



A PIECE OF PYE NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME BACK TO PYE BANK AND WELCOME TO ALL NEW FAMILIES

We are thrilled to be starting another brand new school year here at Pye Bank. We hope you have all had a good six week break and enjoyed a little bit of summer weather.

GREAT NEWS!

We achieved so much last year and we are very proud in particular of our Year 6 children who left us in July, after a good year. They were a brilliant Year 6 and worked very very hard throughout the year! It was great to see them receive their awards at the Awards Evening.

There were great achievements within Foundation Stage and in Year 2 when all children are assessed more formally, but also across school. We are working hard to ensure that school life remains fun and exciting for the children.

We have once again achieved the Gold Mark in the School Games Awards, and are very grateful to everyone's efforts with this.

Despite the disappointment of OFSTED, we have had some huge successes, with the Church School inspection recognizing us as a GOOD school overall.

We look forward to achieving even more together this year in all areas of school life. We have a great staff team, the majority of whom you know well!

We continue to have high aspirations as a school

The Pye Bank Pledge

1. To ensure that school is a happy and safe place for your children every day.
2. To aim for academic excellence for all children, ensuring that we have the highest expectation of what they can achieve: recognising the potential of every child in our care.
3. To strive at all times to meet the needs of every child of all abilities and backgrounds.
4. To nurture and value every member of the school community, as a unique individual.
5. To work in true partnership with all our parents, our children and our community.
6. To inspire and motivate our children, offering an exciting curriculum which is relevant, challenging and reflects and values the diversity of our amazing faith based community.
7. To provide opportunities which broaden experiences within and beyond the classroom, drawing on and extending existing talents and skills.

WHAT'S NEW!

Standards Week!

We are introducing some new procedures and routines for children and to our behaviour systems. We will still have house points, golden time and behavior and effort reports.

Outstanding behavior and effort supports great achievement and this is the expectation of all children.

Come along to our Coffee Morning on Wednesday September 13th to find out more and see how you can help.

Some New Curriculum Approaches

This year we will fully implement our Read, Write Inc Spelling Programme alongside a new approach to Vocabulary Development. We will tell you more in coffee mornings.

Parent Information Pack

Once again we want to keep you as up to date as possible with what we do here at Pye Bank, so that you can support your child. We hope you find your Parents' Information Pack useful.

We are very pleased to send you the following:

1. The annual Calendar: Please put it somewhere safe - maybe fasten it to your fridge - so you can keep up to date throughout the year. It shows you everything that you can get involved with.
2. Parent Handbook
3. Behaviour Information Leaflet
4. Attendance information Leaflets
5. Homework at Pye Bank Parental Guidance
6. Spelling and Vocabulary Support
7. Reading Zone For Parents
8. Reading with your child
9. Home Reading system
10. Building Learning Power information leaflet
11. What to do if I am worried about my child
12. Breakfast Club leaflet
13. Welcome Back from the Office
14. Uniform Leaflet
15. School Leaders- Who are we?
16. Adult learning: What's On!
17. Dinner Menus



Ways to keep up to date and in touch:

1. Visiting the website regularly can help keep you up to date. You can now choose the language you would like to read it in.
2. Use your Parent Calendar regularly.
3. Visit your child's blog and the Headteacher's on the website and catch up on their learning each week.
4. **Download our school APP** onto your phone (Smart phone) You will find it in the APP store or Google play store and search for Pye Bank CE Primary. There will be news and updates regularly. We will also use it for snow updates too!!
5. Visit our **Facebook Page** Pye Bank CE Primary School
6. Follow us on Twitter @PyebankSchool @PyebankPE
7. Email us on parents@pyebank.sheffield.sch.uk

BUT IT IS STILL IMPORTANT TO TALK TO US FACE TO FACE TOO AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO SEND PAPER COPIES OF LETTERS ETC.

CURRICULUM NEWS AND OTHER INFORMATION

Our Spelling and Times Tables House Competition will take place in week 2! Who will be the Spelling Champions and the Times Tables Rock Stars for the term?!

Standards within the curriculum are high and we need parents help if children are to reach their potential.

What do we need you to support your child with?

1. *Great Attendance - here every day they can and no term time holidays.*
2. *Being on Time - don't miss any lessons!*
3. *Great behaviour and effort- supporting the school's approach.*
4. *Wearing the proper uniform.*
5. *Reading every night at home.*
6. *Bringing the book bag EVERY day.*
7. *Learning spellings and word meanings.*
8. *Completing homework from the jigsaws.*
9. *Bringing their PE Kit*

Our New Classes:

- Year 6 **The Marvels**: Miss Vickers
- Year 6 **Awesome Allstars**: Miss Trathan
Extra Year 6 Teacher: Mrs Evans
- Year 5 **Thunder and Lightning**: Mr Howard
- Year 5 **Fabulous Fireballs**: Mrs Johnson
- Year 4 **Galaxies**: Mr Grainger
- Year 4 **Rockets**: Mr French
- Year 3 **Shimmering Stars**: Mrs Anderton
- Year 3 **Tenacious Tigers**: Miss Hincks
- Year 2 **The Heroes**: Miss Swales
- Year 2 **The Champions**: Miss Taylor
- Year 1 **Mighty Oaks**: Miss Hamilton
- Year 1 **The Willows**: Miss Travis
- **Crystal Zone**: Mrs Rose and Mrs White
- Reception **The Explorers**: Miss Marsden
- Reception **The Investigators**: Mrs Stokes and Mrs Shikabonga
- Nursery **Jewels**: Mrs Nunns

FAMILY LUNCH

We will begin our Family Lunches in Week 2. There will be four sittings for children who will come in together, will sit in their houses or friendship groups and will be served at the tables by staff, volunteers and 'lunchtime helpers'.

It will be like a family sitting down together who will help serve each other and will enjoy chatting together over a meal. We are very excited about this and will support children in having a fantastic lunchtime.

If you would like to volunteer please see the form in your pack or speak to Zabeda.

PLEASE REMEMBER!

Please put your child's name in ALL of their clothing and equipment (Uniform, PE Kit, Shoes, Coats, Reading Bags and Lunch Boxes)

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