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THE PEAKE POST



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Message from the HeadTeacher

When I wrote to you this time last year, the school was closed to most pupils and I described it as “a very strange academic year”. Once again, this has been a challenging year with a period of school closure and a ‘new normal’ that we all had to get used to. Our community rose to the challenge and everyone has supported each other by following the guidelines and working together. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given to the school over this year.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful and peaceful summer holiday.

Miss Z.J.Linington

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STAFF NEWS

At the end of term, it is always with mixed emotions that we say “Goodbye and thank you” to some of our staff as they move on and “welcome” or “congratulations” to others as they join us or are promoted to new posts.

“Goodbye and thank you” to:

Mr Campbell

Mr Coverdale

Mrs Gunter

Ms Scott

Mr Turner

Miss Twitchett

Mrs Horwood

Ms Brunt

Welcome to:

Miss A Bajwa - Y6 teacher

Ms L Black - Y6 teacher

Mrs A Haggar - Lead for Computing

Mr T Hodgson - Y5 teacher

Mrs L Knight - Lead for Science

Mr J North - Y5 teacher

Miss N Tim - Lead for English

Mrs D Anderson - Starting 27 Sept (Science Teacher - Maternity)

Mrs K Challis - Pastoral Behaviour Support Worker

Mrs L Mumbray - Teaching Assistant

Congratulations to:

Mr Dell-Leader of Year 6

Mrs Dixon- Leader of Year 8

Returning to school in September.

Edward Peake have chosen a 'phased return' approach to the new term, in line with many other schools.

As our new year 5 have been unable to have their transition day, they will be the only year group to attend on Monday 6 September. Their teachers will be able to teach them the routines of their new school and move around the building safely and easily and complete transition activities with them.

On Tuesday 7 September, years 6, 7 and 8 will also return to full time attendance at school.

*The timings of the school day are as follows -
8:30 - Pupil gates opened (pupils arrive on site).*

8:40 - Am registration and collective worship

9:10 - Lesson 1

10:10 - Lesson 2

11:10 - Break time

11:25 - Lesson 3

12:25 - KS2 Lunch time

1:05 - KS2 pm registration

12:25 - KS3 pm registration

12:40 - KS3 Lunch time

1:20 - Lesson 4

2:20 - Lesson 5

3:20 - End of the school day

KS3

lateral flow testing

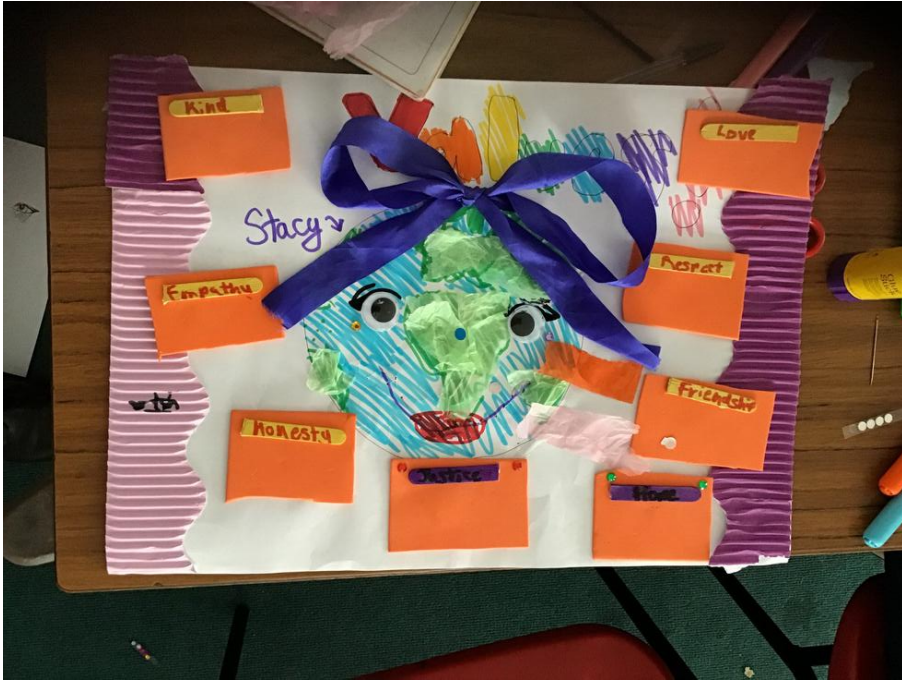
The DfE requires schools to organise mass testing of all Key Stage 3 (years 7 and 8) during their first week of school in September.

All tests will take place in our specially prepared 'clinic' by trained staff members. KS3 parents will receive more information regarding this by separate letter.

| | First test | Second test |
|---------|--|---------------------------|
| Year 7: | Monday 6 September 2021 afternoon - test and return home | Thursday 9 September 2021 |
| Year 8: | Tuesday 7 September 2021 Morning and remain in school if the test is negative | Friday 10 September 2021 |



VALUES DAY



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FAREWELL YEAR 8



***A special thank you to Mr Carter and the
year 8 form tutors for organising
the year 8 awards and farewell videos.***

SEND UPDATES

The SEND department at EPMS is here to offer advice and support for pupils identified as having a special educational need and/or disability and their parents and carers. We are proud of our 'open door' policy so please do not hesitate to get in contact. For further information, please visit the dedicated SEND area of our website

<https://www.edwardpeake.beds.sch.uk/statutory-information/sendprovisionnew>

Do you know where to go for extra information and support?

Central Bedfordshire Council's Local Offer provides information on the support and services available for Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). SNAP Parent Carer Forum works with education, health, children and adult social care as well as other organisations to help influence and improve local services that are provided for our children and young people, to ensure that they meet the needs of all disabled children and their families in the county.

SEND UPDATES

This is a great opportunity to share some of our success over the past year:-

- Raising awareness of certain difficulties which some children may face and helping to promote a whole school understanding of these, such as Silly Socks Day for autism awareness.

-The continuation of high quality interventions that ensure maximum impact such as Dyslexia Gold, Toe By Toe and Lego Therapy.

-The training of four of our team in using the highly regarded Elklan programme to address speech, language and communication needs.

- Participation in a programme of training events delivered by Ivel Valley ASD Outreach.

-Supported by Central Bedfordshire Council, the implementation of Provision Map which is a tool allowing us to monitor, evaluate and plan the development of provisions and raise achievement.

- Regular visits from an Educational Psychologist to work with individual children, offering support and guidance. We are very much looking forward to other professionals visiting the school next year with the easing of Covid restrictions.

-The creation of a SEND Twitter account to inform parents and carers of services and support they can access.

BIG DRAW INFORMATION

Y5

Lacey D

Y6

Mason S



Y7

Georgia S



Y8

Autumn S



Uniform and basic equipment reminders

Every pupil is asked to provide the following basic items of equipment for every lesson:

- **Black/blue handwriting pen (not a biro or cartridge pen)**
- **Pencil**
- **30 cm ruler (non-bendy)**
- **Pencil eraser**
- **Pencil sharpener**
- **Colouring pencils/fine fibre tips**
- **Calculator**
- **A4 plastic wallet for homework**
- **Water bottle**
- **Reading book**



Uniform reminders

Uniform should always be practical and hard wearing and provide children with proper protection from the British weather throughout the year.

Pupils should come to school with an appropriate coat particularly in the winter months.

Hoodies are not acceptable in place of a coat.

Skirts must be at least knee-length. Tight fitting and skater skirt styles are not acceptable. Children grow throughout the school year and a skirt that is an appropriate length and fit at the start of the school year may not be so as the school year continues.

Tights must be plain black or grey. Tights should not be patterned.

Trousers should be grey, black or dark blue. They should be a tailored fit. Tight-fitting, skinny fit trousers, jogging bottoms, jeans or leggings are not acceptable.

Shoes should be formal in style, medium cut (meaning below the ankle) and leather or leather like. They should be robust and have appropriate fastening: velcro straps, laces or buckles. Ballerina shoes, trainers, boots or canvas shoes are not acceptable footwear. Pupils will no longer be provided with plimsolls.

All hair below shoulder length should be tied up. Large and excessive hair slides and headbands (for examples JoJo bows) are not acceptable. Pupils should not have dyed hair. Pupils are not permitted to wear makeup, nail varnish or false nails.



Information for parents/carers

Medicines and injuries

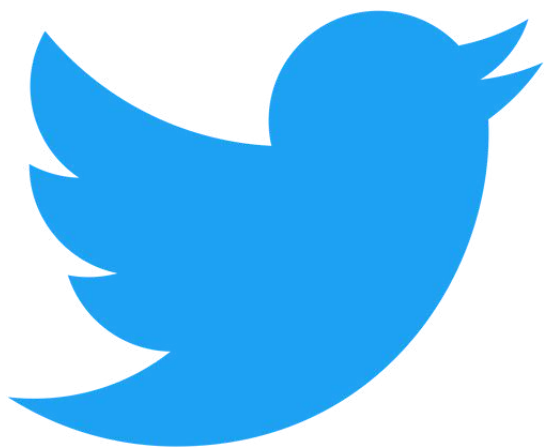
All medicines sent in to school must be clearly named and labelled. Only medicines prescribed by a doctor will be permitted in school, accompanied by a letter from the parent/carer. Children who suffer injuries or who are suffering from an illness may require a PEEP (Personal Emergency Evacuation Plan) when they return to school. Please contact the main office who will be able to issue further guidance on this.

Keeping in touch

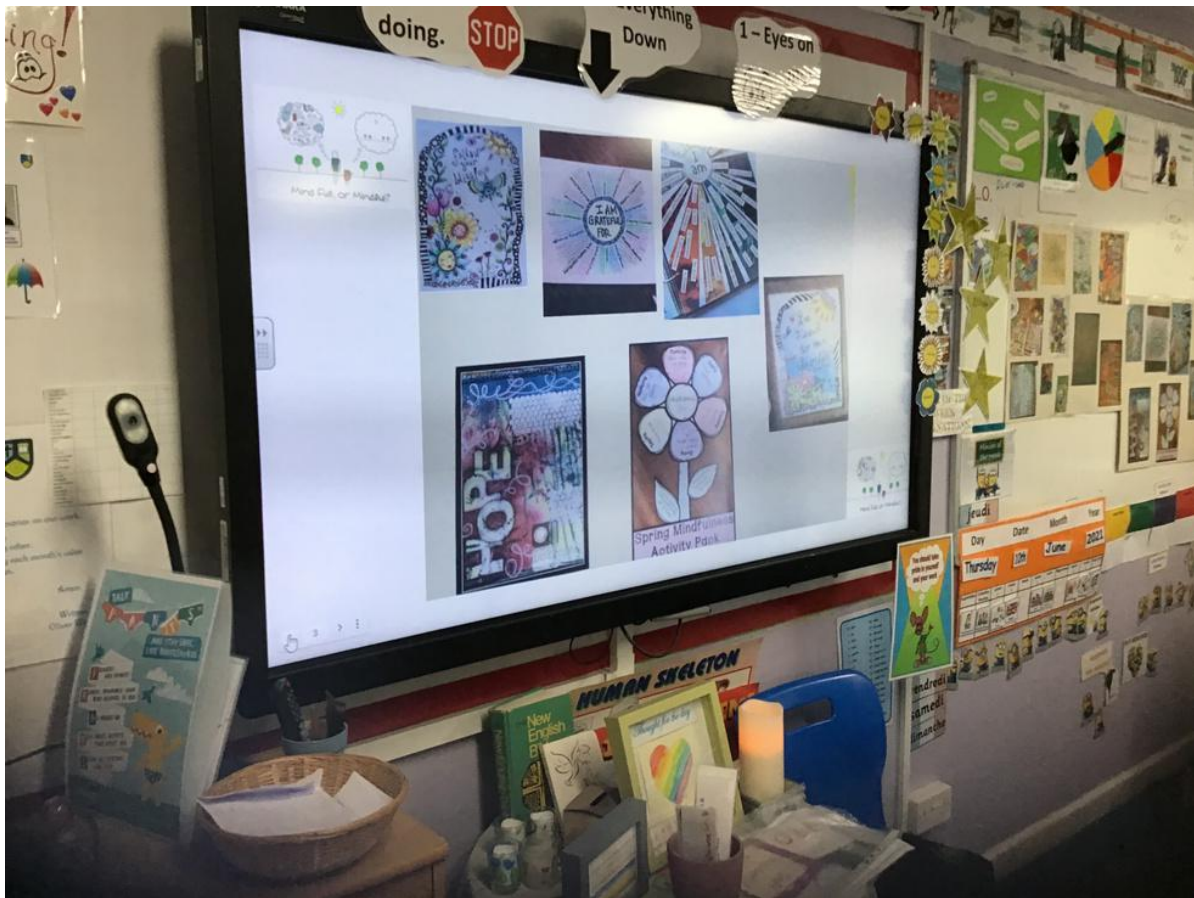
Don't forget to check the school website for daily updates, latest news articles and upcoming event information. Please note our school Facebook page is no longer in use. Twitter is our main social media channel. Thank you to all members of our community who are following our wonderful school.

Visit our school Twitter page to see news items, photographs of our wonderful community and daily updates.

Follow us [@EdwardPeake](https://twitter.com/EdwardPeake)



MIND, BODY AND SOUL DAY



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MATHS UPDATES

PUKMT Junior Maths Challenge Champions

Well done to our Year 7 and Year 8 students, for their fantastic achievements in the Junior Maths Challenge. Some of our year 7 and year 8 Mathematicians took part in this year's UK junior Maths Challenge

These entries resulted in Edward Peake Middle School students achieving:

1 Gold Certificate, 5 Silver Certificates, 12 Bronze Certificates and 30 Certificates of Participation

An extra special well done goes to the following students for their achievements:

Kalin S for achieving the following:

Best in School
Best in Year 7
Gold Certificate

Will F for achieving the following:

Silver Certificate
Best result in year 8

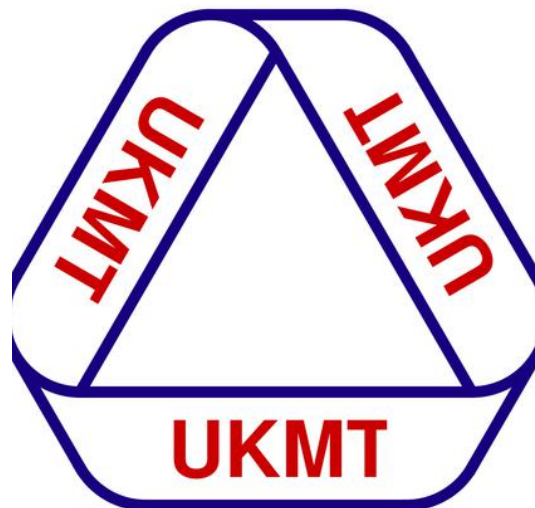
Tom S for achieving the following:

Best in Year 8.
Silver Certificate.

Isla B Y7, Matteo C Y7, Blythe D Y7, Lily S Y8

for achieving the following:

Silver Certificate



Nimmy F Y7, Angel M Y7, David R Y7, Samuel S Y7, Fabian V Y7, Lily W Y7, Jack C Y8, Amelie D Y8, Corbin E Y8, Faran H, Harry T Y8, Oscar U Y8 for achieving the following:

Bronze Certificate.

*Certificates of participation have been issued to everyone involved.



USEFUL INFORMATION

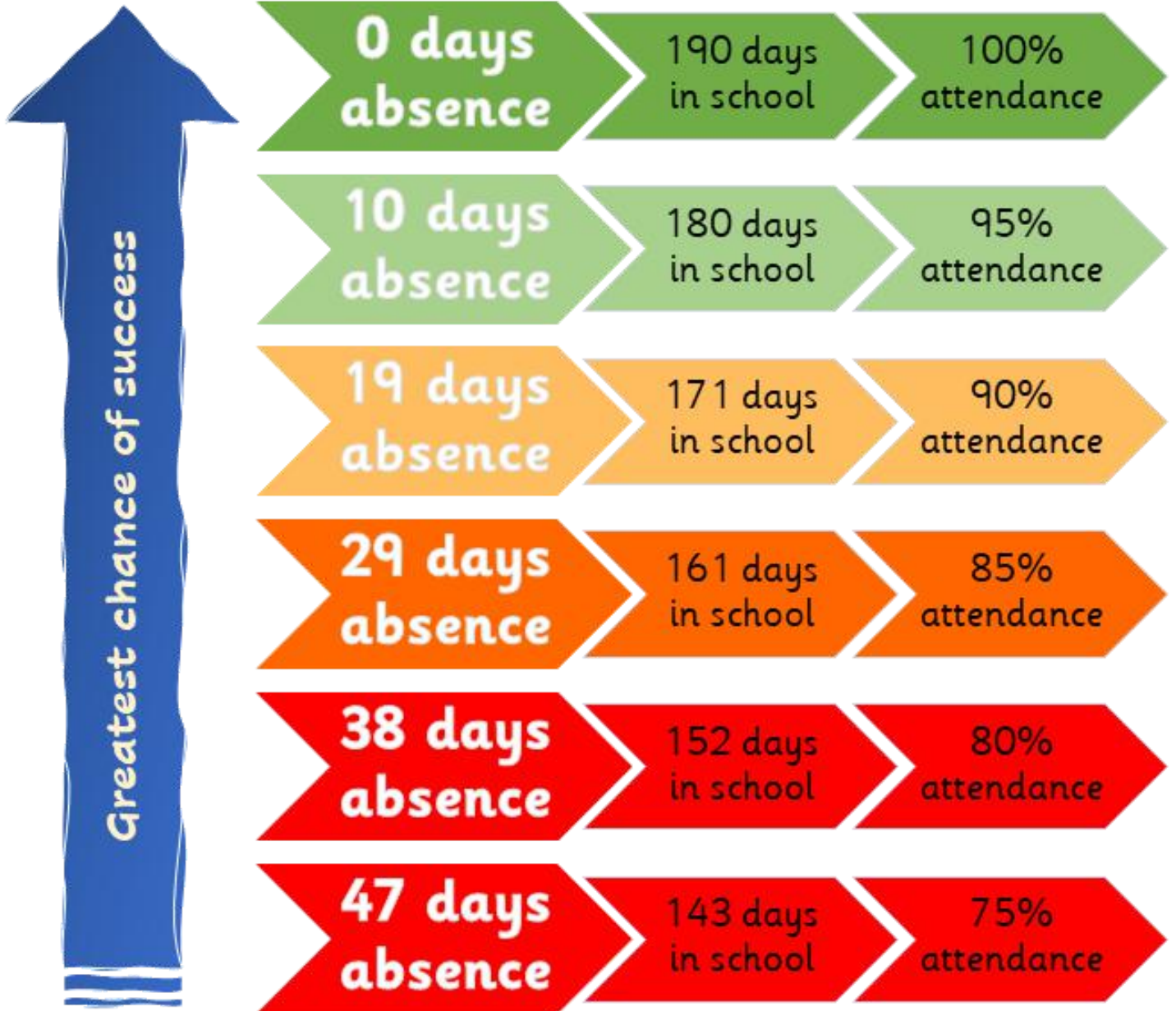
Kooth is a confidential, on-line counselling and support service for children and young people aged 11-19 years living in Bedfordshire. <https://www.kooth.com/>

*ChatHealth is a confidential text messaging service for 11-19 year olds in Bedfordshire, led by the School Nursing Service, offering emotional support and health advice – **TEXT: 07507 331450***

*Parentline is a confidential text messaging service for parents of 0-19 year olds in Bedfordshire, led by the Health Visiting & School Nursing Service, offering advice and support to parents and carers on a range of issues, including emotional health – **TEXT: 07507 331456***

*Bedfordshire Children's Community Health Services Health Hub: Advice is available from a duty Health Visitor or School Nurse – **Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm on telephone 0300 555 0606***

ATTENDANCE



REFLECTION

*At the end of this school year we give thanks to God:
For all the teaching and learning that has taken place in our
school, both in and out of the classroom,*

*For the talents and gifts that have been shared and the
challenges that have been faced;*

*For the burdens that have been lifted and the hurts that have
been healed;*

For the respect and care that has been given.

*We give thanks for the friendships that have just begun and for
those that have grown. For the faith that has been lived in our
daily struggles,*

*For the hope that has lifted our hearts on the dark days And for
the love that has kept us going.*

We give thanks to the community that

Amen.





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