



# PEEL COMMON *Community Junior School*

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**PCJ Current Attendance 95.94%** (94.52% last year)  
Sessions missed this academic year **1981**  
**352** late arrivals (596 last year)  
**5950** hours of learning missed so far

18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents

What a way to end a week! Suddenly my wardrobe was back in vogue! I'm sure all the children enjoyed a fantastic day on Friday, not only with the joy of wearing 80s gear for the day for a brilliant cause but also to receive a highly entertaining visit from one of Hampshire's most renowned and loved children's author, in Ali Sparkes.

Unfortunately for me, I attended the annual Headteacher's conference, which whilst entertaining and informative in its own way, paled into insignificance compared to the day that your children experienced. I did, however, appreciate a talk given by Dame Esther Rantzen, who told us about the work of Childline and the NSPCC. This amazing and important organisation was borne out of a chance programme on child abuse in the 1970's that many of you may remember, That's Life. It is a double-edged sword that the organisation is providing a vital service still today. We remind the children often, and through a variety of contexts, the importance of talking to trusted others, rather than living with problems and issues which if not addressed can lead to a toxic life and open up a whole host of mental health issues.

I was also reminded that That's Life was also the programme that brought us the story of Sir Nicholas Winton, who was responsible for saving 669 Jewish children during the Second World War by helping them escape occupied Europe. Below is the link to the Youtube clip, which I encourage you to watch ...  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKkgO06bAZk>

We cannot think that we are responsible for saving children in the same way that Sir Nicholas did all those years ago. But we are responsible for giving our children the best possible start in life. Together, we try our best to guide, educate, challenge and support sometimes in equal measure in the hope that they become confident, happy and well-adjusted learners and citizens that we can be proud of today and into the future.

Your children never fail to make me feel PRIDE. Whether it is their behaviour toward each other every day in school, whether it's with their independent and resilient response to learning, or whether it's the way they represent the school in a variety of events and situations.

Sport is one way in which the best can be encouraged from children and recently we have seen the best from them. Our Year 3s and 4s did an amazing job last week when they participated in the inter-schools swimming gala. They finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall but did just a fantastic job in representing the school with PRIDE.

However, I have been most proud recently of our footballers, who have excited and entertained me in equal measure. They have been performing diligently over the last few months and have produced an amazing set of results to put them into the semi-finals of the Gosport football league where they were narrowly beaten recently by one of their rivals. I always enjoyed my Thursday mornings finding out how they got on the previous evening; of the goals scored, goals saved and of the ones that got away. I got a very real sense of 'team' and how individuals would pull together to bring out the best in each other – well done boys ... we're proud of you.

That sense of team is borne out on a much larger canvas that is PCJ. By working together, supporting and challenging one another, we can bring out the best in each and every one of us.

### Text line for absences

Unfortunately, our text message absence line has not been working well recently and as we now have an upgraded phone system which allows messages to be left, we have made the decision that all absences will need to be called into school on the office phone number – 01329 281206. You will then be asked to leave a message including your child's name and the reason for absence. Please ensure that you do this before 9am to allow us to account for all children.

### Red Box Project

We are very pleased to inform parents that the 'Red Box Project' have kindly delivered a box to our school. The box will be accessible to all females within the school should they need this. The box aims to support females in education and enables adults to offer support.

Should anyone have any questions or concerns about the project, please do not hesitate to contact the school where Mrs Osborne will be happy to help. Further information is provided on the attached document.

We would also like to thank Mrs Mintram for supporting the school to secure this provision.

### Dates for your diary

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Non Uniform Day – Easter Egg Donation
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother's Day Gift Shop after school
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Roman Day (Year 3) parents invited at 3pm
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Harry Potter Trip (Year 4)
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Cross Country
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Lunch
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Listen2me concert (Year 4) 2.45pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Disco 6pm – 7.30pm
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Egg Raffle
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Back to School 8.45am
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Start of SATS Week
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	PCJ Fun Mudder
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of Term

Yours sincerely



Mr A Clarke  
Headteacher

