



# PARENT PRESS



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HALF TERM

PYE BANK C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER

*The Newsletter which keeps you one step ahead!*

**Exclusive News Today!**

## HOW CAN I CONTINUE TO HELP MY CHILD?

1. Encourage them to read EVERY night
2. Help them complete homework every week
3. Help them to learn Spellings and new vocab.
4. Help them to learn Times tables and practise using Times Tables Rock Stars
5. Encourage children to show excellent behaviour at all times.
6. Make sure children arrive at school on time (Doors open at 8.45am and your child is LATE after 8.55am)
7. Ensure they wear their uniform!
8. Make sure your child comes to school every day that they are well.
9. Avoid taking any holidays during term time: children miss so much learning!
10. Come to Parent's Evenings each time and events when you can.
11. Encourage your child to play after school: Have down time together and have fun!

## GREAT LEARNING TO SHARE

It has been a very positive start to the school year and we are very pleased to see so much great work in the children's books across school. There will be many happy parents at consultation evenings this week.

Year 6 are showing themselves to be good ambassadors and I am sure you have spotted them around in their new jumpers.

As you are aware the Governors have made the important decision for the school to become an Academy early in 2019. Thank you to all parents who engaged with the consultation process. We will continue to work closely with you moving forward so that we can continue our improvement journey with the Diocese of Sheffield Academies Trust. We are thrilled that we will be keeping our name: Pye Bank C of E primary School because we are very proud of it and proud of our school.

We have had some real successes with our topics this term and hopefully you have been following your child's class blog. I am proud to share some of the exciting learning with you on the newsletter.

*M. Andrew*



### Memory Master

The children took part in a very exciting and successful Memory Master event which we hold each term. Each class and house compete against each other in Times Tables and Spellings. They are getting stronger and stronger with these. Thank you to all parents supporting with tables and spellings at home. The winning house with McKee. Well done to everyone.

### Some great school trips and visits:

A number of classes have enjoyed some great trips. Year 3 visited Castleton and Blue John Caves, Year 5 went to the Space Centre and Year 4 saw BFG at the cinema. Year 3 have also had a great visit from a world champion climber. Foundation visited Green's Windmill. Thank you for supporting these.

### GREAT HARVEST ASSEMBLIES

Thank you to all parents who attended our harvest celebrations. They were great multi faith events with children sharing Christian and Islamic prayers, thanking God for the food we have available. We reflected on those who don't have enough food to eat.

**Parent Consultation Evening**  
**24<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm-5pm**  
**25<sup>th</sup> October**  
**3.45pm-7pm**

We had a great open morning for Reception children on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> ready for September 2019. Please see Zabeda if you need help filling in your forms. We will arrange some paperwork sessions after the half term holiday.

**ON TIME VERSUS LATE!**

THE MAJORITY OF CHILDREN COME TO SCHOOL ON TIME (OR EARLY) EVERY SINGLE DAY AND THAT IS BRILLIANT. THANK YOU.

If a child is late they miss some or all of the first lesson. The first lesson is spelling, phonics or vocabulary. *Some children are missing these lessons frequently and this means they have no/little teaching in these areas and they fall behind.*

Please remember that register takes place at 8.55am and any time after that means your child is late. Register time helps children feel that they belong to the class team and helps them settle ready for learning.

**SCHOOL STARTS AT 8.55am**

**Breakfast Club from 8am**

**Classrooms open from 8.45am.**

It is always great to see everyone in the morning when you bring children in to class. At this time, teachers are often getting children settled or working with some children. If you need anything urgently that is fine, aim to speak to an adult who is not working with children. Try to save other non-urgent things for the end of the day. This helps teachers and parents to either spend time reading with the children or completing other activities. This is really helping children make good progress.

**Great attendance**

Last weeks attendance was 97% which is fantastic.

Overall attendance is as follows:

Nursery: Jewels	90.1%
Rec: Wise Owls	92.2%
Rec: Golden Eagles	96.4%
Year 1: The Explorers	96.9%
Year 1: The Investigators	93.1%
Year 2: Mighty Oaks	95.9%
Year 2: Willows	94.6%
Year 3: The Champions	96.7%
Year 3: The Heroes	94.1%
Year 4: Tenacious Tigers	96.8%
Year 4: Shimmering stars	94.9%
Year 5: Galaxies	95.4%
Year 5: Rockets	97.2%
Year 6: Fabulous Fireballs	96.5%
Year 6: Thunder and Lightning	95.1%



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At Parents' Consultation evening you will receive your child's behaviour and effort report. You will get these each half term as usual. They are a good way to keep you informed as a parent, as to your child's attitude to learning. Great effort and great behaviour supports great progress and achievement.

**95%+ is good and 96.5%+ is excellent**

Across school our attendance is 95.6% and has risen following children returning after extended leaves. GREAT ATTENDANCE MEANS THAT CHILDREN MISS NO LEARNING AND DON'T FALL BEHIND.



### Nursery: Jewels

Nursery children have had great fun finding out about Nursery Rhymes. They particularly enjoyed learning Incy Wincy Spider!



### Reception: Eagles and Owls

The children had a fabulous visit to Green's Windmill and then learned how to make bread, following the instructions and mixing all the ingredients. They really enjoyed kneading the dough.

### Year 1: Investigators and Explorers

Some great Science work about germs and washing our hands this half term as well as some amazing work linked to the Naughty Bus. The children have created some fantastic pictures and writing linked to the Naughty Bus.



### Year 2: Mighty Oaks and Willows

The children have really enjoyed their Gruffalo Topic and made some fabulous bridges. They have completed the designs and learned different techniques for building their bridges.



### Year 3: Champions and Heroes

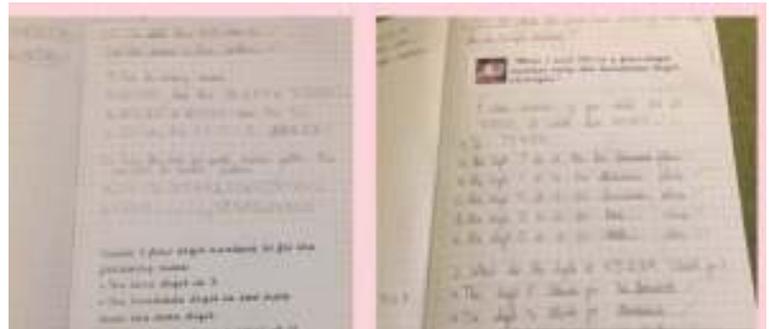
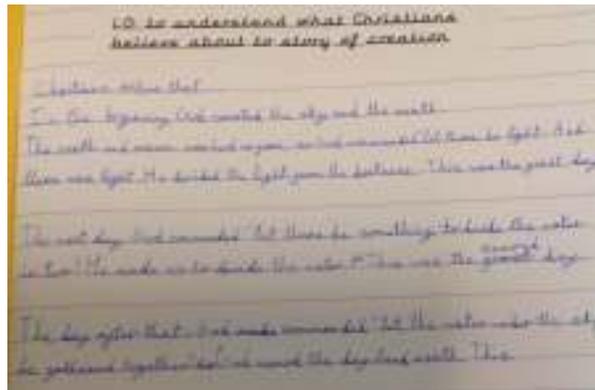
Quality art work in Year 3, linked to their rocks topic. Some great skills development.



The trip to Blue John was fantastic and the children learned a great deal about rocks. Steve McClure, world class climber inspired them at the beginning of their topic.



#### Year 4: Stars and Tigers



Some great thinking and writing linked to the story of Creation, with children applying their English skills successfully. Some great Maths work with children showing great rounding skills and place value skills during this term.

#### Year 5: Galaxies and Rockets

Y5 Galaxies and Rockets have been completing some amazing art work! They have been sketching out the Na'vi characters from the film Pandora! The children have now started to add paint to their drawings! I think they will look fabulous when they are finished!



#### Year 6 Thunder and Lightning and Fireballs

Some excellent Islamic art work from Year 6 as they carry out their Islamic Civilisation topic.

