



Poolsbrook Primary Academy

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our new newsletter

Wow, what a fantastic start to Autumn Term. We're now 4 weeks in and the children have settled fantastically back in to school. It's been wonderful for me and Mr Stewart to meet all of you and we are looking forward to exciting year ahead.

This new newsletter will be sent out every two weeks and will contain updates on upcoming events, things that have been happening in school and other important information that you need to know. So grab a cuppa and enjoy!

What's in this newsletter?

- Upcoming Events
- Meet the Team Update
- Attendance
- Uniform
- EYFS Open Days
- Hear your views

Upcoming Events

23rd October - Individual Photos

24th October - Halloween Disco

28th October - Half Term

4th November - Back to school

19th November - Flu Vaccinations

9th December - Christmas Fair

20th December - INSET Day

23rd December - Christmas Holidays



Uniform

Thank you to sending children in to school with the correct uniform this term. We have started to notice a few items of clothing creeping in that are not school uniform. Therefore, just to clarify, please find below the list of uniform for our school:

- Navy jumper or navy cardigan (with or without the school logo)
- White/navy/red polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers (joggers can be worn in Nursery)
- Grey or black skirt (in summer, a blue and white summer dress may be worn)
- Black, sensible shoes/ plain black trainers (No large logos or bright colours)
- Grey or black tights
- Navy book bag (with or without the school logo) - Or small back back
- No jewellery other than plain stud earrings and a watch.
- No child has to wear any branded items but these are available if parents wish to purchase at <https://uniformshoponline.co.uk/>



ATTENDANCE

Attendance is one of the most important aspects of a child's education. Research consistently shows that low attendance is linked to lower outcomes for children. Even a few days can have a significant impact on a child's progress as missed learning is cumulative and impacts future learning.

Unfortunately, attendance so far this term is much lower than we need it to be.

The Department for Education has released new guidance regarding absence. 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a 10-week time frame will result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being applied for from Derbyshire County Council.

We want to work with families to make sure that children are getting the best possible education by being in school.

Please be aware that in September 2013, the Government introduced new regulations making it clear that Headteachers must not give approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

EYFS Open Days

We're excited to invite families in for our EYFS Open Days. These will take place on the following days:

- Thursday 10th October - 09:00 - 12:00
- Monday 14th October - 13:00 - 15:00
- Friday 18th October - 09:00 - 12:00
- Saturday 19th October - 10:00 - 12:00

Please do join us for an Open Day or if you know someone who may be interested, please do let them know.



EYFS

MEET THE TEAM

Last week, we invited families to learn a little more about the plans that we have for the school and our priorities over the coming 12 months.

1. To implement clear and consistent systems to ensure the highest standards of inclusion throughout school
2. To improve outcomes through improved high-quality first teaching and learning
3. To ensure consistency and improved outcomes in core curricular subjects (Maths, Writing, Reading and Science)
4. Leadership capacity in the school is improved and pupil numbers have increased

We also discussed our new behaviour system which we communicated on Dojo previously. We have seen a significant improvement in behaviour this term and children, staff and visitors have positively commented on the calm environment within the school.

We want to hear your views

Now we've been back for 4 weeks, we want to hear your views on the school, the changes that have taken place and how we can continue to improve our wonderful school and our community.

Please keep an eye out on Class Dojo to a link to complete our Parent Views Survey.

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