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We've now been back a few weeks and soon looking to the September weekend, but it has been a busy few weeks getting things back up and running! The children have settled in well to class and the soft start seems to be helping any children who are reluctant to leave parents, with everyone happy to come in.

Just a few reminders that we have a **FREE Breakfast Club** for all children running from **8.15 – 8.40am**, and our soft start starts from 8.40 when children will be allowed to come in to the building.

We are trialling P1-3 in the lunch hall and P4-7 in the gym hall to help with supervision of everyone. We do advise that children who arrive before 8.40am, should go to Breakfast club as we have no supervision in the playground. Because children do go straight in, we have opened the car park gates up, which have always been closed to parents at school starting time. We have done this to help parents drop and go, but it does need to be **'drop and go'** as there are many cars trying to access the school. If you sit to watch children walking in to the building, you are holding cars up – please remind any family members or friends about this, if they drop your children off. Jon will always be out in the playground to make sure everyone gets in safely.



Staffing

We are really pleased to welcome back Mrs Baillie (nee Beattie) from her maternity leave who is working alongside Mrs Dalglesih in P1. We also welcome Mrs Black in P2 and Miss McQuilter in P5. They 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 are now using PEF funding to pay for Miss Watt who will support some specific groups of learners – again something we always ensure – that all of our children who need support and challenge get the support they require or get the challenge they need to help them reach their potential!



P7s

Our P7 buddies have been a great help with our new P1s and really taking the role seriously and responsibly. They are showing their kind and responsible natures in this role, and we hope this continues as they will be taking part in the Sports Leadership Training through the Active Schools Team and will soon be leading many extra curricular clubs.

We have sent an email regarding P7 residential as we hope to get this booked soon to allow parents to start paying in instalments. Look out for this email!

Instrumental Music Service

Our P6&P7 children have been offered tuition in various instruments – please look out for these letters in the bag if this is something your child wishes to do. Unfortunately, if your child doesn't have the instrument, there is a fee to rent this. Please contact the school, if your child wishes to take part, but the costs are too much. We can then see if there is anything we can do to support this.



And if any families have any instruments in the house that you no longer want (toy instruments included), please send them in and we can make use of them!

Home/School Communication

We are now introducing a monthly Pupil Evaluation sheet, where pupils create their own targets and reflect on what they have learned. This sheet will then be sent home to parents, to allow you to see what your child specifically is working on, and how well they have been doing. The sheet is generated by the children but their teacher supports this process so that their targets are relevant and evaluations are accurate. This was sent out for the first time last Friday – if you haven't seen these sheets yet, please check the bags.

There is no need to send them back as we have our own copies.



Over and above this, we are trialling extra report cards that will be available for you to access through **Parent Portal**. These will be available in November and will contain basic information such as the level you child is working on, and a grading on their effort, behaviour and homework. In June, you will receive the usual, full-written report.

The yearly calendar has already been sent out and this has dates for parents evenings etc. The first one being the **6th November 24**. Again, these appointments will be allocated using **Parent Portal**, so if you have yet to sign up to this, please do so asap.

The end of year parent evaluation had shown that only 68.4% (of 92 parents) felt that they were fully informed of their child's progress, so we hope this will help you to have a clear, regular picture of how your child is getting on and what they are learning.



Lost Property

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



Parent Partnership

Our next AGM is the **3 Oct 24 at 6.30pm** in school. Everyone is most welcome and we are really keen for new volunteers! You don't need to attend every meeting, but we really do rely on the support of our parents – so please consider being part of the Parent Council.



Exciting News

You will know that we applied for a grant through the Cambuslang East Participatory Budget Funding, for the hire of two minibuses to help school and family trips, and we also applied for another project, to fund a mother and toddler group in the school. We are excited to announce that we won both applications! Now, I need to get a minibus driving licence to get this started. It does mean that we will save ££££s as we won't need to hire buses for trips! More information will follow once we know more.



Snacks

Just a reminder that lollipops are not allowed in school for health & safety reasons. And for general health purposes, we cannot allow liquid chemicals such as brain lickers and sprays to be brought in as a snack – these are not conducive to concentration in school or helping their hunger. As always, thank you very much for your continued help and support in this.

P6 Swimming

The P6s have already started swimming which will replace their PE slot for 10 weeks. This was booked before summer when we didn't know about our minibus funding so we have had to pay for these buses which are expensive. Once we have the minibuses, we are going to book in P5 swimming sessions for later in the year, to make sure they get their block whilst we have the transport to do so. Many schools no longer take part in swimming lessons because of the cost of transport.



Clubs

Mr McKissock will be looking to get a calendar of clubs up and running soon and will send this information out in due course. Some clubs have already started. When letters go home in bags we will send an email too so that you know when to look out for them.

Harvest/Foodbank

As part of our Harvest celebrations, Primary 4 are working alongside the Rutherglen and Cambuslang foodbank collecting donations. Please send anything that you can spare into class by the 4th of October and this will be collected by Primary 4.

The foodbank has specifically requested the following, but are happy to receive any packaged foods:

Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Soup, Jam, Biscuits, Coffee - Please note that they cannot accept any fresh food products.