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Ambition

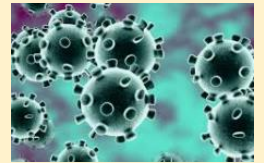
Responsibility

Kindness

October 2020 Newsletter

Welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year following a very difficult few months for us all. Spring and summer have merged into one and Autumn has firmly arrived. We have all settled back into routine and we can already see some progress with pupils in their learning and their general health and wellbeing when at school. School has fortunately provided some much needed normality for many of us!

We continue to follow all strategies within our Risk Assessment to ensure the spread of infection is minimised as much as possible and will continue to follow all Public Health Guidelines.



Photos

By now, you will have received the small sample photos of the children and will have received the Parent Pay instructions on how to order them. *(The small thumbnail samples may not reflect the photo you will receive - the samples have children cut off in the class photo and pupils are not in the centre of the photo – this will not be the case in the real photos.)*



We hope that all orders will be in by **Friday 2 October** - the earlier the better! It is a real pity that many of our school events cannot run as normal; but this is one activity that we are hoping will benefit the school financially - in place of some other fundraising activities. As always, we use any funds raised to purchase resources to support your children and provide extra experiences that we wouldn't normally be able to afford.

If you missed the instructions, they are detailed below:

Option 1 *Standard Quality*: **Pupil** Photo £5 - 2 copies of large 6" x 8"

Option 2 *High Quality*: **Pupil** Photo £5 – 1 copy of extra large 10" x 8"

Option 3 *Standard Quality*: **Sibling** Photo £5 - 2 copies of large 6" x 8"

Option 4 *High Quality*: **Sibling** Photo £5 – 1 copy of extra large 10" x 8"

Option 5 *High Quality*: **Class** Photo £7 1 copy of 12" x 7"

Option 6 Pupil Metallic engraved Keyring £15

Option 7 – All photos sent by email copyright free £10

You will be aware that we are not allowed to accept large amounts of cash into the school; therefore we will be using **Parent Pay** for you to pay and order these.

Please **log on to your Parent Pay** account, go to '**Pay for other Items**'

Nut allergies

Please be aware that some of our children have severe nut allergies and we would ask that you do not provide any snacks to your children containing nuts. Many chocolate spreads contain nuts and we ask that you do not provide chocolate spread sandwiches. We know that you will support us in this serious health matter.



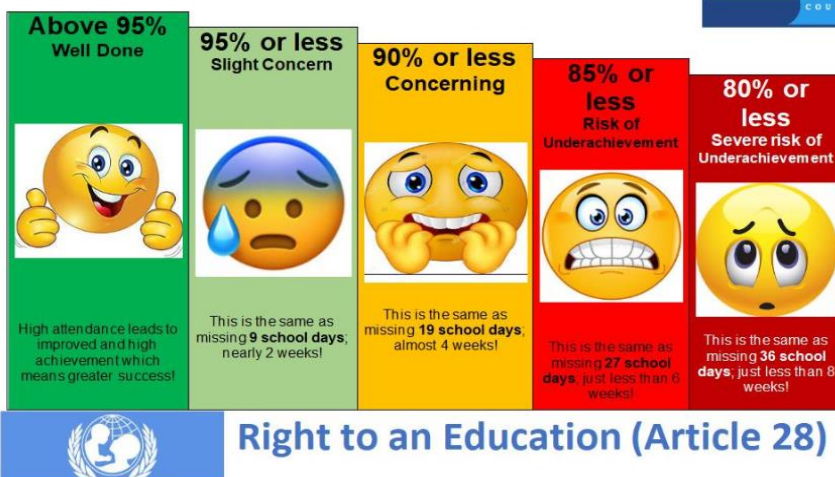
Attendance

As usual, it is vital that your children attend school when they are fit and well and not self-isolating. This is even more important in these uncertain times, and following the months off school during lockdown. Dips in attendance have a huge impact on children's learning, progress and relationships within school.

The attendance for August was 89.5% for whole school. Classes were:

P1 98.1%	P2 86 %	P3 84.1%
P4 92.7%	P5 89.1%	P6 85.1%
P7 91.9%		

WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Punctuality in August was very good, which we believe may be due to the staggered start times.

Freestyle Friday

Thursday's rainbow dress down raised £219.50 which is a fantastic contribution to our school fund! Thank you everyone who contributed.

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Our next Freestyle Friday event falls on the Friday before Halloween. We will be more than happy to welcome everyone in fancy dress – especially as we are not sure how 'Trick or Treating' will pan out this year...



KEEPING PARENTS INFORMED

By now, we would have had a 'Meet The Teacher' event in school to allow you to find out more about your child's teacher and class. For obvious reasons, this has not been able to go ahead. However, we recognise the importance of this event. We have decided to make some 'covid tweaks' and will be sharing some information for you from each class. Essentially, you will receive the same information – just not face-to-face.

Parents Night

Again, this will not go ahead in its usual format; however, all staff recognise the importance of having a conversation about your children's progress and written reports don't always get the point across in the way we wish. In early November, all teachers will be calling all parents with an update, similar to parent's information evening. You will be given a block of time, so that you will be aware of when you should keep your phone nearby. This will be spread over a week or even two weeks as we only have two phone lines within the school. More detailed information will follow nearer the time.



Park View Parent Partnership

Our next meeting is Thursday night at 7pm, which is the AGM. For the foreseeable, our meetings will take place via zoom. We are always keen for more parents to join us and no expectations of monthly attendance is required or to take on specific roles. The parent Partnership are happy for me to share the link for the 'zoom' meeting. Please feel free to join us.

<https://strath.zoom.us/j/95086677504>

Meeting ID: 950 8667 7504

Password: 186644

CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT PARK VIEW

Curriculum For Excellence Certificates – September

P7 –

Recent Head Teachers Awards

The following children have received Head Teachers Awards for wide and varied reasons. Moving forward, we want to ensure our school values underpin all that we do and our Head Teacher Awards will be categorised under each of these for children going over and above in displaying these values:

Politeness, Ambition, Responsibility and Kindness

Oliver Ingram – marvellous maths – P7

Tracey-Ann Bessell – Creative writing – P6

Ava Graham – Creative writing – P6

Morgan Hopwood – Creative writing – P6

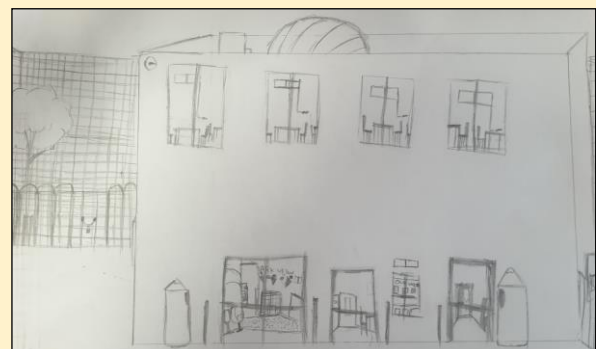
Melissa Croft – Creative writing – P6

Well done to everyone above - you continue to make our whole school community very proud of you!

Wider achievements

With some clubs starting back for children, if any child has any achievement from home that they want to share with us, please feel free to allow them to share this with us as we want to track all of the successes of our pupils, both in school and out. We love to hear and learn more about our children. Marley McIntyre and Summer Findlay in P3 have already shared their Dance medals with us – well done girls!

*Park View Primary School,
by Casey Gardner, P7*



COVID advice from NHS

When to self-isolate

Self-isolate immediately if:

- you have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- you've tested positive for coronavirus – this means you have coronavirus
- you live with someone who has symptoms or tested positive
- someone in your support bubble has symptoms or tested positive
- you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app
- you arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk – see GOV.UK: how to self-isolate when you travel to the UK

Information:

If you think you've been in contact with someone who has coronavirus, but you do not have symptoms and have not been told to self-isolate, continue to follow social distancing advice.

When to get a test

Get a test as soon as possible if you have any symptoms of coronavirus.

The symptoms are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

The test needs to be done in the first 5 days of having symptoms.

You do not need to get a test if you have no symptoms or if you have different symptoms.

Get a test to check if you have coronavirus

Tell people you've been in close contact with that you have symptoms

You may want to tell people you've been in close contact with in the past 48 hours that you might have coronavirus.

What does close contact mean?

They do not need to self-isolate unless they're contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service. But they should take extra care to follow social distancing advice, including washing their hands often.

Take care and stay safe.

Mrs J McColl

Head Teacher