



PASTON RIDINGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

December 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Autumn Term is coming at an end and our thoughts turn to the Christmas Holidays. We would like to take this opportunity to keep you informed of schools progress, events and vision and values for the future.



Foundation

Ducklings, Cubs and Kittens have had a fantastic start to school. Thank you to parents and carers for supporting your child with this very important time. As discussed during parent consultations, please can parents and carers drop your children off at the cloakroom door in the morning and wait behind the outside classroom fence for children to be seen out at the end of the day at 3 o'clock.

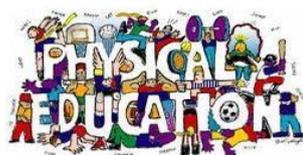
Many thanks,
The Reception Team.

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

We have appointed an Attendance and Admissions Officer Mrs R Pridmore who will take up her new post in January. She will be working closely with Mrs Harradine, School Attendance Lead and the Local Authority Attendance Officer to improve attendance and punctuality throughout the school.

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.

Pupil Attendance

Please remember if you need to make a medical appointments for your child ie, opticians, dentist or doctors these need to be made out of school hours. We understand that it is difficult to change appointment times for hospital appointments.

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 remain open for 15 minutes.



School Starts at 8:45 am



Late 8:50am

LATES

- If your child arrives after the children have entered school they will be late (after 8:45am).
- 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.

Below are the term dates for this academic year.

TERM DATES 2015/2016

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.

Healthy Packed Lunches

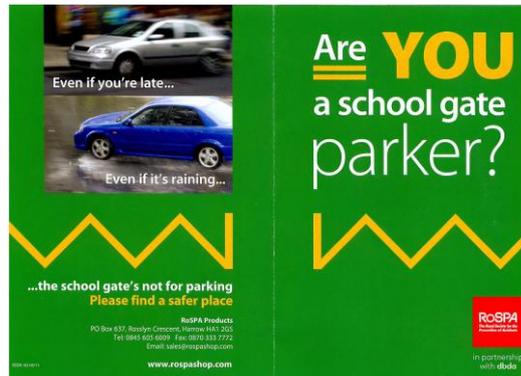
Reminder to all parents to ensure you provide a healthy packed lunch for your children. Ideas for a healthy packed lunch are: Sandwiches/Salad/Pasta salad, Yoghurt, Fruit, Jelly also can include biscuits or crisps. Please ensure you include a drink for your child (no fizzy or hot drinks). No chocolate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

Thursday 21st January	Film Night	YR1+2+3 3:15-5:00pm
Friday 22nd January	Film Night	YR4+5+6 3:15-5:00pm
Wednesday 10th February	Valentines Disco	Reception 3:15pm-4:15pm
Thursday 11th February	Valentines Disco	YR1+2 3:15-4PM
Friday 12th February	Valentines Disco	YR 3+4 3:15-4:15PM
Thursday 3rd March	world book day	All children
Thursday 17th March	Easter Bingo	6:00pm-9:30pm
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

Food Bank Donations

A massive thank you to all who brought in donations for the local food bank, they were extremely grateful



Value and Visions

Further to our work on developing our schools values and vision, we are having some work done over the Christmas Holiday. The external signage at the front of the school is being re-vamped with the new Logo which will help create a positive impression. You may have noticed the school reception has been cleared and re-painted. This area has been re-designed and we look forward to seeing the completed works in January.

When you visit school in January you will notice the new school values and vision on the signage and in the reception area.

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 5th January 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 Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Paston Ridings

Mrs Joanna Cook and the Paston Ridings Team

