



PASTON RIDINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

SEPTEMBER 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly can I welcome you all back from the long Summer Holidays, and I hope you all enjoyed the sunshine.



Staffing Updates

We would like to welcome the following staff who have joined us in September:

Mrs C Saladino – LKS2 Leader and Year 4 Class Teacher

Miss C Dostal – Year 3 Teacher

Miss L Goodhand – Year 5 Teacher

Miss J Robinson – Reception Teacher

Mrs N Biggs – Reception Teaching Assistant

Mrs V Koca – HLTA

Mrs Z Osker – Teaching Assistant in Year 2

We would also like to say goodbye to Mrs K Kaur who has left us in the summer holidays, and would like to take this opportunity to thank her for hard work throughout the school.

As Mrs Saladino and Miss Dostal are new to the school we have organised a meet and greet for parents/carers of children in their classes and this will be on Tuesday 22nd September at the end of the school day, refreshments will be available.

During the summer holidays we have had some building work and have created a new reading recovery room. Mrs S Haire, our Reading Recovery Teacher, will be running the programme which is a short term, literacy intervention which supports children in Years 1 and 2 with their reading and writing.

We have also improved our storage facilities for PE equipment and have also now ordered three outside storage containers which we are hoping will arrive in the next couple of weeks. The storage containers will be used to place any lost property of which we are unable to find the owner of. All named items found around school will be taken directly to the children's classroom and handed back; this is why it is so important to ensure all items are clearly named.

PE Kit

Please ensure your child/ran have their PE Kit with them 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.

As you will be aware we have given each class a class name this year to improve the sense of belonging children feel at our school. I appreciate it will take a while for staff and parents to get used to these new names and have provided a list of the class names below to help you get used to them.

Reception and KS1



CLASS	TEACHER	CLASS NAME
FJM	JAYNE MAKEPEACE	DUCKLINGS
FMK	MARY KULESZA	KITTENS
FJR	JOANNE ROBINSON	CUBS
1HF/VP	HEIDI FRANKS/VICKY PRIOR	CATERPILLARS
1SB/JM	SAM BLOOR/JENNY MORGAN	LADYBIRDS
1NB	NICKY BOWLING	BEEES
2SV	SARAH VERNON	FOXES
2JA	JO ADDISON	HEDGEHOGS
2BG	BETH GRAY	OWLS



KS2



CLASS	TEACHER	CLASS NAME
3AS	AIMEE STRETTON	DOLPHINS
3BA	BETH ANDERSON	OTTERS
3CD	CAROLYN DOSTAL	SEALS
4CS	CARLA SALADINO	PUFFINS
4LGR	LEANNE GREAVES	PENQUINS
4EF	EMMA FOREMAN	PELICANS
5SW	SUZANNE WYNNE	LYNX
5RD	RUTH DIXON	LEOPARDS
5LGO	LAURA GOODHAND	PANTHERS
6BH	BRIGID HUGHES	JAGUARS
6BC	BECKY CHAPMAN	LIONS
6RH	RIAH HORNETT	TIGERS



VISIONS AND VALUES

Back in March, we sent out a questionnaire to ask for your views and thoughts about the values you feel are important for children to have in life. We have spent some time working with the children in assemblies to find out which values they think are important and what kind of school they would like Paston Ridings Primary School to be. We have spent a lot of time gathering the responses from children, staff and parents to help us build a vision of Paston Ridings Primary School and the values we will embrace in the near future.

We have combined the results into a list of 6 key values which we will incorporate into school life. We would like to share those 6 key values with you:

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.

Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

This term's consultation evening are as follows:-

Monday 12th October 2015 – 15:30 to 18:00

Wednesday 14th October 2015 – 17:00 to 19:30

Parents/carers will be sent a letter nearer the time with a slip to complete requesting an appointment with their child/runs teacher/s. Parent consultation evenings are important as it gives you a chance to talk to your child/runs teacher to discuss how they have settled into the new school year and if there are any problems which need addressing.

During Monday 12th October parents evening two of our teaching assistants Mrs D Tolley and Mrs S Chapman will be in our IT suite to provide support to parents of Year 6 pupils to complete the application forms for Secondary School. Mrs Tolley and Mrs Chapman will be available between 15:30 and 18:00 on this day.

Attendance

Can I please take this opportunity to remind you that it is important for your children to be in school to allow them to access their full learning potential. Please ensure your children are on the school playground by 8:45am so they can line up with their class and have the best start to the day they possibly can. Children arriving after this time will have to come through the school office and will receive a late mark; children who arrive after 9:05am will receive an unauthorised late mark. The Local Authority is tightening up on attendance and will, with us, monitor any child's attendance which is 90% or below.

Below are the term dates for this academic year.

TERM DATES 2015/2016

AUTUMN TERM 2015	
Opens	Monday 7 September
Half Term	26 October – 30 October
Ends	Friday 18 December
SPRING TERM 2016	
Opens	Tuesday 5 January
Half Term	15 February - 19 February
Ends	Wednesday 23 March
SUMMER TERM 2016	
Opens	Tuesday 12 April
May Day	Monday 2 May
Half Term	30 May – 3 June
Ends	Friday 22 July

Please help your child to learn well by using these dates to plan holidays outside of school term. Leave of absence will only be authorised in **exceptional circumstances** and if leave is taken, this may result in a Penalty Notice being issued.



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 a 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. Thank you.

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 Mrs Pridmore in 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



Macmillan coffee morning

Miss Bartram and Mrs Moisey are organising this event in school and children will have the opportunity to purchase cakes and biscuits during their morning break. All monies raised will go to Macmillan.

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.



Mrs Joanna Cook and the Paston Ridings Team