



# NEWSLETTER

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## Headteacher Message

Welcome back!

I am delighted that the children have finally returned to school and have settled into the new routines so quickly. They have been greatly missed! The children have responded incredibly well to the changes during this difficult period and they are taking the new health and safety measures seriously. We continue to work hard to keep your children as safe as possible and have introduced a range of measures to reduce the risk of infection. Full details of the trust risk assessment can be accessed on our school website.

We have been particularly impressed by our new starters in Early Years. Many of these children did not have the opportunity to visit school or meet the staff in the summer, however, they have embraced school life to the full! They have demonstrated confidence and resilience despite having very limited transition opportunities. They are a credit to their families and we look forward to getting to know them over the coming weeks.

After such a long period out of school, it is essential that all children catch-up as quickly as possible on any missed learning. Children also need to complete last year's core curriculum before beginning their new objectives. All children in Y1 to Y6 are being taught a 'recovery curriculum' in the first half term to ensure that any gaps in learning are addressed. Yesterday you will have received the new Pen Profile documents (via SchoolPing) that outline the basic objectives being taught in the next six weeks. Please contact the school if you haven't received these.

Finally, thank you to all of our parents for accommodating the Covid-19 changes in school. We recognise that many of these changes may cause some inconvenience but we continue to put the safety of staff and children first. We hope to get back to our normal procedures as soon as possible and will keep you updated of any changes via SchoolPing.

Thank you.

**Anita Edwards – Executive Headteacher**



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Executive Headteacher



Katy Higginson  
Head of School

Visit our website for all our dates!

## Welcome!

A warm welcome to Mrs Williams who has joined us in the role of English & Transition Leader for The Dean Trust. Mrs Williams will be based at PCA for 3 days a week and will be sharing her English expertise with us. She will be teaching children throughout the school and supporting curriculum development in English. We are delighted to welcome her to our team!



## Parent Queries

Please note that if you have any questions or concerns then please don't hesitate to ring/email the main office. Please avoid attending the school site if you can unless you have an appointment. Thank you for your understanding.

### Attendance Week Ending 11.9.20

R	97.5%
Year 1	94.5%
Year 2	98.0%
Year 3	96.4%
Year 4	99.8%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	98.2%
Whole School (weekly)	97.8%
Whole School (Sept to date)	97.4%

**Target 97%**

## Class Charters



Each year group has discussed the rules and behaviour they feel is important in their class. The children have agreed what the rules should be in their class and created a Class Charter to follow. All the children have signed the charter to agree they will follow these rules and the teachers have agreed to make sure they implement the rules on behalf of the children.

## Terrific Time Keepers



The winners this week are REC, RKK, 1EN, 2HW, 3SI, 4CW, 4CT, 5AF, 6CB and 6LP!

What an achievement!  
Well done!  
Remember - Be on time at twenty to nine!

## PE Kits

Children **must** come to school dressed in their PE kits on the days they have PE.

As they are in PE kits all day, they are also allowed to wear dark tracksuit bottoms (with their school jumper) if it is too cold for shorts.

## Reading

Reading books will be sent home on Mondays. They should remain at home all week and be returned to school on Fridays. The expectation is that children read **at least 3x** a week as a minimum.

## Bicycles / Scooters

Please note that children cannot bring their bicycles/scooters onto the school grounds at the moment. We apologise for the inconvenience.