please could those parents who use the staff car park for dropping and collecting children at Breakfast or After School Club please be careful when driving and parking. Recently we have had some damage caused to staff cars and a few near misses as some parents have been driving too fast through the car park. If using this car park please use a designated parking bay and do not park in front of the gates, access to these gates is required at all times in case of emergency. I thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Online Safety

As the new term begins we just wanted to take this opportunity to make you aware of some issues that have arisen in school recently, relating to some pupils playing online games (particularly Fortnite). Although this has been happening at home, it has caused conflict that has come into school and which has taken up a great deal of teaching and learning time for those involved. Please can we ask for your support by continuing to monitor your child's online activities and ensuring that they are using their devices appropriately for their safety and the safety of others.

#Getpagetreading

Last term we had a real push on getting our children reading which was great to see. Let's see if we can get even more children reading this term. Read whatever, whenever just read and when you do don't forget to tweet it @Pagetprimary #getpagetreading



PTFA

Due to a break in at school over the Christmas break, I am saddened to inform you our bikes and scooters were stolen.

Do you or anyone you know any one you know have any old scooters at home you could donate?

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 17th January 2020 Teacher Day - School Closed to Children

Wednesday 12th Feb 2020 School Disco

Friday 14th Feb 2020 Break up for Half Term

HALF TERM

Monday 24th Feb 2020 School opens for pupils

Tuesday 10th Mar 2020 Parents' Evening

Thursday 12th Mar 2020 Parents' Evening

Thurs 26-Fri 27 Mar 2020 Y2 Residential

Friday 3rd April 2020 Break up for Easter holiday

Monday 6th –Fri 17th April 2020 Easter Holiday

Monday 20th Apr 2020 Term starts for pupils

Thursday 7th May 2020 Election Day School Closed to children

Friday 8th May 2020 Bank Holiday

Monday 11th-14th May 2020 Y6 SATs week

Fri 22nd May 2020 Break up for Half Term

HALF TERM

Mon 1st June 2020 School opens for pupils

Wed 24th –Fri 26th June 2020 Y6 Residential

Fri 17th Jul 2020 Children break up for the summer

Mon 20th July 2020 Teacher day

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