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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we arrive at the official last day of this academic year, I really have a great deal to be thankful for.



Our school community have really worked together during such an incredibly difficult time and for this I am truly thankful. As parents, you have been incredible. You have supported your children with home learning, you have kept in contact with school staff, you have supported your families emotionally and you have kept everything 'ticking over' which is no mean feat. Over the past two weeks, I have seen many children – this might have been at Meet the Teacher events, in year group bubbles, whilst delivering reports, out in the community or at the Y6 leavers gathering. Every child has been smiling - they are happy, they are safe and they are well. No one can ask for any more than

this and for this I thank all parents and carers for the amazing job you have done. Thank you for the lovely words of thanks we have received in person, via email, cards and messages and for the incredibly kind and generous gifts that people have given to staff over the past few weeks. On behalf of all staff, I would like to say a big THANK YOU for your continued support. 😊

I am very thankful for my whole school team who have been incredibly professional, supportive, compassionate and determined to continue providing for our pupils throughout Lockdown. I want to thank the Pye Green Academy staff team for all they have done and wish them a well deserved break during the next few weeks. Special thanks go to Miss Edkins and Miss Fitzpatrick for the unwavering support they have given to me.....I am incredibly thankful for this.

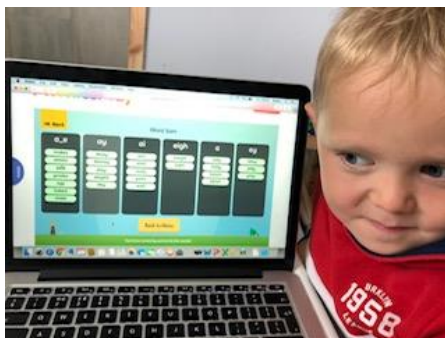
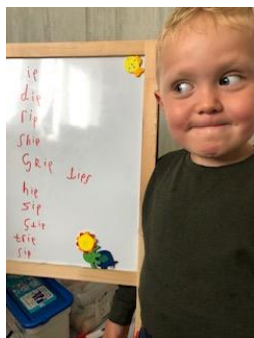
Our children in school have been absolute stars! They have followed new rules and routines perfectly and have made coming to school a real pleasure. Those at home have been working hard on their home learning. Many have been contacting staff, attending Meet the Teacher sessions, speaking to staff on the telephone and sending in pictures of their successes. Thank you children of Pye Green Academy - you have been incredibly resilient in really difficult times and have shown how strong you are. We all look forward to welcoming back each and every one of you in September.

Finally, and on a personal note, I am very thankful that I can now spend a few quality weeks with my family. I wish you all a very happy, safe and relaxing summer.

Travel to school in September

Attached is a letter I have been asked to send to you from Staffordshire County Council regarding travel to school in September. More information can also be found here www.staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel

What have our pupils been doing?



Edward has been very happy learning at home during the last few weeks.

What have our staff been doing?



Miss Deeley was recently nominated for a Mentor Award with the University of Wolverhampton.

After supporting a 'teacher training' student, the university gave the following reasons for nominating her.

- For outstanding support from the first day.
- Always giving advice and helping the student to develop.
- Making the placement at Pye Green a great experience.
- Always making time for the student.
- Being a great and friendly mentor.

Well done Miss Deeley – we are very proud of you!

PTFA Outdoor Classroom

I am very excited to let you know that our PTFA are funding an 'outdoor classroom' which will hopefully be ready for use by all children in September. This will be situated alongside the KS1 playground.

The plans are wheelchair/disability friendly and will be usable all year due to ground guard tiles being used. There will be no muddy problems during wetter weeks!

We aim to get children outdoors as much as possible in the new term - learning outdoors and engaging with the environment. This redesigned area will support these plans with the area grass seeded and others sown with 'bee bomb' wildflowers to attract wildlife. The central areas will form a classroom space where there will be a storytelling chair with the sides banked up to provide a seating area.

We are very grateful to our PFTA for their generosity and also to FBL Services for their dedication and the work they are carrying out for our school. Please continue to support the amazing work our PTFA do.



Come and join our
Virtual Balloon Race
All proceeds from the balloons
you buy go straight to
Pye Green Academy PTfA

£3 per balloon, no limit on numbers
Race starts 8th August and lasts 7 days

1st Prize £500 cash
2nd Prize An iPad
Plus 10 lucky winners of £10 Book Tokens
If we sell over 500 balloons there will also be a
£50 prize just for our school.

Buy your balloons at
<https://ecoracing.co/user/page/433>



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Please click here for more details <https://ecoracing.co/user/page/433>

Also, remember to sign up below to raise additional funds for our school too.
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/pyegreenac/?invite=XLUKDA%26referral-campaign=c2s%26utm_campaign=admin-trigger%26utm_content=srt



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FREE ONLINE BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOPS

FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Parents and Children can access these sessions together

**Helping Children and Young People understand and manage
Anger and Difficult Emotions.**

Please choose one of the following dates and times:

Monday 10th August: 11-12pm or

Monday 10th August: 6-7pm

**Helping Children and Young People to understand and manage
Anxiety and Worries**

Please choose one of the following dates and times:

Monday 17th August: 11-12pm or

Monday 17th August 6-7pm

To book your place please:

Email: raminderdhalwal.fss@sctsp.org.uk or phone 07741645691

with the dates and times, you wish to book onto. If you phone, please forward your email address.

Once you have booked on joining details will be sent.

Drawing The Ideal Safe School

For some children, coming back to school in September after almost 6 months away from school is a scary thought. Attached is a document which would support parents to talk through fears and worries and use drawings to help children explore their feelings. Research has shown that the combination of drawing and talking together with a child is a powerful way to find out their perspective.

School Office

Please be aware that the school office will not be manned during the 6 week summer holiday. Teaching staff will be in school but we can not guarantee when this will be. There will be an option to leave a answer phone message which will be checked on return.

Please remember that school will be closing on Friday 17th July 2020 for all pupils and will reopen on Thursday 3rd September 2020.

You can find all term dates and INSET days for the next academic year on our school website.

<https://www.pyegreen.staffs.sch.uk/term-dates>

Have a good summer, take care, stay safe and we look forward to seeing everyone back to school in September.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sarah Yates

Acting Headteacher