



START OF TERM NEWSLETTER

September 2026 | Welcome back to Park View

WELCOME BACK!

A very warm welcome back to all our Park View pupils and families. We hope everyone had a lovely summer and that the children are settling happily into their new classes.

Apologies in advance for the length of this newsletter! There is lots happening at the beginning of a new school year, so please take a little time to read through the important information below. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

CAR PARK - DROP OFF ONLY

Please remember that our school car park operates as a **drop-off area only** at the beginning of the school day.

When cars remain longer than necessary, traffic builds up. This makes the area unsafe for children, prevents other parents from getting in and can stop staff accessing parking spaces. Please drop off and move on as quickly and safely as possible so the car park remains **safe and accessible for everyone**.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL - ACTION REQUIRED

We currently have various medications in school for which we **do not have a corresponding medication form completed by a parent/carer**.

Staff cannot administer medication without the appropriate paperwork, even where that medication could potentially be life-saving. If your child has medication held in school, please ensure the required form is completed and the medication is in date and clearly labelled.

OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES

1. WRITING

We will continue to develop our writing programme following the **great success last year, with almost all pupils making great progress in writing**. We will build on this work to ensure a consistent approach across the school and help children become confident and successful writers.

2. SKILLS, WIDER ACHIEVEMENT & RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS

We will offer a wide range of opportunities for pupils to develop skills in and out of class, celebrate wider achievement and take responsibility within our school community. We will also improve playground equipment and support children to treat our resources, equipment and school building respectfully.

3. STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS WITH PARENTS

We want to provide lots of opportunities for families and school to work together for the good of our children. Look out for workshops, events, opportunities to come into school and ways to become involved in school life throughout the year.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP & CELEBRATING SUCCESS

PARK VIEW PARENT PARTNERSHIP (PVPP)

Mrs Crabb and Mrs McColl would love to meet with parents/carers who could help us organise a **Spooky Disco/Party at the end of October**.

You do not have to commit to lots of meetings or give up huge amounts of time. If you could help in any way, please contact the school. We hope to set up a **WhatsApp group** initially to help us get organised.

ANOTHER ECO FLAG FOR PARK VIEW!

Thanks to the hard work of **Mrs Morley and last year's P6 pupils, Park View has achieved another Eco Flag!** This is a fantastic achievement and something we are very proud of.

We will soon be organising a special **Green Day** to celebrate - look out for more information.

FANTASTIC PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL CLUBS

We were delighted to hear from **Josh, our Active Schools Coordinator**, that last year Park View had the **highest number of children attending school clubs**.

Our clubs give children access to a wide range of experiences and opportunities to develop new skills beyond the classroom. A huge thank you to all of the **staff who give their time to run and support clubs**, and to Josh and the wider **Active Schools team** for their continued support.

PUPIL PROGRESS, ATTENDANCE & THE SCHOOL DAY

SELF-EVALUATION & TARGET SETTING - THIS FRIDAY

This Friday, as part of pupils' target-setting work, your child's **Self-Evaluation Sheet** should come home in their school bag.

Please read this with your child and talk together about how they feel they are progressing in all aspects of school life. Your child's **attendance so far this session** will also be recorded on the sheet.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Good attendance continues to be a **school priority**. Every day matters: regular attendance helps children build on learning, maintain routines, develop friendships and feel connected to school.

Arriving on time is important too. It helps your child start the day calmly, order lunch at the correct time and avoids interruptions to our busy school office and classrooms.

BREAKFAST CLUB & HEALTHY SNACK AND CHAT

Breakfast Club starts at 8.15am.

At around **2pm** we have Healthy Snack & Chat because many children need an energy boost at that point. Please provide **fruit or vegetables** for this. This is not another playtime snack.

A reminder that we do not have fizzy juice, energy drinks, brightly coloured/high-sugar 'blue' snacks and similar items in school, as these can negatively affect children's regulation, concentration and behaviour.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE & OFFICE TIMES

The school office is closed at certain points during the day, including **12.00pm-1.15pm**. The best ways to report an absence are **Option 1 on the school telephone absence line** or **Parents Portal**.

As part of our attendance and safeguarding procedures, we **need to know the reason for every absence**. If a reason has not been provided, we will still need to contact you.

STAFFING & DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CLASS	TEACHER(S)
P1	Mrs Dalglish & Mrs Gray Mrs Hazeltine covering Mrs Gray until October Week
P2	Miss Stobo & Mrs Rennie
P3	Mrs McNeil & Mr Paterson
P4	Mrs Stevenson & Mr McKissock
P5	Mrs Longmuir & Mrs Rose
P6	Mrs Phillips & Mrs Morley
P7	Mr Law

WELCOME, MISS PILLANS

We are lucky to have a new member of support staff, **Miss Pillans**. We are delighted to welcome her to the Park View team.

P7 RESIDENTIAL

The P7 Residential is **the week after the October Week**. Mr Law will discuss everything families need to know at Meet the Teacher.

ANNUAL DATA CHECKS - PLEASE COMPLETE

Mrs Boyd has sent Annual Data Checks through **Parents Portal**, but so far we have only received responses from around **50% of families**.

Please take a few minutes to complete this if you have not already done so. It is essential that emergency contacts, telephone numbers, addresses and other important information are accurate and up to date.

THANK YOU

Thank you for making it all the way to the end of our first newsletter!

We have a busy and exciting year ahead at Park View and, as always, our priority is ensuring our children feel **happy, safe, included and ready to learn**.

We are very grateful for the support our families give to the school. By working together, we can continue to make Park View a school community of which our children can be proud.

Mrs McColl
Head Teacher