



Easter Newsletter, 2015

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<p>Parental Involvement News</p> <p>'Keeping Up with the Kids in Maths' was completed last term by ten mums with children in Y2 & Y3. Well done to you all!</p> <p>'Learn English' classes continue on Wednesdays 9-11am & 12.30-2.30pm.</p> <p>'Sewing for Beginner's is on Thursdays 9.30am-11.30am. This will become an improvers class after Easter.</p> <p>Coffee mornings are 9am-9.30am every Thursday.</p> <p>Congratulations to our Dads Peel Park Primary 5-a-side team who beat Killinghall Primary dads in the final 14-7! Whoop! Whoop!</p>	<p>Comic Relief</p> <p>On Friday 13th March we took part in the national Comic Relief event. I am very pleased to report that we had lots of fun in school and raised a whopping £850 on the day (more still coming in)!</p> <p>A big thank you to all our families for donating and also to Mr Christy and Mrs Akhtar for organising the day.</p>	<p>Easter Holiday</p> <p>School closes on Friday 27th March at 13.15 (1.15pm) for our two week Easter holiday.</p> <p>(Please turn over)</p>



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Staffing Changes

Mrs Castle (Assistant Headteacher for Early Years) leaves us at the end of this term. Mrs Castle is going to work at Bradford College as a lecturer in Teacher Training. Mrs Shafique (Nursery Teacher) will be moving into Reception to teach the children in Reception Pine Class.

Mr Wallis (Year 3 Teacher) leaves us too and will be spending some time with his family. Mr Smith will be moving from Year 4 to teach in Y3 Chestnut.

Thank you to Mrs Castle and Mr Wallis for all your hard work. You are lovely people and it has been a pleasure having you at our school. All the best for the future!

Ms Culley (Year 5 Teacher) will be going on maternity leave. We wish her and her family all the very best with the forthcoming birth of their second child! Mrs King will be her replacement. Mrs King joins us from Frizinghall Primary School and has made a superb start to her time here at Peel Park; I know she will make sure all the children in her class continue to make good progress.

We have another new teacher joining us called Mrs Wetherley. Mrs Wetherley will be our new teacher in Nursery from April. Mrs Wetherley is a very experienced teacher and comes to us with glowing references!

Please join me in making our new staff feel welcome and part of the Peel Park Family.

Attendance and Punctuality

This remains a big concern for the school. Our current attendance figure is just 93.8% which is a decline on this time last year and way off the national average of 96%! In comparison, Barkerend Primary School's figure is 96.8%!!

Bradford City Council and our Governing Body have instructed me to 'get tough' with those families whose children have poor attendance and/or are persistently late to school in the morning.

If a child has poor attendance at school in their primary school years they are far more likely NOT to achieve 5 GCSEs (A-C) at the end of secondary school; in other words, they are being set up to fail the education system.

It is the responsibility of ALL parents/carers to make sure their child(ren) attend school EVERY school day. By keeping children away from school parents/carers are letting their child down and letting the school down.

We will be stepping up our efforts to improve attendance and punctuality after Easter.

There is more information about this on our website:

www.peelparkprimary.co.uk
and click on 'Information for Parents/Carers'