

▶ THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL AND FOR YOUR KIND FOOD DONATIONS. TOGETHER WE DONATED 86 MEALS TO THE FOODBANK CHARITY.

▶ We welcome Charlotte Wilson to our team. Charlotte will be working alongside EYFS.

○ TERM 2 | ○ AUTUMN | ○ 2018

Poolsbrook Newsletter

Working together to SHINE

Welcome to Primary Academy's new look newsletter for the Autumn Term. Our aim is to keep you up to date and involved with all events and activities happening both in and out of the classroom.

Changes and more new things to come.



Welcome and thank you all so much for your patience and understanding in what has been a rather challenging few months for the school. Throughout this period the children have been amazing and continued to work really hard.

The staff and the children have made me feel very welcome during my two day supporting role. So I was delighted to be asked to join the Poolsbrook family full time for a while as Interim Head.

As a headteacher for nearly ten years, my drive for leading education is based upon the simple idea of giving the children the

best we possibly can, as sadly you can never be 5 years old, or 8... or 11 again! With this in mind there will be some more changes to the school as myself, staff and governors begin to work on key improvement priorities.

The building is already undergoing a facelift and we would like to continue to improve classrooms, resources and the grounds for your children to use.

We are beginning to give the children more experiences including after school clubs, trips and events. There are EVEN more things planned, please see the diary

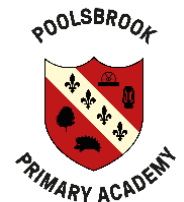
dates listed below.

We would also like to utilise the school house system and give the children some real 'Poolsbrook Pride' and hold regular events that link to these houses. As part of the Poolsbrook family, we would also like to involve you in this journey and therefore **you are invited to coffee and cakes** in the 'Breakfast Room' with myself, Mrs Parker and Mr Roberts for you to share things you would like to see improve, change or even stay the same!! This will take place this Friday afternoon 2pm onwards. We hope to see you there.

OUR SCHOOL UNIFORM

We are aware that there has been a MAJOR issue with uniform orders and we are working on this. We are currently in the middle of switching to a new supplier and will let you know as soon as this is done.

As part of the refresh with the school house system (mentioned above), **school** will be purchasing ALL the children a P.E. t-shirt that matches their house colour for the children to wear. These will be available when the new uniform supplier is established.





Our results for the academic year 2017 – 2018

We have recently received the data for this year, which includes attainment for our children at the end of the EYFS (Reception), Key Stage One (Year 2) and Key Stage Two (Year 6).

This information is based upon Teacher Assessment against the Early Learning Goals of the EYFS curriculum and the Key Stage One End of Year expectations. For Key Stage Two the data is based upon Teacher Assessment for Writing and the SATs test results for Year 6.

At the end of EYFS, 73% of our children achieved a good level of development across the EYFS curriculum compared to 71.5% nationally.

At the end of Key Stage One 80% of our children met the Expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths compared to 75% Reading, 70% Writing and 76% Maths nationally.

At the end of Key Stage Two the percentage of children who met the expected standard for Reading 33% and Maths 33% was below the national figures of 75% Reading and 76% Maths.

The percentage of children who met the expected standard in writing was 75% compared to 78% nationally.

As a school, we feel that the SAT test results for the end of Key Stage Two sadly do not reflect the immense effort and hard work that both the staff and the children put in to their final year at Poolsbrook Primary.

From this, we are presently reviewing our systems and processes to understand why our data does not reflect national results and part of this development is linked to the changes that are planned for the future of the school.

If you have any concern regarding this information, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

SMART ATTENDANCE:
Our target is 97%



Our Attendance rates for Autumn Term 1 were:

Class 1: 97.4%

Class 2: 97.3%

Class 3: 95.8%

TOTAL FOR THE TERM
96.9 %

Diary Dates

Thursday 8th November – Bikeability

Thursday 8th November – Boxing After School Club

Friday 9th November – Brain Builders Assembly @ 9.15am

Remembrance Service @ the Memorial 10.45am

Diwali Festival for children

Monday 12th November – Nasal Flu Spray – Rec to Year 5 children

Thursday 17th November – Children In Need Event – Dress up as a bear or in spotty clothes £1

Monday 19th November – Parents Evening Week – (Appointments to follow)

- Balance Bikes – Reception (for three weeks)

- Hockey Festival Year 3 and 4 Children at St. Marys 4-6pm (Letter to follow)

Tuesday 11th December - White Post Farm Trip – Reception / Nursery

Wednesday 12th December – Sing Together Project @ Netherthorpe KS2 (Letter to follow)

Thursday 13th December – Christmas Dinner Day (Letter to follow)

Friday 14th December – Brain Builders Assembly @ 9.15am

Wednesday 19th December – Christmas Party Day (Letter to follow)

Thursday 20th December – Christmas at Poolsbrook – Whole school event 2.30pm – 4pm.

A place where all our children SHINE !