

February 2020 Newsletter

What a fantastic month I had in January getting to know your children and the fantastic staff at Park View. I can only hope that the rest of 2020 is as rewarding as the first month! Thank you for all your support so far.

Parent Pay

We have many parents who have now signed up to Parent Pay and the children are enjoying selecting their lunch online. We are aware that there are still some parents who have not signed up yet. Although p1-P3 do not need Parent Pay to pay for school dinners, you will need to sign up as soon as possible as school trips need to be paid through this system. If anyone needs any help with this, our office staff are more than happy to help.

Communication

As you will be aware our Primary 1s and 2s are learning through play and I am proud to say that we have been very lucky to work with some of the best experts in this field from across Scotland and within South Lanarkshire Council. To enhance this further, our infant staff have set up SeeSaw which is a free App where they are able to share your child's learning journey with parents. Letters went out with a QR code for parents to sign up to this. (Please check the bags).



P1 Families Connect

We have had a great commitment from P1 parents for Families Connect on a Wednesday morning and I know the children are really enjoying and benefitting from working with their parents in school. We are running two blocks of this, so there is still time to sign up for this, if you didn't get the chance previously. Thanks again to Mrs Longmuir and Miss Stobo for their hard work in this!

Bike Shed



Thanks to our JRSO team and Miss Beattie, our new Bike Shed was installed this week and already some pupils have made use of this. We are a health promoting school and would always encourage our children to walk, scoot or cycle to school. And now, we are lucky enough to have two bike sheds to store these!

Basketball

We have been asked to make you aware that there are £5 school tickets to the Basketball Trophy Finals in Glasgow. If anyone wants these tickets, please contact the school.

Held at the Emirates Arena in Glasgow on Sunday 15 March, the British Basketball Trophy Finals are the climax of one of basketball's premier knockout competitions for men and women – and feature some of the leading teams from the UK's professional leagues.

With entertainment from the BBL Dancers and our slam-dunking mascot, Larry the Lion, it all adds up to a day your pupils will never forget!

Sleep Scotland

We have been asked to share this information from Sleep Scotland with all parents. Having been on a Sleep Scotland Training Course, I would fully endorse this. As a school, we recognise that many of our children need help with sleep and in our society that no longer switches off, it is even more crucial for our children's mental health to make sure that we are providing the best support in relation to sleep. If any parent/carer feels that this session may help them, then please contact the number provided.



Cost of The School Day & Uniforms

All Head Teachers across South Lanarkshire have attended training and have been asked to put this on our School Improvement Plan. The purpose of this is to make everyone aware of the costs involved for all parents in sending their child to school. We realise as a Local authority that there is a lot of pressure on all parents financially, simply in getting their child to school. Mr McKissock has previously sent out questionnaires in relation to this and as a school we are trying to take measures to reduce this burden.



One aspect of this, is school uniforms. Part of the benefit of school uniforms is to reduce the financial costs of children wearing their own clothes and so that there is no stigma between pupils in their different financial circumstances. With that in mind, I would like to remind everyone that **leggings and zippers are not part of our school uniform**. We always have a 'bank' of second hand uniforms that are washed and ready for use. I realise that as the year progresses and children grow that it can be costly to purchase new uniform, so please make use of this. Also, if you have any second hand uniform in good condition, please hand it in to our school office. We hope to run a 'Recycling Shop' nearer the end of term so that we can reduce such costs. At Park View, we have a lovely uniform and high standards of expectation for all of our pupils. There are many benefits to wearing school uniform and we have had a school uniform Policy in place for many years. Please support the school in the high standards that we expect from our pupils.



As part of the Cost of The School day we have been asked to make you aware of **Money Matters**:

We offer **free, confidential and impartial advice** - we can help check your benefit entitlement, assist with the claims process, challenge decisions and represent you at Social Security appeal tribunals. For debt issues we look at your financial circumstances, contact creditors, discuss options and give budgeting advice; **Contact number: 0303 123 1008**

Our Telephone Advice Line offers a similar service specifically aimed at pregnant women and families with young children; **Contact number: 01698 453154**



How To Support Your Child To Get A Good Night's Sleep

This informal sleep support session for parents/carers will cover:

- What is sleep?
- The importance of sleep
- Good bedtime routine
- Local sleep services

Date: Friday 6 March 2020
Time: 9:30 to 11:00
Location: Burgh Business Centre, King Street, Rutherglen
If interested please contact the Specialist Support Team on 0141 613 5296.

Snacks

I have become aware of a few children bringing lollipops to school for snack. For Health and Safety reasons, lollipops should not be brought to school as a snack as there are too many children running about and could be a choking hazard.



Head Lice

Unfortunately we have had a breakout of Head Lice across the school. Please take the time to check your child's hair and go to the chemist to get the proper treatment. The treatment can take a while you have to be persistent in the treatment; however, I am sure you all understand that this is necessary for your child to feel well and comfortable at school and can be quite distressing for children (and adults).



Parent Partnership

We have a meeting tonight at 7pm. (Thursday 6 February 2020)

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED on Friday 7th February to all pupils, with pupils returning on Thursday 13th of February.

Julie McColl
Head Teacher

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If you have not yet provided your email, please complete this below as we are moving towards only sending newsletters via email.

Child's name _____

Class _____

Parent's email
address _____

Second email
address _____