



Panshanger Press

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Panshanger Primary School

Welcome back!



Welcome back everyone and welcome to our first edition of Panshanger Press!

We hope you all had a fantastic break over the summer holidays. The children have returned to school with lots of energy and have taken great pride in showing me around the school and highlighting the excellent manners that I have seen since my first visit to the school.

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New Staff

We are very excited to welcome Mrs Wright to our Year 6 team who will be teaching on Thursday and Fridays. She is very excited to start with the children so please ensure you give her a warm welcome when you see her.

We are also delighted to welcome Miss Maynard back following her maternity leave. She will be returning to Year 4.



Life Skills in School



Every Thursday during their usual assembly time, the children will be having an assembly in their class with their teacher. The focus of these lessons will be 'Life Skills'. The topic will change each half term to ensure that there is a balance across the year. To begin the year, every child from Year 1 to Year 6 will be learning about First Aid. Ranging from how to contact the emergency services; to how to treat burns, stings and asthma attacks. Please speak to your children about some of the learning they have done this week.

"I think it's really important to learn about First Aid in school because then if I, or someone at home, is stung or bitten then I'll know how to deal with it." Zaylen - Year 5



Uniform



Thank you to all who have made sure that the children have returned looking smart and ready for school.

Jade green sweatshirts, cardigans and navy polo shirts are available to order online or in the shop – these are logoed items.

Items such as navy trousers, navy skirts, blue or green checked dresses can be purchased from local supermarkets at a reasonable price. Uniform is not compulsory in the nursery class but many parents find that dressing their children in school uniform is both smart and practical.

Children in all classes, need a pair of indoor shoes. Simple black plimsolls are inexpensive and ideal, they can be made easily recognisable by the application of some art work with fabric crayons.

For outdoor wear, trainers are recommended as they provide good support when the children are running, jumping or climbing in the playground. If other shoes are worn, they should enclose the foot properly and have flat heels (no sandals).

Please make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled and remember to check this regularly as pen can wash out.

The children are also required to have a book bag in school everyday. The school office stocks two different sizes of bags which are both navy in colour with an adjustable shoulder strap. The school also stocks P.E. bags and swimming hats.

[Panshanger Primary School \(smartyschoolwear.co.uk\)](http://smartyschoolwear.co.uk)

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Uniform can:

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- *instil pride*
 - *support positive behaviour and discipline*
 - *encourage identity with, and support for, school ethos*
 - *ensure pupils of all races and backgrounds feel welcome*
 - *protect children from social pressures to dress in a particular way*
 - *nurture cohesion and promote good relations between different groups of pupils*
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Drop offs and pick ups



We understand that our school is not located in the most convenient place that allows us to park multiple cars during our busiest periods of drop offs and pick ups. Our school car park is for staff only and should not be used to perform a turn.

We would firstly like to encourage all of our families, that can, to walk to school as I am sure we are all aware of the benefits of this. If this is not possible then please use the car park outside Panshanger Stores and take a short walk back up to the school grounds. Please be respectful of our local resident's driveways so as not to cause them any inconvenience.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support with this as our main concern, as always, is the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

Contacting the school

If your child is unable to attend school, please call the office before 08:40 on 01707 328846 to provide a reason for their absence.

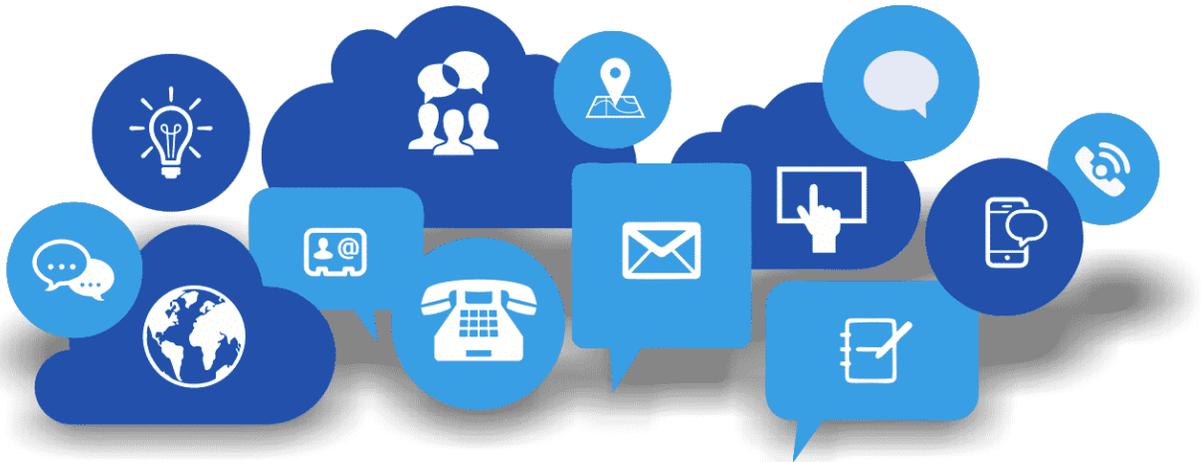
If you need to contact your child's class teacher, then please contact them using their individual email addresses. Staff will reply in a timely manner if a response is required. I would also like to remind parents/carers that teachers are not expected to reply to emails outside of school hours, however some members of staff may be working flexibly to support their work-life balance.

Upcoming Dates

Please see below a list of our dates for 2023-2024 academic year. These will be regularly updated and communicated to you. More detailed dates to follow...

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