Paces School for Conductive Education.

Autumn Term 2020

Dear Parents:
Lockdown now feels like a distant memory and I am so pleased with the way in which the staff and pupils have adapted to our new normal.
I want to thank parents/carers for the way they have followed the guidance regarding attendance and Covid 19. Your support and understanding are much appreciated. Should you ever require assistance working through any of the guidance please do not hesitate to email me for help.

Moving and Handling Tips:
Lizzie (Deputy Head) is our certified Moving and Handling trainer in school and is responsible for staff training as well as creating safe moving and handling plans for all the pupils.

Following requests from some of the parents Lizzie will be delivering a virtual workshop giving hints and tips for parents/carers to look after themselves when supporting our pupils at home.

We will not be able to offer any specific advice relating to pieces of equipment as this training should have been provided by a physio or OT.

The date of this workshop will be 25th November. A zoom link for those parents who are interested will be sent out nearer the time.

Parent Governor:
A vacancy for a parent governor has become available. Any interested parents should contact Colin Harris (Chair of Governors) 07840 613188 for further information.

Harvest Festival:

We have missed spending time together as a whole school. This is why we really enjoyed our virtual Harvest Festival. It was lovely to see all of our friends and to remind ourselves of why we celebrate at this Harvest time. We had a whole school quiz which the Wentworth Class won- although they were in charge of scoring so there is some debate about how valid their victory was!

Children in Need Day:

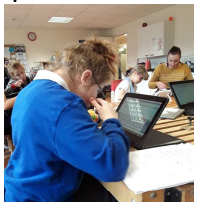
We are delighted to have welcomed our outreach families back into Paces over the past 3 weeks.
We continue to benefit from funding from Children in Need that allows our outreach families to attend these sessions free of charge.
On Friday 13th November we will celebrate Children in Need Day. Pupils will be invited to wear fancy dress/Children in Need items of clothing. A donation of £1 is requested to go to Children in Need.
Pupils will take part in some Pudsey related activities that day.

Paces Family Services:
The Paces Family Services team will be sending out a half-termly round up to run alongside the school newsletter. We'd like to know what do you want to see in it? Please send thoughts and ideas to Vicki.donohoe@pacessheffield.org.uk
Don't forget the Virtual Halloween Event on Friday 30th October at 2.30pm. Please contact Vicki for details to join this event.

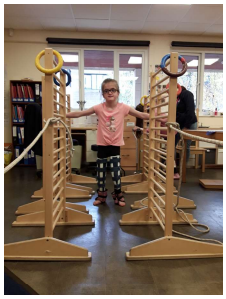
Durham Class:
We visited Yorkshire wildlife park at the beginning of October. It was a fantastic educational visit. Children enjoyed spotting the animals and they took part in a classroom activity organised by the zoo.

Hardwick Class:
We have enjoyed exploring the school and finding some of the best landmarks outside, making signs for each one and making sure they each look amazing.
We have done some fantastic work on our physical skills – we are working on the plinths, crawling, standing, walking, rolling and even pulling! Each day we practice a vast amount of physical skills and work hard on making sure we do as much as we can independently.
It has been great seeing everyone back in school again, we have been settling into our routines and lessons very well: exploring maths with Splash! the duck – working on colours, shapes and skills; seeing what's in the 'magic bag' in phonics – what different things do we find that start with each letter? A party, a tiger, a telephone, who knows?

Balmoral Class: This term in school we have purchased 21 new laptops that the pupils are using throughout the school. We have also purchased Clicker 8- a software package designed to enable the pupils to be more independent in the way they record their work.



Wentworth Class:
This term we have been working hard to develop our physical skills post lockdown. We have also been learning about different artists. Here is Eleanor's version of the squares and concentric circles by Kandinsky. Eleanor is stood in front of our lovely art display.



Warwick Class:
Warwick class have had a fantastic start to the new school year. We are now a lovely group of four- all with bundles of enthusiasm and already making great progress. Our topic this term is 'What's the Weather Like?' and we've had lots of fun going outside to blow leaves, play in the sun and jump in puddles! We've also made rain-maker instruments, baked apple crumble and collaged a giant sunshine. Every morning the children try their very best in the Task Series, learning about their bodies and celebrating many achievements.

Future dates for your diary:

Halloween Event	Fri 30th Oct 2020
Pupils return to school	2nd Nov 2020
Children in Need Day	13th Nov 2020
Christmas Jumper Day	11th Dec 2020
Last day of term	18th Dec 2020
Staff training days	4th/5th Jan 2020
Pupils return to school	6th Jan 2021

Windsor Class:
We have enjoyed our first term back, and it was lovely to welcome to new children into our Windsor class. This term we have particularly enjoyed our art and design lessons where we have explored a range of artists and re-created their famous pieces.

Fundraising:
As you all know, the Paces Charity Team are working hard to raise enough funds to build a brand-new school and have lots of exciting events planned such as:

11th December- Christmas Jumper Day- Whether you're at home or at work, wear your Christmas jumper and donate £1 to Paces. Why not encourage your work colleagues to join in the festive fun!

23rd May 2021- London Landmarks Half Marathon- Take in all the sights of the London Marathon at half the distance!

If you would like to discuss other ways to get involved, please email our Head of Fundraising, Julie Booth at julie.booth@pacessheffield.org.uk

Reporting your child's absence:

Please remember to ring the school office before 9.15am each day if your child will be absent from school. The office number is 0114 284 5298.
If your child has an appointment please could you let the school office know either by sending in an absence form (found on the website) or by emailing office@paces-school.org.uk. Where possible evidence of your child's appointment should be shown, although we do appreciate that this is not always possible.
Please note that the school mobile is now not always in use and not routinely checked. Please do not rely on this to communicate with us in school. Should you need to contact someone urgently over the weekend or holidays please use my email address ruth.liu@paces-school.org.uk.