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CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER



We want to share a lot of information with you so please take some time to read and support the content below. Thank you

Dear Parents/Carer,

Date: 18.12.25

Although we have had two relatively long terms in school, the children have responded brilliantly and on the whole we have had a positive start to this school year. We hope that the end of term and the Christmas festivities on offer throughout the school have been enjoyed by our families, just as much as the children. Throughout school we have seen some fantastic levels of work in all the years, especially from those children completing extra learning at home such as regular reading and timetables rockstars (this really does make a difference!)

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Thank you if you have attended a class assembly this term. Here are the dates for the Spring term. Assemblies start at 9:10. Thank you.

Friday 16 th Jan	Year 6S and T
Friday 23 rd Jan	Year 5W
Friday 30 th Jan	Year 4/5RF
Friday 6 th Feb	Year 3/4H
Thursday 12 th Feb	Year 3E
Half Term	
Friday 27 th Feb	Year 2MB
Friday 6 th Mar	Year 1/D
Friday 13 th Mar	Year Rec
Friday 27 th Mar	Special Awards

PHONICS AND READING

Our new phonics programme Little Wandle continues to develop really well in school. Our latest assessment of the Reception children is showing that 80% are on track to meet expected phonic levels. Thank you to parents supporting with the reading materials because without this support at home, many children struggle to meet the expected levels – even with extra support in school.

Children in Y3 – Y6 will continue to bring books home with an expectation to read at least 10 minutes every night with an adult. This then allows the adult to ask some questions about the text to check for understanding. Every year, the children who regularly have supported reading at home perform in the top 10% of our children at the end of Y6. As you will be aware, reading is a fundamental skill and huge asset in gaining a job/career later in life.

NUT ALLERGIES

Nut Allergy reminder. This is a further reminder to all parents to ensure that we support our children with Nut allergies. We are very keen to explain the importance of not sending foods into school containing nuts due to children attending school with a nut allergy.

Staff are being vigilant and unfortunately we will retain any 'nut snacks' in school and return them to be taken home at the end of the day.

Reactions to nut allergies can be severe and distressing for both the individual and the children in school and supporting adults. Please support our requests to check food stuffs for nut content. Thank you.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Hopefully you will have read our letter explaining our Attendance initiative which will run throughout this year.

We know the importance of regular attendance, especially over 96%. To promote this, we are offering a £50 food voucher each half term as part of a raffle of all children achieving 96%+ attendance for the term (excluding planned doctor's appointments) and no more than 2 lates. We have drawn the raffle for the first half term and this half term with both winners having 100% attendance, which really supports the purpose of this raffle. These parents will receive their vouchers today.

DATES FOR SPRING TERM 1

Monday 5th January – Return to School for children and Staff.

Friday 13th February – Training Day

Friday 13th February – Half Term

MINI – REPORTS

This year we changed our parent consultation time to just after half term. This enabled us to feedback on how your child had started the year. We are now sending you more information on their progress in the format of a 'mini-report'. There is an explanation letter in your child's envelope (not for Reception and Nursery). Please take time to look at this and share your child's progress and aims for the rest of the year with them. Thank you.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT

Walsall Sports Hall Athletics – Winners overall – 15 first places

Walsall Utilita Cup – 7 a-side football – 2nd place

KS1 – attendance multiskills at Manor Farm

Shelfield School Games Dodgeball competition – Winners

PELSALL VILLAGE FACEBOOK PAGE

We have been posting regularly on our Facebook page – trying to put at least 7 posts per week since September. From the likes and comments, we aren't getting many of our families looking at the posts and would ask you all to put an alert on your FB app (if you have one). The posts already on there are amazing and really show the wonderful opportunities and activities we create for your children. Thank you.

HAVE A WONDERFUL AND SAFE CHRISTMAS

From all the staff at Pelsall Village School, we would like to wish all our families our wonderful Christmas and happy new year.

