



Parkfield Primary School News

'Believe, Achieve, Succeed'



Issue 1

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Dear Parents / Carers,

A huge welcome back to all from everyone here at Parkfield. We hope you had a fantastic Summer. Things haven't stopped over the summer at school with a new hall floor, new kitchen in Key Stage 2 and new toilets in the Blue Room. A special welcome to our new parents and Reception children, we are so happy you have joined our Parkfield family.

Meet the Teacher Parent Meeting

All parents and carers are welcome to join us with their child in their classroom this **Wednesday 12th September at 3.30pm** to meet your child's teacher. There will be a short presentation about the school year ahead and the opportunity to speak to the class teacher. For those parents with more than one child or that can't attend we will make the presentations available online.

Early Birds and Busy Bees

There are still places available at our new before and after school club. Please contact the school office if you'd like your child to attend.



A reminder that the fees are as follows:

Early Birds Breakfast School Club

7.30am - 8.45am - £2 per day (£10 per week)

8.15am - 8.45am - £1 per day (£5 per week)

Busy Bees After School Club

3.15pm - 5.30pm - £8 per day (£40 per week) *(Places must be pre-booked)*

School Dinners

Please note that school dinners will now cost £2.15 per day, which is £10.75 per week. This cost is set by the local authority.



Uniform

Every child has looked incredibly smart this week, starting school with the correct uniform on. I'd like to thank you for your support with ensuring that Parkfield's high standards are met.

Don't forget to put names in all items of clothing and footwear to reduce lost property.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

For children in Y1-6 you will have been able to sign your child up to a club this week and you will now know which clubs they are in. You will have noticed that due to budget constraints, we have had to start charging a small fee of £1 per session for each after school club. This helps cover materials and staffing of the clubs. Fortunately, a number of the sports activities will continue to be free as they are funded by the 'School Sports Grant'. Please note, those that have

successfully been accepted into a fee paying club the cost for Autumn term is £13 and payment can be made on School Gateway or at the school office.

School Trips

A reminder that every trip or visit that a class takes part in will be costed individually. Parents and carers will be sent the information through email where payment can be made online using the School Gateway. Where possible, school will notify parents with plenty of notice about upcoming trips and set up an online payment. We ask that payments are made as soon as possible. As a school we heavily subsidise trips, but with the rising costs of transport and entry tickets we have to unfortunately pass this increase onto parents.

Please note that if parents fail to make this payment it may mean that a trip may have to be cancelled. In cases of hardship, we ask that parents contact the headteacher in confidence to request assistance with the costs.



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School Photos

The school photographer will be coming on Wednesday 19th September. A reminder that if you'd like a photo with a sibling that doesn't



attend Parkfield, you can come into school from 8.15am. All other photographs (individual and siblings) will be taken that morning. Don't worry – Y4 will have their photos before swimming!

PTA

There will be a meeting on **Friday 21st September at 9am** in the Blue room to discuss events for the forthcoming year. All parents and carers are welcome. We need as much help and support as possible at the various events across the year.

Learning Logs

If your child is in years 1-6, they will have brought home their Learning Log. This includes a set of activities that can be completed over the half term. All the activities will be linked to the topic that your child is learning in class this half term. A reminder that due to last year's curriculum changes Y1/2, Y3/4 and Y5/6 will have identical learning logs.

Y5 & Y6 Residential

Following last year's successful residential we have booked again for Y5 and Y6 to go to the fabulous Robinwood and action packed Blackpool. Both trips will be for a two night stay. Details will be sent out next week via email.

Payments

Thanks to those parents that have already made payments online using School Gateway. If you require any help in logging in or signing up please contact the school office. Please also note that once a payment has been made it can take a



couple of days before it leaves your bank account.

Y4 Swimming

Please note that Y4 start swimming lessons at Middleton Arena this Wednesday 12th September. More details will be sent via email.



Y1 Athletics Event

Parents and carers of children in Y1 are welcome to join us from 9.00am – 10.00am in the hall on Tuesday 18th September. You will be introduced to our online maths homework system and have the opportunity to work alongside your child in a fun and interactive lesson.

School Lottery

Would you like the opportunity to win £25,000 each week and support the school? If so, please join the Parkfield school lottery where one person from our school is guaranteed a prize each week. A percentage of the money raised goes towards school funds.

Communication

We like to keep our paper usage to a minimum at Parkfield (we're very eco-friendly!) and as a result use email and Twitter as our main methods of communication. If you are receiving this letter on paper – please contact the school office with your email address. If you're not on Twitter, sign up and follow @Parkfield. We regularly send updates and pictures from all the classes. Alternatively, keep your eye on www.parkfieldprimary.com as we regularly update our website and you can find a range of information on here.

Let us know

Did you know that any child who has a parent serving in any of our armed forces can attract an additional payment for school? If this applies to you please let us know.

Also.....unusual for Parkfield, we have had a couple of our children move area over the holidays and as such we have a place in year 1 and a place in year 3. If you know of someone who is waiting to join our Parkfield family please ask them to contact school.

Calendar Dates for 2018-19

Please visit the school website regularly as we are constantly updating the calendar.
<http://www.parkfieldprimary.com/parkfield/calendar.html>

Welcome

We have had a number of new staff join the Parkfield team this September. A big welcome to Miss Roworth, Miss Jones and Miss Rigby in Reception. Mrs Wright and Mrs Bardsley join our lunchtime team along with Mrs Seager, Mrs McHugh and Mrs Schofield. Mrs Doyle joins our site team. Mrs Bardsley and Miss Jones will be working with Mrs Naughton in Busy Bees as will Mrs Quinn-Howarth in Early Birds.

Welcome to team Parkfield each and every one of you.

And Finally Here is to an eventful and happy first half term of the year.

Yours sincerely



Mrs C J Palfreyman
Headteacher