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School Leadership

If you have any concerns you want to discuss with someone other than your child's class teacher, please make contact with one of the following school leaders:

- Maureen Andrews : Headteacher
- Rhea Kurcewicz: Deputy Head
- Denise Vintin: Assistant Head/SENCO
- Ann Dawson: Assistant Head /Foundation and KS 1 Phase Leader
- Melissa Drake: Assistant Headteacher Phase Leader Y3 /Y4
- Stephanie Lee: Phase Leader Y5/6
- Debbie Maskrey : Pastoral Leader
- Karen Stanley: School Business Manager

Pye Bank CE Primary School



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-Parent Information Book-

Pye Bank CE Primary School

Pye Bank CE Primary School is a fantastic school, set in the heart of Pitsmoor. The curriculum is designed to serve the very diverse community of which we are so proud. We are a school with the ambition to be outstanding and our aim is for every child to achieve at the highest level they can, but it is also very important to us that all children feel safe, secure and HAPPY.

As a Christian Foundation School serving its community our mission is:

"To inspire and challenge the bodies, minds and souls of all learners, within a secure community underpinned by Christian values where all find respect for themselves, their families and their traditions."



We are on a journey towards outstanding, within all areas of school life and want to ensure that our amazing children receive the best education possible so that they can go out into the world and achieve their dreams. We have wonderful a staff who all love to be at Pye Bank and a strong legacy of good practice.



We have a wonderful learning environment and people who visit us always comment on it. We are particularly proud of our Lavender Field (School Hall) which forms the heart of our school.

We are absolutely committed to working in partnership with our parents and our community .

Gemstone Café

Lunchtime is a very important part of the school day and we aim to make it as pleasurable as possible. Our newly designed Gemstone Café is a lovely place to eat and we are proud to have our own catering team. Children get to choose from a menu of hot meals, jacket potatoes and sandwich options along with an optional visit to the salad bar. Menus are sent home at the beginning of each term and can also be accessed on our website.

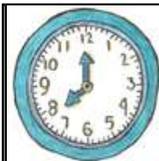


Packed Lunches

We encourage families to send children with a healthy lunch but we do believe it is parental choice what that includes.

We just have two rules :

1. No fizzy or high energy drinks.
2. No sweets or chocolate bars. Chocolate biscuits such as penguins or Kitkat biscuits are fine. Why not chat to your child about what makes a healthy lunchbox . They often have ideas from their learning in school



Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open at 8.00am and closes

at 8.45am. It is the perfect way to start the day, with a selection of hot and cold food and provides children with an opportunity to Socialise before school. There are daily specials available and all children who attend Pye Bank are entitled to a free bowl of cereal or slice of toast.

Working with parents

Here at Pye Bank CE Primary School we believe that parental partnership is key to our success. We therefore aim to provide as many opportunities for our parents to be involved in day to day activities in school. All events for the year are clearly shown on the Calendar, which is distributed at the beginning of the year.



Coffee Mornings

Pye Bank parents are very active in the school. We meet every Wednesday morning in the Gemstone café. Any parent of any pupil in school is welcome.

It is a good place to get information !

There are other ways to get involved, such as becoming a reading volunteer or taking part in one of our Adult /Family Learning courses. We have a selection of courses on offer to suit all abilities. Some of our courses are delivered on site and others take place at Verdon street community centre or Sorby house. If you think you might like to get involved in one of our courses, please contact Zabeda Hussain, Pastoral Manager via the school office.



Our Curriculum

Here at Pye Bank CE Primary School we provide a creative curriculum based around the ACE Curriculum framework



With the new National Curriculum being introduced by the Government in (2014-15) we have been working hard to refresh our school approach and provision for pupils. As part of this work we have decided to implement the new ACE Curriculum. Our new curriculum will be delivered through Imaginative Learning Projects, which will provide a rich menu of exciting and motivating learning activities that make creative links between all aspects of our children's learning. Real life experiences are at the heart of what we do and we invest in memorable experiences for your children within and outside of school. Our new curriculum will provide lots of learning challenges throughout the academic year that will allow children to solve problems, apply themselves creatively and express their knowledge and understanding effectively across the curriculum.



What is Homework ?

Homework

At Pye Bank we view homework as being a supported or independent task which is undertaken outside of curriculum time and which reinforces, extends, or enriches current learning.

Why is it set?

The purpose of homework at Pye Bank is.....

- To provide opportunities for parents to be involved in children's learning: *Positive parent/child time*
- To enable children to *practise, rehearse and consolidate skills*.
- To broaden the context of learning: *enrich and extend*
- *To prepare for new learning*
- To enable children to take *responsibility for their own learning*, become more *independent* and develop *perseverance*.
- To support children's *Learning Behaviours*

What can you expect?

Homework will be given on Fridays and books must be returned by Wednesday. It will consist of the following tasks:

Daily reading



Weekly Spellings

SPELLING

Times tables /

Maths
Skills



Each Half term/Topic a menu of activities will be provided. Children must complete three but can choose to complete

Uniform

At Pye Bank we are proud of our school uniform, as are the children. Uniform is a compulsory part of school life, and helps children feel equal, a sense of belonging and supports them with concentrating on their learning.

The uniform consists of

1. A sweatshirt or cardigan with the school logo on.
2. A white polo shirt (long or short sleeved)
3. Dark grey or black school trousers or skirt, girls may choose to wear a pinafore dress and cardigan. All uniform should be of a practical style to allow a child to run around and engage in activity at break times. Leggings should only be worn under a skirt and not on their own.
4. Black school style shoes or trainers- no heels for girls.
5. During the summer months girls may choose to wear a blue and white gingham dress.
6. Hijabs should be plain in design and should be white, black or



PE Kit



All children need a simple PE kit .This needs to include pumps/trainer, a plain white T-Shirt / polo shirt and black shorts . Tracksuit bottoms and tops are useful for outdoor PE during the winter months. These should be plain and black.

Jewellery: Children are able to wear a watch, a simple ring and stud earrings.

Behaviour

Aims

- Everybody in our school feels valued and respected.
- Everyone is treated fairly and treated well.
- We trust and respect each other.
- We have a school where everyone feels happy, safe and secure
- We promote good relationships so we can work together

As a result, children achieve at a good level and fulfil their potential.

Expectations

Our expectations are all pupils aim to be the best they can be by showing great learning behaviours at all times and following the behaviour code by

- Taking care of themselves
- Taking care of others
- Taking care of our school

Promoting Positive Behaviour

We aim to promote positive behaviour by creating a calm, welcoming environment and congratulating children and praising good behaviour as it occurs .

All children are rewarded with 30 minutes of Golden Time each week. If behaviour is good throughout the week your child will choose a 30 minute fun activity. However, children can lose minutes off their golden time as a consequence for inappropriate behaviour within class or at break time. There is a wide range of activities on offer.

Building Learning Power

Building Learning Power (BLP) is an approach to learning that we have begun to implement at Pye Bank CE Primary School. This approach was created by Professor Guy Claxton. It is based on the idea that we are all capable of becoming better learners.



At Pye Bank our school ethos is one of striving to be the best we can be, recognising that we all have different strengths and interests. BLP allows us to nurture this ethos and build the children's learning power through a variety of strategies and techniques. Professor Claxton believes there are four main dispositions and at Pye Bank we have created four characters to help the children think about Building their Learning Powers



If you would like more information on Building Learning Power and how you can help to support your child to become a better learner, then why not visit our school website or ask at the main reception for a leaflet . By school and home working together we can enable every child to become a better learner .

Attendance

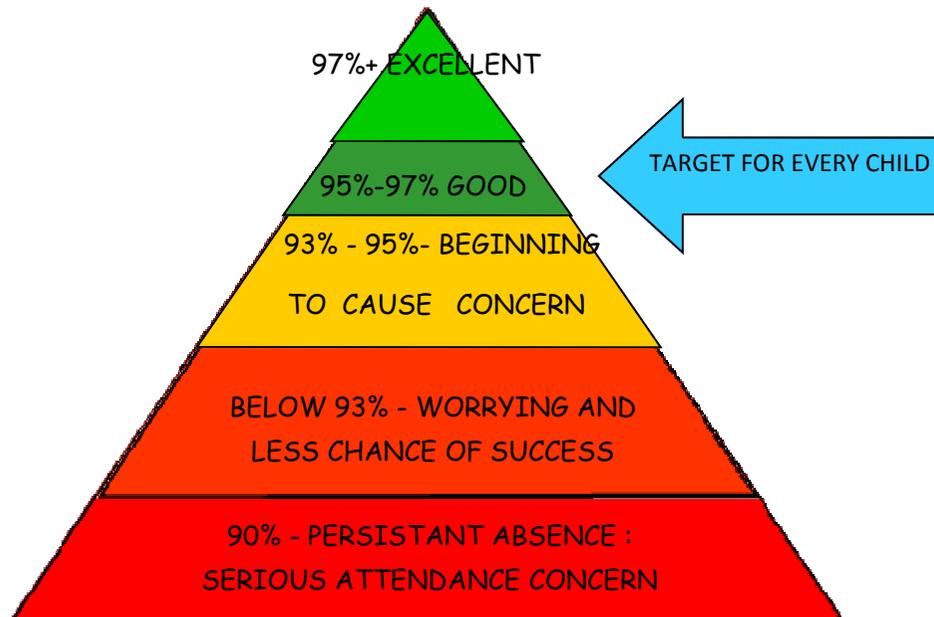
At Pye Bank we are committed to supporting the highest levels of attendance and punctuality, so we provide the best possible education for your child.

Last year our overall attendance was above the national average at 96.5%.

Good attendance and punctuality has a positive effect on the self esteem, behaviour and achievement of all children, therefore it is vital that all children attend school on a regular basis.

Parent /Carers have a legal duty to make sure their children attend school regularly. In foundation stage 1 (Nursery) school begins at 8.30am.

The rest of school opens at 8.45am each morning and children should be in class by 8.55am.



Attend, Achieve & Succeed Scheme

We are committed to improving attendance, every child in school will take part in our Attend, Achieve and Succeed scheme. Every day your child attends they will colour in a figure on their card. At the end of each half term, providing they have achieved 95% or above attendance, they will be presented with a badge and certificate.

95% to 96% = Bronze 97% to 98%= Silver 99% to 100% = Gold

Each half term the awards are given out in a special assembly and parents are invited to attend. The class with the best attendance and all the children with 100% attendance at the end of the year will take part in a trip to the cinema.



What happens when my child does not attend school ? By law, schools must record absences and the reason given. You are therefore requested to contact the school on every day of your child's absence.

Every child's attendance is monitored daily. If we have concerns we may call you back on the day. Sometimes we make home visits too.

If your child's attendance becomes a concern we will let you know by letter and arrange a time to discuss our concerns.

Term Time Leave

The law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child out of school on term time leave. You have to request leave and the Headteacher makes a decision on whether to authorise a request for exceptional circumstances. If you choose to take your child from school during term time without authorisation, the Local Authority may take legal action and issue a fine.