



Paces School for Conductive Education.

Summer Term 1 2021

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another half term we reflect on the positive steps that we are all able to take in getting back to more normal ways of living.

Although we are still very much sticking to our bubbles and will probably work this way until the end of term, we are now able to move staff between bubbles which will have a positive impact on school life. It has been fantastic to welcome back all our pupils this half term which feels like one step closer to being one big happy family again! I hope you all have an enjoyable half term and that the weather improves and we are all able to enjoy being outdoors.

Ruth – Headteacher

Outreach:

This term we are pleased to have welcomed back our outreach families through the door. Due to Covid-19 we are still only offering 1:1 sessions, but we are staying positive and hoping soon we can offer group sessions together again.

It has been a pleasure to finally meet so many children who attend the Outreach Service. We have been working on lots of areas of our development, but the main focus has been settling back in and having fun. "Having fun is the best way to learn" (Albert Einstein).

Looking forward to getting to know you more next term.

Abbey Williams- Outreach Conductor

Family Services: During this half term I have spent a week in each classroom allowing me to get to know the children across the school. It has been lovely to put names to faces and have conversations with each and everyone one of the children about their interests, school life and home life. I have loved seeing all the different personalities of the children that make our school.

I have also completed a Sibs training course to allow me to put together a group for the siblings of the children that attend Paces. It has given me lots of great ideas of what we want to be able to offer as a school and a Family Service Team. Now restrictions are slowly being lifted I hope this is something we can provide very soon. Becca Toone- Family Services

Fundraising:

Our Fundraising Team are looking to share stories of our children and wanted to give you the opportunity to take part. Many supporters are so touched and inspired by our children and love to read about what a difference Paces has made to their lives, which often leads to further fundraising support.

A number of families have shared their stories already and we have seen an increase in support due to these being shared on our website and on social media.

If you would like to be involved, it would just be a short and informal chat with a member of our Fundraising Team to give you the opportunity to speak about your child and Paces.

You can contact our Head of Fundraising, Julie Booth on 07497145105 or email julie.booth@paccessheffield.org.uk

Attendance:

Please can I remind everyone that if your child will not be in school you must phone the school office before 9.00am and either leave a message or speak to a member of the admin team.

Please try and avoid booking holidays during term time. As a school we cannot authorize holidays, and these will therefore be recorded as an unauthorized absence.

Medical appointments: Where possible we must ask for evidence when your child has an appointment. We understand that some appointments are made via the phone and this is not possible.

If your child has an appointment in the morning and it is reasonable to do so, we would expect that they return to school for the rest of the day. If they have an appointment in the afternoon, we would expect that they would come to school in the morning and then be picked up and taken to their appointment. Not all appointments require a full day away from school, although we appreciate that some might.

Warwick Class:

In Warwick class we have started a new summer topic called 'How many pebbles on the beach?' With the weather continuing to be chillier than we would have liked, we have used our imaginations to role-play ice-cream shops and explore seaside objects. We had a great time reading seaside poems, especially when Pirate Pete came to show us his talking parrot! Every week, the pupils have had huge amounts of fun whilst working exceptionally hard towards their targets. Personal care has been a particular focus, with each pupil becoming more independent in the bathroom, at mealtimes and with their dressing skills. There has been so much to celebrate!

**Hardwick Class:**

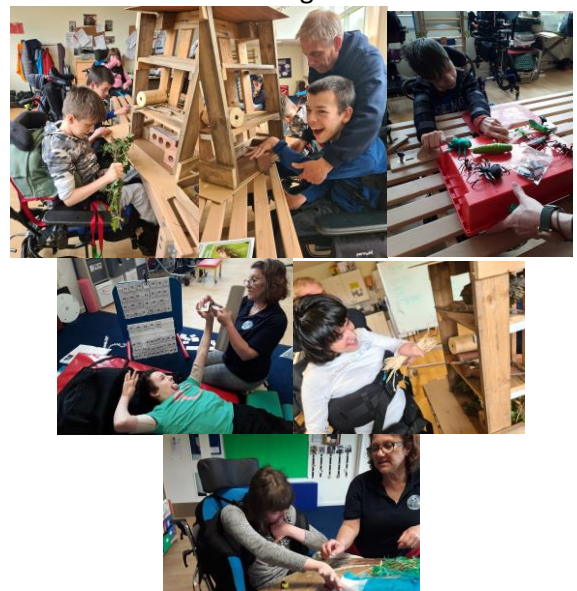
We have been having lots of fun with our topic: "What can you see in Summer?" We have particularly been enjoying our story "Summer is here" where we have looked at what different things start to happen in summer from feeling frogspawn (chia seeds), our toes being tickled by the lapping waves on the beach to the sun basking down on us.

We have had a wonderful time with our arts and crafts this half term. We have been working hard to make the display: A Day on the Beach! We have used our hands, pens, pencil fingerprints, tissue paper and even sandpaper to create a wonderful beach scene where the children put themselves into the scene!

Due to the brief times where the weather has improved, we have had the opportunity to go outside and take part in art activities, photo opportunities and set off some rockets with a visit from Rocket Rob from the "Mad Science" team!

**Windsor Class:**

This term we have been exploring a variety of minibeasts and their habitats. We have created 3d structures of the life cycle of a butterfly in our art and design as well as creating a bug house for all the minibeasts in our garden. We've also been working very hard in other areas of learning particularly in our English and Maths working towards our individual targets.



Durham Class:

This half term we investigated mixtures, from paint and toothpaste to jelly and shaving foam. We have enjoyed the story of George's Marvellous Medicine and wrote recipes and stories of our own. We have used our science skills to explore everyday materials, investigate soap products and explore different materials that freeze and melt.

We tasted a wide variety of foods, learned about healthy eating and followed recipes and made some yummy treats including pizza and ice cream!

Our artwork also relied on our mixing skills. We have painted with ice cubes, modelled clay into exciting shapes and used a variety of materials to make mixed media collages.



Balmoral Class:

This term we have been exploring the topic Scrumdidlyumptous. We have explored lots of different tastes, textures and smells including baking our very own bread!

In Science we have discovered how to keep ourselves hydrated through the day, tasting and feeling different fruits, dehydrating them, to discover which are the best to eat on a hot day!

In English we have enjoyed reading Charlie and the Chocolate factory, matching different smells, tastes, textures and sounds to individual characters and scenes. In ICT, the pupils have been challenged to code and debug various programmes in Scratch and ScratchJr, creating their very own story scenes, as well as identifying bugs and reprogramming them accordingly.



Wentworth Class:

This half term, despite the unpredictable weather, we have started to go outside to do our PE lessons. We tried badminton, tennis and different throwing games, ball games. The class has been making some fantastic displays in the theme of myths and legends. We've also been learning about the digestive system in science and complete some experiments in (e.g. how food breaks down in our stomach, yuck!). We have also had lots of wonderful new toys to support our playtimes which we are enjoying.



Future dates for your diary:

Staff training day:	Monday 7 June
Start of term	Tuesday 8 June
End of term:	Wednesday 21 July
Summer School:	Monday 26 July
Staff training day:	1 September
Start of term	2 September



Introducing Kathy Fagg- our new Windsor Class teacher

I am so excited to be joining the Paces team; it has been an absolute pleasure to visit all the classes, staff and students alike, they have given me a really warm welcome. It will be a privilege to be part of such a happy, caring and enthusiastic school community.

I am looking forward to learning more about the students, their families, and the things they love doing. As well as my husband and two children, I also share my home with our two very speedy dogs, Buster and Luna; two friendly chickens, Ivy and Puffball; and quite a few fish. I love ponies and being outdoors and have been able to incorporate these interests whilst working as a teacher at a therapeutic School. Having trained as a Forest Schools Leader, I am keen to find ways to take learning outdoors and experience nature.

As a teacher, over the last two decades, I have helped plan the curriculum and prepare secondary school students for a wide range of qualifications – creatively seeking out the best ways to help every individual achieve the goals that matter for them. I am eager to help develop ways to recognise the amazing achievements of the students at Paces with qualifications. Windsor class is a remarkable team and I have already seen how smiley, hardworking and determined the young people are. I can't wait to get to know everyone properly over the weeks ahead.



Parent Meetings:

Towards the end of next half term we will organize Parent Meetings. These will be a chance to reflect on your child's achievement of the past academic year and to look at plans for the next academic year.



Science Workshop:

Pupils in the Durham and Hardwick class enjoyed a Science workshop which complimented the Durham class topic, Muck, Mess and Mixtures. The pupils were able to enjoy a range of different Science experiments, make slime, bubbles and watch a rocket being launched!!!



Covid testing:

Please remember that if your child tests positive for Covid 19 over the weekend this needs to be reported to the school. Please do this via the school phone 07951 883668. From Monday onwards, positive results would need to be reported to Test and Trace and any advice given by them followed.