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Poolsbrooks Newsletter

#BrightSparks!

COMPOSER OF THE TERM: WAGNER

Welcome to Poolsbrook Primary Academy's newsletter for the Spring 1 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.

On behalf of everyone at Poolsbrook Primary Academy School, we would like to wish all our children and families a Happy New Year! We hope you have had a wonderful break, filled with fun, laughter, and time with the people whom you love the most.

The children returned to school enthusiastically on Monday, and it was great to listen to all their stories of the holiday, and about the goodies that Santa delivered to them.

Here's to another great year at Poolsbrook Primary Academy, with lots of exciting things to look forward to.



Pastoral Manager

Unfortunately the candidate that we appointed to take over Mr Roberts role as Pastoral Manager has had to withdraw. We are currently re-advertising to find a replacement. In the short term, Mrs Parker will take over the role. Any families that require any support or advice, please don't hesitate to come in. Thank you ☺

Class Topics

This half term we have another exciting range of topics that the children are learning about. Each class will be studying the following:

Foundation Stage – Home Sweet Home

Class 1 – Bright Lights, Big City

Class 2 – France

Class 3 – Canada

The topic began yesterday morning with staff bringing in artefacts from different countries. The children had to try and identify where each class was going to be visiting.



Attendance/Holiday Requests

If your child is absent from school you must telephone the school office on the first morning of absence by 9.00am so registers can be completed accurately. Please may we remind you that once again we CANNOT authorise holidays during term time. If you do require your child to have time off school, then a request form should be obtained from the school office, but only if circumstances are deemed exceptional. Fines have to be issued in accordance with the statement below to parents who continue to take unauthorised holidays.

In September 2013 the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force. These regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively.

Any requests should be on an official school absence request form and handed into the school office for consideration prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made.

You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996.

Bad Weather

Severe Weather Information!

May we remind you of the ways in which we communicate with parents in the event of severe weather, for example heavy snow. We always make every effort to open the school and we would only close if it is no longer safe for staff or pupils on site. However if we have to close, we publicise this in several ways:

Text2parents – Parents will all be sent a text message

Derbyshire Closures website (<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-closures/school-closures.aspx>)

PeakFM will also publicise closures

Ways you can help:

- When accessing the site on icy or snowy days, please keep to pathways which have been cleared and gritted around the school site.
- Children will need to have warm coats, hats and gloves as well as wellington boots (or similar) so that they can play outside - as we like to make the most of the snow.
- Please make sure that if you are working some distance from the school, you have a back-up plan in place should we require to close early.

Please access <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/road-maintenance/snow-info/snow-info.aspx> for more information about gritting routes etc. so that you can plan your journey.

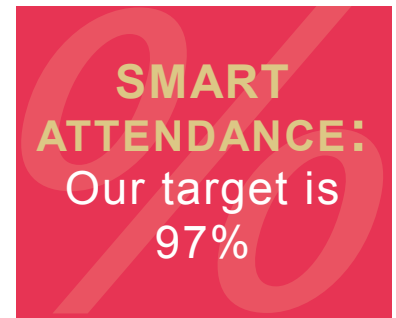
Italian Day

On Thursday 30th January we will be having an Italian day throughout school. We have decided to do this so that the children's awareness of other countries and different languages develops. In each class, children will be completing themed activities in music, art, geography and history. Children who have a school lunch will also be sampling some delicious pizza and pasta as their dish of the day.



Diary Dates

- 9th January – Gymnastics club starts (last session 13th February)
- 17th/ 31st January /7th February– Balance Bikes in Reception
- 30th January – Italian language focus day
- Week beginning 3rd February – National Storytelling week (details to follow)
- 11th February – Safer Internet Day
- 14th February – Poolsbrook Pride assembly
- 14th February – Finish for half term
- 24th February – INSET Day (School closed to all children)
- 25th February – Back to school for children



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