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### August Newsletter 2023

**Welcome back** to everyone after a well-deserved rest over summer! Well done to all parents who made it through unscathed!

I've been putting off emailing a newsletter as I had hoped for more dates and specifics to be confirmed, but time is marching on and at the end of our first full week, I really wanted to make the first official contact.

It really has been lovely to see all the children back and sad that some of our children have moved on to pastures new. We are really pleased to welcome Mrs Irvine in P3 and Mrs Watterson in P4 who have slotted in nicely and are already showing that they fit with Park View's calm, kind and nurturing ethos that everyone always comments on! We have managed to keep Mrs Longworth who we had at the end of last year, for 3 days a week for the foreseeable future.

We've had quite a few new pupils over and above our fantastic P1 class, and everyone seems to have settled well. Our P7 buddies have been amazing with our new P1s and really are living our school values everyday. With this group of P7s leading the way, we know we will have a great year!

### Happy Birthday!!

As some of you will know, our wonderful school is 10 years old! We have some great things planned to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we have decided to make the week leading up to the October week, our celebration week. Officially the school turned 10 whilst the schools were still off for the summer, so we are delaying it to suit us all. We intend to have a few things happening to mark this event but the biggest event we will be a 10 year celebration assembly on **Wed 11<sup>th</sup> October**, and a fun day for the children is organised for **Fri 13<sup>th</sup> October**. A separate email focussed on our anniversary will be sent out once the Parent Partnership have met.



**Nut Free school** – just a reminder that we do have children with nut allergies therefore all foods containing nuts should not be brought into school.

**The uniforms** are looking amazing! Remember we still have some if you need any and we will still accept donations too! There are some ages we are limited with – especially the tartan skirts, ties and pinafores and grey park view jumpers.



**Labels** – make sure you have your child's name on all things as our lost property is growing already and with the best will in the world, the children just don't seem to be able to recognise their own clothing etc.

### P6 Swimming

The P6s are already starting swimming which will commence on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August. This will replace their PE slot for 10 weeks. More information will be sent to P6 parents separately.



### Clubs

Mr McKissock will be looking to get clubs up and running soon and will send this information out in due course.

### Parent Partnership

We are trialling different days and times in the hope that more of you will be able to attend our meetings. They are always casual, friendly and informal so please come along and get involved in the school for the benefit of the children! Our next meeting is on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at 3pm in the school**. Everyone is more than welcome!!





### **Trips**

We always aim for all classes to go on trips and really value these experiences and over the past 4 years, parents have not be charged a penny for these. With costs continuing to go up and us having to use more of our budget for staff to support learning, we will have less money in the budget for trips. We will continue to subsidise all trips; however, we will need to start asking for a small contribution to any outside excursions.

### **Attendance**

Again Mr McKissock is in charge of attendance and we look forward to seeing which class will get an extra play for the best attendance in august. Please remember that every lesson missed has a significant impact on your child’s learning and progress. We are always here to help if you have any problems with attendance.

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned



### **Meet the teacher**

Our traditional Meet The Teacher Event will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September straight from school. You will get the chance to listen to a presentation by your child’s class teacher to find out more about what’s going on

in class, routines, expectations etc. More information to follow.

### **School values and promoting positive reallionships and understanding distressed behaviour.**

Before the holidays, we consulted staff, parents and children on our school rules and red card policy and the current PPRUDB policy (Promoting positive relationships and understanding distressed behaviour). As I mentioned in that communication, as a council we are developing our understanding that all behaviour is communication and that building reallionships is key to understanding this and helping children when they are distressed.

We have high expectations for behaviour and attitude and with all of this in mind, we have started to make adaptations to our policy and approaches. We have always been nurturing, kind and caring and we are proud of our values – **Polite, Ambitious Responsible and Kind**. To make our expectations clear for pupils, staff and parents, our school rules are now simply our values.

This is all a work in progress and all staff are participating in training and looking at research so that we have a robust policy in place and we will share this with you once it is complete. We may even look into more consultation with yourselves and pupils. In the meantime, rest assured that everything we do, and have done, is in line with the council’s policy in relation to behaviour.

In our weekly assembly, I have shared that our focus next week is on being **POLITE**. We will all be looking out for this and chose the most polite children for a Head Teacher Award next week. If you want to share anything about any of pupils being polite, or if you notice a difference at home next week, then please let us know!

### **This weeks HT awards for being polite, ambitious, responsible and kind went to:**

Bonnie Petrucci P1, Ellie sharp P2, Sonny Williams P3, Jace kindred P4 Natalia kijowska P5, Conor Rafferty P6 and Harper Park P7



### **Annual calendar**

I am sending out the annual calendar as it stands right now; however, there are more dates to be added. You will see that we have some new events added in as we are aiming to have parents in to the school more often and so that each year group has an event that they will lead for parents and not simply P1 nativity and P7 leavers assembly. This year, all classes in between will get their time to shine!

### **Twitter/X**

Please make sure you are signed up for our Twitter/X account so that you can see what is going on each day.

### **Communication**

If you know of parents who are not receiving emails, please get them to contact the school office asap as all of our communication is via email. Too many letters get lost in bags!

The **Annual Data check** is however going out on paper – please complete this asap and send back to us.

Have a great weekend and always get in touch if you have any questions or need any support in relation to your child’s learning and wellbeing. Mrs McColl and the Park View team.