



Piddle Valley CE First School

Newsletter No.1 September 2022



Welcome everyone!

How wonderful to welcome you all back to school. I hope you all had an amazing summer break and that you are ready for the new school year!

We have a number of new members of staff to introduce, so a very warm welcome to Mr. Giddings our Year 1/2 support teacher, Mrs. Moore our finance officer and Mrs. Shutler our new midday supervisor. It is always exciting when we welcome new staff and they bring a new energy to our school so we all look forward to working with our new team. Mrs. Moore will be available in the school office from 8:30am to 12:30 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday so if you have any questions regarding invoices, finance etc. please don't hesitate to come into school and speak with her.

Welcome Assembly

We would like to welcome our new children and their families to Piddle Valley to a special '**Welcome Assembly**' on **Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 9:05am in the school hall**. Everyone is welcome but we do hope our Reception parents will be able to join us as this is our opportunity to welcome our new reception class and for the children to ring the school bell – a tradition we have here at Piddle Valley CE First School when we welcome a new pupils or member of staff to our school.

Charity Support

As in previous years we like to support local charities by hosting a non-uniform day or cake sale or something similar. This year we would like to support 'Children In Need' on **Friday 18th November 2022**, when the children will be invited to come dressed in their 'spotacular' outfits and 'Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion (FSCI) Christmas Box 2022'. Further information will be shared with families over the next week or so.

Correspondence

We will be sending home a number of forms and permission slips. These will include Home/school agreements, Consent for taking and using photographs and medical updates. Your help in getting these completed and returned to school quickly would be appreciated. If your contact details change please ensure you update Mrs. Wrixon in the school office straight away.

Please make sure you have access to your Eschools account as we are keen to reduce the amount of photocopying and paper used in school so future Newsletters and information will begin to be delivered via email. Many thanks

Curriculum and class information

Each class teacher will be sending home a curriculum leaflet. The leaflet will give an overview of the content of the curriculum covered for the term and any topics which may be explored. We will also be hosting a parent workshop focusing on supporting 'Early reading and phonics' on **Wednesday 21st September from 4:00pm – 5:30pm** – all parents are welcome.

Practical support

Please provide a water bottle for your child each day filled with water (no juice or squash please).

Please ensure your child's water bottle is labelled with their name.

These will come home daily to be washed and refilled.

School book bags are available to order on line. Please contact Mrs. Wrixon if you require further information. We do have some available in the office at a cost of £6.50.

Please provide your child with PE kit. This should include; navy blue shorts, white t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers in a labelled PE kit bag. Please ensure **all items are labelled** with your child's name. PE bags will stay in school for the half term unless needing a wash!

Morning drop off

If your child is at all unsettled coming into school, we will reassure them, show care and understanding and encourage them into class as quickly as we can. If you are at all worried about your child and would like to telephone the school office to find out how they are, you are more than welcome. We will of course contact you if we need to. It is vital that the children arrive on time and are part of the early routines with the rest of their class. For pupils arriving late, this can be very unsettling and can in some instances have a negative impact for the rest of the day. Lateness also contributes to your child's attendance figure as children who arrive after the registers are closed at 9:00am are marked as an unauthorised absence.



Forest schools will be on a **Tuesday** for all the children. Please make sure they bring into school appropriate clothing and footwear. Unless the weather conditions are deemed unsafe all forest school sessions will take place.

To ensure the children fully enjoy the experience can we just draw your attention to our recommended clothing list:

- Wellies
- Socks
- Hat/sun hat, weather depending
- Long-sleeved top (NOT short, as long sleeves will protect against brambles and nettles)
- Full-length trousers
- Jumper
- Waterproof trousers (school is able to provide weatherproof trousers for Preschool/Year R/1/2)
- Waterproof coat (should it rain, we still aim to go ahead with Forest School)

As part of the sessions, Forest school will incorporate a campfire, usually towards the end of each half term. During this session the children will enjoy cooking something over the fire, this may be a s'more (a melted marshmallow sandwiched between two chocolate digestive biscuits, baked fruit, bread cooked on a stick or soups) accompanied with a cup of hot chocolate (made only with hot water, no milk) a permission slip is attached for your child to eat/drink the food provided, please return this signed to your child's class teacher.

We will let you know in advance when and what we will be cooking over the fire; if you would prefer your child not to eat or drink these please feel free to send in an alternative item of food and drink (in a flask if a warm drink).

Forest School – Permission slip September 2022 Piddle Valley CE First School

My child is / is not able to drink the hot chocolate or eat the food provided by school.

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I will supply my own food and drink for my child.

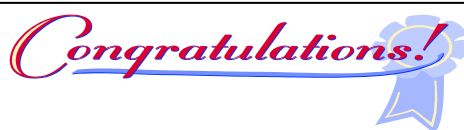
Signed: Date:

Keeping our children safe – Safeguarding at PV

During our recent safeguarding update for staff we were reminded about the importance of keeping our children safe around technology. Could I please take this opportunity to remind you that parents/carers are permitted to use their mobile devices to take photographs of their own children during school events but these are for personal use only and should not be posted on any social media sites. *We also request that mobile phones are not used whilst on a school trip or whilst you are in school.*

Thank you for your support.

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact the Designated safeguarding lead: Mrs Browne or the Deputy Safeguarding leads: Mrs Nelson and Mrs. V



Please let us know about your child's achievements so we can include them in our newsletters.

Autumn term dates 2022

Thursday 8th September 2022 – Frazier Photographer in school
Thursday 8th September 2022 – Kickboxing starts today!
Tuesday 20th September 2022 – Welcome assembly @ 9:00am in the school hall
Wednesday 21st September 2022 – Early Reading and Phonics workshop @ 4:00pm
Tuesday 4th October to Monday 10th October 2022 – Scholastic Book Fair (Details to follow)
Monday 10th October 2022 – Mental Health Day
Thursday 13th October to Wednesday 19th October 2022 – Harvest themed learning across the school
Tuesday 18th October 2022 – Parent Teacher meetings 3:30 to 6:30pm
Wednesday 19th October 2022 – Parent Teacher meetings 3:30 to 6:30pm
Thursday 20th October 2022 – Harvest assembly at 9:00am followed by 'A Harvest Exhibition'
Thursday 20th October 2022 @ 3:15pm School closes for half term holiday for the children
Friday 21st October 2022 – Staff training day
Monday 24th October 2022 to Tuesday 1st November 2022 – Half term holiday
Monday 31st October 2022 – Staff training day
Tuesday 6th December 2022 – Carol Singing in Piddletrenthide @ 5:00pm
Wednesday 14th December 2022 – Piddle Valley Christmas party lunch
Friday 16th December 2022 – Term ends @ 3:15pm and Christmas Jumper day
Week beginning Monday 12th December 2022 – Christmas performances

After School Clubs – Autumn term 2022

Starting Monday 12th September 2022 – 17th October 2022 Football Yrs 2, 3 and 4
Starting Wednesday 14th September 2022 – 19th October 2022 – Gymnastics Yrs 2, 3 and 4
Starting Thursday 15th September – 13th October 2022 – Gardening Club Yrs 2, 3 and 4

Sessions need to be booked and paid for via SchoolComms before the club takes place if you would like your child to take part. No bookings will be taken over the phone/email/at the office etc. If your child is not booked into the club or on the club list they will need to be collected at 3:15pm as usual.