



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Autumn Term

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## Healthy School

At Piper's Vale Academy we want to provide the best learning experience for our pupils and a great way for you to help your children is by providing them with a healthy snack at break time to give them more energy for their learning. Healthy Snacks could include plain biscuits such as digestives or rich tea, fruit, raisins or fruit bars. We also want our pupils to enjoy healthy packed lunches so they are ready for learning in the afternoon. A healthy packed lunch could include a sandwich/wrap/pasta pot, a piece of fruit, yoghurt, plain biscuit and preferably a bottle of water. We are a nut free school so please make sure that none of the snacks or packed lunches you provide your child with contains nuts. We really appreciate your co-operation with this.

### The classes with the best attendance for last week were:

#### Week beginning: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November

Well done to Dove class as they had the best attendance with 100% last week. However there were 10 lates. Please work on your punctuality.

Curlew came a close second with 98.9% attendance and they had **no** lates. Well done.

## Christmas Arrangements

December is fast approaching and we would like to share some important dates for Christmas celebrations happening in school.

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November

We are having a non-uniform day. The fine will be a donation for the Christmas tombola.

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

School Christmas dinner. A Parentmail form will be sent shortly with details on how to sign up, so please look out for that and respond with your child's choices. A hardcopy will be sent to those who have not provided an email address.

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

School Christmas Fair from 3pm to 5pm. We will have a number of stalls, games, tombola and raffles as well as Santa's Grotto. There will also be hot food available to buy.

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Piper's Vale Christmas Concert. A chance for us to share with you our beautiful singing and all the songs we have learnt this term.

KS1 will perform at 1.20 -1.50pm  
KS2 will perform at 2.10 – 2.40pm



## Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will be taking place on the dates below. A letter providing you with a time for your appointment will be sent out next week.

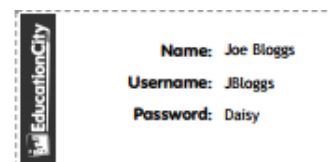
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Reception & Year 1
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 4
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 & Year 6
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Year 5

## Education City

Next week the children will be receiving a log in for the Education City online program. Parents can access this online at

<https://ec1.educationcity.com/>

Each child will have a login stuck into their reading record book. An example can be seen below. Each child has been allocated a username and password by the system.



If you wish to download the Education City programme onto a tablet at home we will be emailing out instructions next week as to how to do this. It is an app called 'Puffin Academy' that can be downloaded to allow access to Education City.

## Fresh Start

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the Fresh Start meeting on Thursday afternoon. We look forward to your support with homework and reading at home over the next few weeks.

Please find some useful websites below:

Ruth Miskin Parents' Page:

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>

Ruth Miskin Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/miskin.education>

Free e-books for home reading:

<http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/Reading/>