



PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK!

I hope that you all had a lovely and restful half term!

The children and staff team have come back raring to go, and we have had a busy week, including 3 celebration days and a visit to the Reception children from Spiderman!



We also had our first school improvement learning walk this week with the CEO from the Trust and our external school improvement partner. They were very impressed by the rate of progress that we have made, and how far the school has already come in such a short amount of time. I greatly appreciate your continued feedback as we continue to build and develop the school further, and we're all very excited about the direction the school is heading in.

KS1 VALUES

Today we sent out a letter to explain that we have launched our new reward system for all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two! All our younger children now have the opportunity to earn smiley face stickers to celebrate their wonderful efforts and



achievements in school. We'll keep a record of how many your child is collecting and at each milestone they can collect a certificate and either a bronze, silver or gold badge!

Year Group	Number of Smiley Faces		
	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Reception	30	55	80
Year 1 and 2	50	75	100

This is an amazing opportunity for all our younger children to demonstrate what a hardworking bunch they are!

COMMUNICATION METHODS

We are trying very hard to make sure you all stay updated. Here is a reminder of the following methods we use to communicate with you:

Parentmail – we will send all school/class letters out on this (Paper copies of letters are given if you are not an online user)

Text messages – these are for shorter messages/reminders

Website – every letter that goes out on Parentmail is also put on the website under the parents tab or directly at: <http://parklands.northants.sch.uk/correspondence/> Friday is our communication day, so do check our website if you're worried that you've missed anything

Twitter – shows what your child is doing in their curriculum and also is used for helpful reminders

Ticker – the website has any key events on its ticker tape on the welcome page:
<http://parklands.northants.sch.uk/>

Term Dates – These are on the website and can be found under the parents tab, or directly to: <http://parklands.northants.sch.uk/term-dates/>

Key Dates – These are dates for your diary (class assemblies etc) and can be found on the website under the parents tab or directly at: <http://parklands.northants.sch.uk/key-dates/>

PTA – they have their very own page on the website now at:

<http://parklands.northants.sch.uk/pta/> . Their newsletter can be found there at the minute, so please do have a read!

If you have any problems accessing any of this, let us know and we'll do our best to help!



INVENTORY SYSTEM

Keeping our children safe is our priority and to make our site even more secure, we have now installed our new InVentry sign in/out system. If you need to sign your child in or out during school hours, you can now tap this in on our screen in the foyer.

Visitors into the school also need to sign in, and are given a photo id to wear so all children and adults in the school know that they are meant to be there.

We have been instructed that we need to keep the foyer clear so that visitors have clear access to the system and its camera. We also need to ensure visibility so that the team can follow safeguarding protocols, and we need to protect the data of the people signing in, therefore I'm afraid we can no longer use the foyer as a waiting area if you have arrived at school early. Apologies for this, but ensuring that our systems are robust has to be our priority.

HALLOWEEN DISCO



A big thank you to our PTA for organising a fantastic disco. It was lots of hard work for the team, but I know the children had a truly superb time!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We have the school photographer coming in on Monday 5th November. If you would like your child to have their photograph taken with a younger/older sibling, please arrive in the school hall at 08:30am and we will make sure that they have their pictures taken together.



FAMILY LEARNING

Mrs Zaman has organised for the Adult Learning Service to lead a 6 week free course on Story Sacks. Story Sacks are a fun way to develop children's learning and the course would enable you to comfortably support this at home, including creating resources to make story telling more fun, such as making puppets and games to support your child's interaction in a story.

If you might be interested in this, the course will be based in the PLACC building, and starts on Tuesday 6th November at 9.15am – 11.15am. Please contact the office for any further information.

FLU VACCINATIONS

Just a reminder that children in Reception to Year 5 have received letters from the NHS about the flu vaccination taking place on Monday 19th November. We had a queries about whether the vaccination contains gelatine and the school nurse has confirmed that the vaccination does contain a small trace of pork gelatine which acts as a stabiliser. We just wanted to let you know this, so that you are fully aware. If you have any other questions, please contact the school office and we'll do our best to help.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5th November – School photos

Monday 19th November – Flu vaccinations

We are already starting to prepare for Christmas (!) and we are planning a range of activities and events for you to enjoy with us in December. Dates for these will be with you on the next newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend!!

Here are a few pictures from our very busy first week back:

Year 4 meeting some creepy creatures!





Year 6 making potions for writing



Y4 Drumming workshop



THE PRESTON HEDGE'S ACADEMY TRUST



Superheroes Day in Reception

