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January 2020 Newsletter

Welcome back everyone to our first term of 2020! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing and peaceful Christmas and New Year break. I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Head Teacher of Park View Primary. I am delighted to finally be here, and it feels fitting to be here to kick start the new decade. Everyone has been very welcoming and I can already see that I've been very lucky to be given this opportunity at such a wonderful school. I look forward to the rest of the year and working with pupils, staff and parents for the good of the school and to see what positive impact I can bring to the school.

P1 Enrolment

Next week we have our P1 enrolments. If you have a child, or know anyone who has a child, who will reach the age of 4 or over before 28 February 2020, the child needs to be enrolled in their catchment area school. Even if you wish to defer or put in a placing request, the child must be enrolled next week in their catchment school. We will be enrolling from 9.30 - 10.30am & 1.30 - 2.30 Monday - Friday next week.



Congratulations!



It was a busy time for all of us over the Christmas holidays, but especially for Miss Watson who returned as Mrs Rose. She had a lovely wedding day followed by a quick honeymoon and just back in time for school on Monday! We all wish her and her husband well for the future.

School Trips

The library group and some lucky winners who will be announced on Friday are getting the opportunity to go and see Billionaire Boy at the Kings Theatre in Glasgow next Friday. They will be travelling by train, which I am sure will add to the adventure! All costs will be incurred by the school. If your child is one of the lucky few to go to this, you will receive a separate letter with full details once we know the winners of the competition.



We have some other class trips in the pipeline and we will get separate letters out to you regarding this.

Social Media



Social media still appears to be a problem for many pupils in many schools. I am looking forward to attending the most recent online safety training next week and I hope that this will provide the school with some advice which can be passed on to both pupils and parents. All too often, messages sent between whatsapp, xbox, Tic Toc etc etc can leave children being upset and this ends up being brought into school. We will endeavour to educate our pupils, as I am sure you do at home, about being 'safe', 'responsible' and 'kind' online - all of which are underpinned by our school values. I hope that more information will be available to parents in the coming terms to help us all ensure our children's safety and happiness.

Parent Pay

We will be moving to be a 'cashless' school on the week beginning 20 January following our move to the Parent Pay system. We are now one of the last schools in South Lanarkshire's roll out of this system, so hopefully we will benefit from the council's experience in previous schools. Next week you will receive a letter with your individual log on details and I would urge you to complete this process as soon as possible so that the office staff can help you if there are any problems with it. After that date we will no longer be able to accept cash into the school. It is a big transition for everyone involved but I am sure it will soon become second nature to us all.

Parent Partnership

The meeting for Thursday 9th January is cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6 February 2020. All parents are welcome to attend.

Communication

From my experience, many parents find it better to receive newsletters and communication via email. It means that letters don't get lost in school bags and you can keep the emails to remind you of events. We are also an Eco School and should be looking at ways to reduce our paper consumption. To this end, we will be striving to become 'paper free' to improve communication between the school and parents. There will obviously be a transition period for this and will continue to provide paper newsletters until we know all parents are receiving the emails. From the information provided in August, we already have some emails so we can start this straight away; however, we only have 30% of parent emails. Please complete the slip at the bottom of this newsletter to provide your email address so that you are kept up-to-date. You can also provide more than one, if both parents wanted to receive the emails.



I will continue to look at the best ways to communicate with parents as this is essential to build relationships with yourselves so that we can work together for your children. Please do not hesitate to contact me via email or by contacting the school if you ever have any concerns. You can also keep informed of school news through Twitter and our school website which are always kept up-to-date by Mr Law.

P1 Families Connect Coffee Morning

Mrs Longmuir and Miss Stobo have been on training for 'Families Connect' which is a programme that we are hoping to get up and running for P1 families. We are holding a 'Coffee Morning' on Thursday 16th (next week) at **gam** to provide you with more information on the programme. Please come along to find out more and support your child's learning.

Families Connect focuses on supporting parents and children to learn together.

It helps parents to support their children's learning in three key areas:

- *Literacy and language development*
- *Numeracy*
- *Emotional development*

The eight-week programme provides a series of activities, techniques and games that parents and carers can do with their children at home.

Each activity encourages parents and children to spend quality time together by talking about specific topics and reflecting on what they already do to support their children's learning.

Parents also discuss the science behind the programme's activities. These informal workshops invite parents to explore new games and approaches that might help them to support their child's learning at home.

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Parent's email address _____

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