

PETER PAN NEWS



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Our Curriculum

At Peter Pan we offer a seasonal and cultural curriculum to all our children, from our youngest 2 year olds to our Reception children. By this we mean that we follow the seasons of the year and the festivals of all cultures.

We try to include as many cultural traditions as we can; if your family celebrates something that we do not currently offer please do let us know so that we can incorporate it into our curriculum. We want all our families to feel included and valued within our federation family.

This half term we will be focusing on our value of Kindness. We will be helping our new children settle into nursery school. We will be using the story of the “Gingerbread Man” to support our learning. We will be making gingerbread man biscuits and using songs and rhymes to develop our understanding of communication and language. There is a recipe sheet in the entrance for Gingerbread men – please take one and make them at home

We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year which falls on Saturday 25th January. We will be cooking Chinese noodles and learning the dragon dance to support this.



School Term Dates 2019 - 2020

Spring Term 2020

9th January 2020 to
3rd April 2020

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Half Term

17th – 21st February 2020

Summer Term 2020

23rd April 2020 to
17th July 2020

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Half Term

25th -29th May 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the new school term. I hope you all had a lovely break with your family and friends. The children have all returned to school so well, and we warmly welcome all our new children and families to the federation.

As well as welcoming new children we have a couple of new members of staff to introduce to you.

Sophie James has been with us for some time as a volunteer and now joins us as a member of staff. Rachael Wilson also joins us to cover maternity leave.

I am delighted to inform you that Lizzie had a beautiful baby boy over the Christmas holiday and we send her all our best wishes.

Zoe and Noreen have also now gone on maternity leave and will have their babies in February. We will keep you posted.

I hope you all enjoy this term in school and look forward to seeing you all.

Isabel Davis
Executive Head Teacher

A full Academic Calendar is available from the school website

SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS

To ensure that safety of all our children at Peter Pan we would like to remind you about the importance we place on Safeguarding.

- Please ensure that you close all doors and gates behind you as you arrive and leave nursery.
- Please do not let other adults into the building – always ask a member of staff to answer the door.
- If your child needs to use the toilet before their session starts please use the visitors toilet – we ask that parents do not enter the children's toilets.
- Please do not use your mobile phone whilst in the nursery classrooms.
- If you are not going to be the person collecting your child from school, please let us know in advance – we will not allow any child to leave with an adult we do not know.
- If you are running late to collect your child for any reason please ring the school office on 01234 350864 to let us know.

If you see or hear anything whilst you are in nursery that concerns you please ask to speak to Julie or Clare.

Pushchairs/Bikes

The space in our store is very limited.

Please fold down your pushchair before putting it in the store.

Please DO NOT leave pushchairs in the front garden; put them into the gated area where the store is.

Gates

Please ensure that you close all gates behind you when you arrive and leave the school site. Please do not assume that someone else will do it. This is for the safety and security of all the children.

Emergency contact information

If you got a new mobile phone for Christmas and changed your number, please do remember to let us know. It is vital that we are able to contact you in an emergency.

Starting School September 2020

Please remember that if your child is due to start school in September 2020 then you need to apply by Wednesday 15th January 2020 for the school of your choice.

Funding Forms

Once again it is time to submit our funding forms to the Local Authority. Please ensure that you complete the form and return it to the office as soon as possible. If you do not return it to us we will be unable to claim your child's funding. When completing the forms please ensure that you include your national insurance details accurately on the back of the form. If you have any questions or would like any help completing the form please speak to Sandra or Penny in the office.

Parental Permissions – photographs

On your child's admission form we ask for your permission to use your child's image for different things. In order to simplify this we are now asking your permission to use your child's image for all external uses. This will include: social media – Facebook, Twitter, Website, Marketing materials, Training videos both internal and external. We will no longer separate the permissions. If you do not wish your child's image to be used for one thing, e.g training, then it will not be used for any purposes at all. We hope that this will make choosing whether you give permission much clearer. Please come and speak to us if you have any questions.

Modelling Table

We are always grateful for donations for our modelling table. We need things like kitchen roll tubes, milk bottle tops and small cardboard boxes. The children love to make models and take them home so supplies can run out quickly!!

Food in School

We provide snack for all children throughout their session at school. Please **do not** put food or drinks in your child's bag. We have some children in school with allergies and we need to ensure that all items in school are safe for all the children.

School Fund

Please remember your £1 donation. This really helps us a huge amount with providing healthy snack for the children. It also helps us purchase additional resources such as nails for the woodwork table and ingredients for cooking.

