

PARNWELL NEWS

Message from the Head teacher:

We sent out a questionnaire this week asking for parent feedback on the teaching of maths in school and the support children receive at home. We are delighted to see that the majority of parents feel their child is confident in maths and that they receive enough support in school. Thank you for all your comments which will help us to continually develop the teaching of maths in school and at home.

There has been lots of art, design and technology taking place in the classrooms this week. Year 4 have been using inks for Christmas designs and Year 2 have been designing their own moving monsters out of arts material. It has been lovely to see so much creativity. The children have also been designing Christmas cards as part of a competition. There will be a prize of art materials for the best card in Reception, KS1 and KS2, plus an overall winner. The winners will also have their design made into a card to send to family and friends.

Online learning:

The school has invested in a number of online learning software that your child can access at home to support their learning. All children should have received log in details for [Times Tables Rockstars](#), [Ed Shed](#) and [Doodle Maths](#). This will support them in their multiplication, maths and spellings.

School Nurse:

The school nurse service is available to all parents. If you have any concerns about your child, please contact them on 01733 777937 or via email

cpm-tr-peterboroughschoolnurses@nhs.net

Flu vaccinations:

Flu vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 1 December in school. These will only be given to those children whose parents have registered their consent.

Dinner menu:

On Monday 30 November we start week 3 of our [school dinner menu](#).

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

We have been taking part in the Christmas Shoebox appeal for the elderly in Peterborough. Thank you to those families who have already put together a box of gifts. It is not too late to take part. Fill a shoe box with some little things like toiletries, a puzzle, books, adult colouring books pens/pencils, chocolates, biscuits, hot chocolate, little Christmas treats etc. Shoeboxes should be wrapped, however accessible to view the contents and labelled whether for a male, female or unisex... don't forget to include a Christmas card with a message. Any boxes or donations can be left at the school office until Tuesday 1st December.



Upcoming events

1 Dec	Flu immunisations
11 Dec	Christmas Jumper and Christmas dinner Day
18 Dec	Last day of term – 13:30 finish
4 Jan	Back to school
22 Jan	School Photographs

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Hedgehog SOS:

We have seen a number of hedgehogs around the school lately. It is really important that we look after our wildlife and so Mr Gavin kindly rescued the hedgehog and took it to a safe place.



Online Safety:

We have been made aware of a disturbing film and an online game that is currently going viral on 'Tik-Tok' and 'You Tube'. Your child may come across this video/game which contains violence and abuse and can be extremely distressing to viewers. Our advice to parents/carers is to sensitively check in with your children, particularly if they have been showing behavioural changes or seem upset or withdrawn. Do this by having an open conversation suggesting that you've heard there is some disturbing content being circulated online and ask if they've heard of anything like that? This is the best way to open an indirect conversation that enables your child to talk to you about any concerns without inciting them or their friends to seek out the actual content. Please ensure that children and young people in your care know who they can talk to you if they come across something that upsets or distresses them online.

Parnwell Community Hub:

The Parnwell Community Hub are putting together a book of Lockdown Memories for 2020. They are looking for drawings, photos and quotes to share with them in their book. The focus should be on the positive side of Lockdown. If you would like something to be included, please put it in an envelope labelled 'lockdown memories' and deliver it to the school office. This is a great chance for you and your family to get creative.

Peterborough Virtual Big Sing:

Peterborough Sings are launching a Christmas Virtual Choir project.

Many children are missing out on singing at school at the moment which is why they are inviting any child aged between 7-11 to participate in their Virtual Choir completely free of charge. All they need to do is learn the song 'Jingle Bells', record themselves singing it and send it to Peterborough Sings! They will then put all the recordings together and build the Peterborough Christmas Virtual Choir.

All the instructions and resources are available to download from their website at

www.peterboroughsings.org.uk Entries will be judged and the winner will receive a Yamaha PSR-EW300 (or similar) keyboard, a fabulous prize for budding musicians!

The closing date for entries is Monday 14th December. If you have any questions, please contact

admin@peterboroughsings.org.uk