



PASTON RIDINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

MARCH 2016

Dear Parents/Carers,



Here we are at the end of another term and we would like to take this opportunity to keep you informed of schools progress, events and vision and values for the future.

Egg Bashing



We will be having our usual end of term Egg Bashing competition on the last day of term, Wednesday 23rd March.

All the children have to do is bring a hard-boiled egg to school, which has not been cracked in any way.

The children will then compete with their eggs by tapping them against an opponent until we have a class champion with the only unbroken egg.

The winners from each class will then go forward to the final, for their Key Stage, in assembly to find the champion. It provides great entertainment every year and a very surprised and excited winner!

The children can decorate their eggs with felt tip pens or water colour paints, **but they must not use any other kind of paint, varnish or any hardening material as this will result in their egg being disqualified.**

There are prizes for each class champion and, of course, the overall winner.



Maths Afternoon

We invited reception and KS1 parents for tea, coffee, biscuits and a chat in the hall about expectations for year groups.

We then discussed the new RM maths computer programme that children will be able to log into and access at home and a new resource called tackling tables that will help children with their mental maths. These packs were given out to parents for free that came in on the day. The parents then went back to the children's classrooms to play some maths games with them. The turnout was good and we had positive feedback from parents.



Big Breakfast



After a successful big breakfast in aid of cancer research where we raised a grand total of **£113.03**, organised by Ms Dixon, for the families of children in year 5 and 6 we have decided to offer a big breakfast Friday on a regular basis.

On the last school Friday of every month, Willow Brook Farm will be coming in to school and preparing a breakfast menu for our staff and families. Everybody welcome. More details with costs, menu, time and place to follow soon.

Some of our waitresses on the day



School council

Our children have been busy applying, nominating and voting on our school council representatives. We now have a school council member in every KS2 class. The councillors have weekly meetings to discuss many important things. We are currently discussing how to improve our time on the playground. We have also spent a lot of time sorting suggestions made by the children and looking at British Values in action around school. "School council gives us a voice". "We love our school and are trying to share this with everybody". Faith, Mia, Eben, Kelis, Lily, Bethanie, Jasmine, Alfie, Jamie, Liam, Leo and Eleanor.



JRSA – Junior Road Safety Team

With so many accidents and injuries happening on and around roads we have created a Junior Road Safety Team of Year 6 pupils who are being supported by Peterborough City Council. The aim is for the children to teach, inform and investigate road safety for our school community. They are encouraging safety and healthy living. The children have organised assemblies about the green cross code and have spoken to all children about the importance of keeping safe on and around roads. They have completed a hands up survey of how children travel to school and are collating the findings at the moment.

They are preparing interviews about road safety and cycling that they will be carrying out with parents on the KS2 playground before school after the Easter holidays. If you see them then please support their research. Our JRS team consists of: Charlie, Michael, Trystan, Jessica S, Silsala and, our newest recruit, Demi.



Football Team

The football team played a match against Alderman Jacobs School winning 4-2, all goals scored by Liam Coleman, man of the match was Michael Whiting. We also played a tournament against a number of other teams from Peterborough and we came 4th.

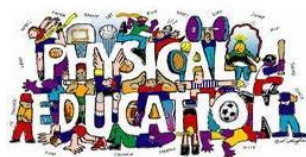


Learning Mentors

If your child works with one of our Learning Mentors, please feel free to contact the school if you wish to make an appointment to discuss your child's progress.

PE Kit Reminder

Please ensure your child/ren have their PE Kit with them everyday as we have some excellent facilities for sporting activities. Every Friday we have specialist Sports Coaches coming in and unfortunately children cannot take part in the activities if they do not have PE kit with them.



Attendance and Admissions

I hope you will join us in welcoming the new children who have joined us this term and help them to settle in to Paston Ridings Primary School.

We would like to say well done to the children who have received recognition on their improved attendance over the past few weeks.



May we remind you of the procedure if your child is absent from school:

- Contact us as soon as possible on the first day of absence by telephone on 01733 762742 or by email r.pridmore@pastonridings.peterborough.sch.uk;
- Send a note in on the first day they return with an explanation of the absence – you must do this even if you have already telephoned us;
- If your child has a planned medical or dental appointment a copy of the letter or appointment card should be provided to the school as proof of absence. **However, routine appointments should be made outside**

of the school day.

Start of the school day

The school day begins at 8.45am, when children are collected from the playground by their teacher. The registers open at 8.50am and remains open for 15 minutes.

Lates

If your child arrives after the children have entered school they will be late.

If your child arrives whilst the register is open (before 9.05am) they will receive an L mark (late).

If your child arrives after 9.05am they will receive a U mark. This is an unauthorised late and impacts on your child's attendance.

End of the school day

The school day finishes for Key Stage 1 at 3pm and Key Stage 2 at 3:05pm. If for any reason you are running late please phone the school office. It is important that you collect your children on time at the end of the day.

Student Update Forms

If you have not already completed the student update forms that were handed out during parents evening can you please hand these in to the school office as soon as possible.

It is important that you keep the school informed of any changes, particularly; medical conditions, phone numbers and change of addresses in case of medical emergencies.

Below are the term dates for this academic year.

PASTON RIDINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

TERM DATES FOR SUMMER TERM 2015/2016

SUMMER TERM 2016	
Opens	Tuesday 12 April
May Day	Monday 2 May
Half Term	30 May – 3 June
Ends	Friday 22 July

TERM DATES 2016/2017

AUTUMN TERM 2016	
Opens	Wednesday 7 September
Half Term	24 October to 28 October
Ends	Wednesday 21 December
	71 days
SPRING TERM 2017	
Opens	Wednesday 4 January
Half Term	20 February to 24 February
Ends	Friday 7 April
	63 days

SUMMER TERM 2017	
Opens	Wednesday 26 April
May Day	Monday 1 May
Half Term	29 May to 2 June
Ends	Thursday 20 July
	56 days
	190 teaching days



Ever wanted to make one of these?

The Granary @ Willow Brook Farm are offering you the opportunity to learn our best kept secrets when it comes to making our very special hand raised pork pies.

Spend an evening with our cooks having fun making your own 1lb pork pie from scratch, using the traditional cooking methods, enjoy a ploughman's and take part in our fun pork pie quiz!

22nd April at 6pm or 6.45pm

Tickets £20 per head (£10 deposit required)

To buy your ticket, to discuss exclusive group bookings or just for a bit more information, chat to Jo at The Granary on 01780 740261. Alternatively you can email her at infowillowbrookfarmshop@btinternet.com

Healthy Packed Lunches

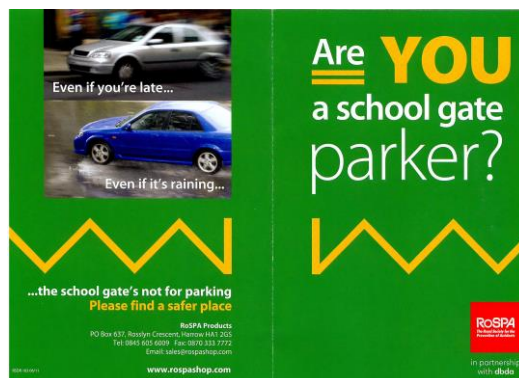
Reminder to all parents to ensure you provide a healthy packed lunch for your children. Ideas for a healthy packed lunch are: Sandwiches/Salad/Pasta salad, Yoghurt, Fruit, Jelly also can include biscuits or crisps. Please ensure you include a drink for your child (no fizzy or hot drinks). No chocolate or sweets please.

Please also name your child's lunchbox and include a spoon if needed.



School Entrance/Parking

Can I remind all parents/carers that they must not use the entrance to school to either drop their child/ren off, or park their cars to come into school. This causes not only major congestion to the school entrance but is also a Health and Safety issue. In an emergency, the emergency services would struggle to gain access to the school if parent/carers are blocking the way. Traffic Wardens have been on duty outside the school in recent weeks and some parents have been issued with fines.



We have also had reports of parents following staff into school in the mornings. We will be monitoring this and contacting these parents directly. Parents are not allowed to drive into school and should therefore not be pulling into the school entrance for any reason.

School Uniform

School uniform is now available to purchase from **Chroma Sports**. Uniform can be ordered online at www.chromasport.co.uk You can find Paston Ridings Primary School on the drop down menu on their home page. Orders can be paid for using all major debit and credit cards. All items available to order are listed on the website along with relevant sizes. If you require help in accessing the website or need help ordering online please speak to the school office.

Or you can visit their store at Unit 10 Wulfric Square, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8RF (near to the Ten Pin Bowling Alley) where it is possible for your child to try items on for size.

The store opening times are: Mon to Fri - 9am - 5:30pm, Sat - 9am - 1pm Tel 01733 262526



PLEASE ENSURE ALL UNIFORM IS NAMED SO IT CAN BE RETURNED TO YOUR CHILD IF LOST

PTFA Calendar of Events 2015/2016

Wednesday 18th May	DISCO	Reception 3:15pm-4:15pm
Thursday 19th May	DISCO	YR1+2 3:15-4PM
Friday 20th May	DISCO	YR 3+4 3:15-4:15PM
Friday 27th May	Bags 2 School	Collection 8:30am
Friday 10th June	Dress Down Day	Tin for Summer Fete
Friday 17th June	Summer Fete	2:00-5:00pm
Thursday 23rd June	Film Night	YR1+2+3 3:15-5:00pm
Friday 24th June	Film Night	YR4+5+6 3:15-5:00pm
Thursday 21st July	Year 6 Leavers Ball	6:00pm-8:30pm

VISIONS AND VALUES

The external signage at the front of the school has been re-vamped with the new Logo which we hope is helping to create a positive impression.

The Schools Value/Vision is:-



Respect: Respecting each other, ourselves, our environment and property.

Teamwork: Working together and supporting each other to achieve the best that we can.

Aspire: Working hard and striving to achieve our full potential without any limitations.

Enjoy: Being happy and having fun.

Nurture: Having friendships, caring for and helping others.

Pride: Being proud to come from Paston and celebrating our achievements.

We have also produced a Vision Statement that encompasses our values and who we are at Paston Ridings Primary School:

At Paston Ridings, we believe that learning is the essential building block for life, which gives us the confidence to reach our full potential with no limits.

We, as a community, strive to encourage and inspire children to have an endless thirst for learning and belief in themselves.

We pride ourselves in recognising, respecting and celebrating ourselves and each other as integral parts of the Paston Ridings Community.

A tagline which we hope will inspire children, families and staff to join us here at Paston Ridings Primary School is:

Learning without limits.

These changes are a result of the ideas from children, parents, staff and governors. Thank you once again to those parents who completed the values and vision questionnaires at Parent Evening last year.

School re opens to children on Tuesday 12th April 2016

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support in making Paston Ridings Primary School the very best place of learning it can be.

Wishing you and all your family a very Happy Easter from all at Paston Ridings

Mrs Joanna Cook and the Paston Ridings Team

