



PEEL COMMON *Community Junior School*

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PCJ Current Attendance 95.94% (94.52% last year)
Sessions missed this academic year **1880**
345 late arrivals (568 last year)
Approximately 5650 hours of learning missed so far

11th March 2019

Dear Parents

Well it was a week of ups and frowns!

First the ups ... Year 5 enjoyed a thoroughly enjoyable visit to the Spinnaker Tower on Friday. Not only did they get an awful lot from the visit but they represented the school with PRIDE. Thank you to all Year 5 parents who were able to contribute to the cost of running this trip, without whom we would not be able to afford to put on this trip or others like it.

Ups continue with our very enjoyable World Book Day and all the fabulous costumes that many children chose to wear to commemorate this important event. Hopefully, days like this will encourage children to become even more engaged with their reading and, with your help, read even more regularly and with greater enthusiasm than before.

I know that even with my two very active boys that we spent our Saturday morning visiting Fareham library, sharing books and then into Waterstones with our vouchers saved from Christmas to buy a couple of books that we enjoyed reading that night. For those who are interested, I do a pretty mean Grandma from George's Marvellous Medicine! I have to say, all that was inspired by Thursday's World Book Day event at PCJ, which I may not have engaged in usually as a very busy and often very tired parent! We enjoyed Fareham library so much that we will be visiting again very soon.

Further ups include the fact that we had 10 visitors to our school over the course of the week and all of them loved being in our school and were very complimentary about your children and their engagement with their learning.

My final up for this last week concerns my Cross Country team who did an amazing job on Friday in, what was, the final Championship Race of the season at Crookhorn College, in Havant and Waterlooville. All the team ran their best races individually and it was lovely to see so many of our younger runners, running with such heart. Special mention goes to Alex, who had the race of her life in being the top girl runner from PCJ.

The ups continue into next week too. We hope to compete in the inter-schools swimming gala at Leesland Swimming Pool on Thursday. On Friday is Red Nose Day and we welcome a very special visitor to our school who I hope will inspire and engage in equal measure. On Friday, we really will be 'Sparking' a passion for learning!

There was just one frown this last week and that was the one left on my face when I woke up on Thursday morning with Voldemort at the bottom of my bed; he left me with a splitting headache

and the most awful scar on my forehead! As I told the children on Thursday, I was old Harry Potter in Harry Potter 14 ... The Pensioner of Azkaban!

School IS about learning, it IS about having high expectations, it IS about doing your best but it's also about enjoying it all along the way. I am pleased to report that your children are doing all of the above.

Looking forward to seeing you all this week at Parents Evening on Wednesday and Thursday.

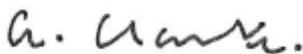
Easter Activities

A letter from the Friends of PCJ will be coming home shortly with upcoming Easter events including the Mother's Day gift order form.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 13 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 14 th March	Parents Evening
Thursday 14 th March	Class Photographs
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day – 80s dress up (£1 donation)
Friday 22 nd March	Non Uniform Day – Easter Egg Donation
Wednesday 27 th March	Roman Day (Year 3)
Thursday 28 th March	Mothers Day Gifts go home
Friday 29 th March	Harry Potter Trip (Year 4)
Thursday 4 th April	Easter Disco 6pm – 7.30pm
Friday 5 th April	Easter Egg Raffle
Friday 5 th April	Last Day of Term

Yours sincerely



Mr A Clarke
Headteacher

