



# NEWSLETTER

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## Headteacher Message

We would like to wish you all a warm welcome back to school after the Christmas break and a Happy New Year to all our families. We trust that you had an enjoyable time celebrating and participating in Christmas festivities. As the winter months continue and it gets progressively cold, please remember to check your child has their jumper and coat, and that they are in appropriate clothing and footwear. Children spend significant periods of time outdoors throughout the week and need to be dressed appropriately.

Although Christmas is fast becoming a distant memory I would like to thank you all for attending the different events and supporting the children. The Christmas Fair was a particular highlight and this was only made possible due to the commitment of our hard working parent council. The nativity plays and carol concerts also deserve a special mention with such beautiful performances from the children. Thank you to all the staff and children involved in these productions.  
Happy New Year!



Anita Edwards  
Executive Headteacher

Attendance	
Week Ending 11.01.19	
R	98.6%
Year 1	94.0%
Year 2	95.8%
Year 3	96.1%
Year 4	94.7%
Year 5	96.1%
Year 6	98.2%
Whole School (weekly)	96.3%
Whole School (Sept to date)	95.9%
<b>Target 96.2%</b>	

## Important Information for parents regarding this years holidays!

Easter falls unusually late this year at the end of April. This has affected the pattern of school holidays across the UK that parents and carers need to be aware of. Normally, Good Friday and Easter Monday fall within the school spring holiday closure period, but this year it will be different. The Easter Holidays are 'standalone' Bank Holidays and are NOT part of our spring-to-summer term holiday break.

**Partington Central Academy will close for its Spring Break from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April. The last day in school is Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March and school finishes at 3:05pm.**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March is an INSET Training day for teaching staff.**

**All students return on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 08:45am. The Easter holidays (Bank Holidays) are on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.**

**The early spring bank holiday or 'May Day' holiday is on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May. School resumes on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 8:45am.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:**  
We have been notified by Trafford that there will be a slight increase on school dinners which will come to effect from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Therefore the cost will increase from £2.10 to £2.20/day.  
Thank you!

## Dates for your Diary

**16<sup>th</sup> January '19**  
Y1 PE Festival @ Broadoak 1.45pm - 2.45pm  
**22 January '19**  
Y6 SATs meeting for Parents  
**25<sup>th</sup> January '19**  
Y2 PE Festival @ Broadoak 1.45pm - 2.45pm  
**8<sup>th</sup> February '19**  
School closes  
**18<sup>th</sup> February '19**  
Back to School

## Terrific Time Keepers

The winners this week are 3SI, 3GC, 4CW & 6LP!  
What an achievement!  
Well Done!



## Welcome



**Miss Aspinnall**  
who joins our  
Nursery



**Miss Birtwhistle**  
who joins our  
Year 6 team.

## Collection of Children

Please can you ensure that end of the day collection arrangements are in place before your child comes to school in the morning. During the school day we receive a high volume of calls to change end of day arrangements, involving passing messages onto children last thing!

This is causing excessive disruption to lessons and causing safeguarding difficulties.

Can you also please ensure that if another adult is picking your child up you have informed us and ensure that they know the password – this includes picking up from the afterschool club!

Many thanks.

## Changes to our morning routine in Reception

From Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January, we will be inviting Parents/Carers to bring your child into the classroom and share a quick activity with them each morning.

We hope this will give you a better insight into your child's learning environment and the teaching and learning activities that occur and provide a more informal environment for you to ask any questions that you may have.

We look forward to seeing you on Monday morning!

## Important Note to Parents

Parents can now ring **0161 912 3265** to find out if they think their children are eligible for Free School Meals. We have a number of children who we feel should be entitled to this and would urge all parents to please ring and check for each of your children.

Thank you!

## Urgent Reminder:

Can all parents/carers please ensure children are not bringing nut based food to school for snacks or lunches. This includes Nutella, or items containing Nutella and all nut butters.

## School Uniform Reminders

Can we please remind all parents of the following:

**Boys** are to wear trousers, dark grey or tailored dark grey dark grey shorts **in the summer - Term 3 only.**

**Girls** to wear dark grey skirt or pinafore.

**Shoes:** Black school shoes **must** be worn by all pupils. Boots, trainers or 'trainer type' shoes are **not** acceptable.

**Hair:** Long hair should be tied back with a plain bobble Extreme hair fashions, including dyed and 'striped' hair/ patterned and extensions are not permitted. Shaved heads are unacceptable and hair should be no shorter than a No.3 and must be tapered or graded.

**Jewellery** is not permitted in school; if you intend to have your child's ears pierced this **must** be done at the beginning of the summer break, this will allow time for the healing process.

However, children are not permitted to wear earrings in school.

Thank you.



## Primary Schools Football Tournament

For the third consecutive year our school was represented in the Primary Schools football tournament held at Manchester United's Cliff training ground.

Both teams played well with one of the teams actually winning the tournament! Unbeaten in five group games the team played a hard fought final, drawing after full time but winning the penalty shoot-out.

The boys will return in February to play in the Tournament of Champions where, we are sure, they will once again be outstanding ambassadors for our school. Well done PCA!

## ★ OUR STARS OF THE WEEK ★

REB — Richie-Lee Burgess & Willow Atkinson

REC — Olivia Stynes & Rosie Hobson

IKO — Beau Lill & Dexter English

1AV — Laila-Rae Williams-Scott & Franchesca Halton

2SJ — Grace Waller & Marisa Davenport

2HW — Nichakorm Stynes & Ruby-Lea Southwell

3SI — Poppy-May Hobson & Jackson Smith

3GC — Harry Christy & Lauren Boardman

4CT — Maja Lena Portalska & Ava Meaney

4CW — Lola Oldham & Logan Shepley

5AF — Samantha Lowther & Joseph Sanganoo

5LA — Damianscott Perkins & Max Corley

6LP — Matthew Jones & Harley Morritt

6CB — Emmanuel Changiz & Madison Bunseedhun

## Playtime Snacks

Our new Healthy Snack Policy is in place. To support this initiative we are now offering all children (not just infants) a free piece of fruit at playtime every day.



Children can bring their own snack if they choose to but this **must** be in line with our healthy policy. Healthy snacks can include items such as fruit, veg, dried fruit bars, cereal bars etc. The children won't be allowed such items as crisps, sweets, chocolates and cakes at playtimes. Thank you.