



Park Primary

August 2021



Perseverance

Ambition

Respect

Kindness

Welcome:

We have had a really good start to this session! All children have returned to school, looking very smart in their school uniforms and already eager to learn. We are particularly proud of our P1 children who have been outstanding, transitioning to school life with ease! We are all hopeful that we will be able to welcome parents and carers into the school this session, although we will be guided by health and safety guidance and required mitigations. We will share a calendar of events once this has been confirmed.

Staffing:

We welcome three new members of staff to the school team this session. Mrs Maria Lawson and Mrs Natasha Kelly join our teaching team, and Miss Catilin Bloomer joins us as a Learning Assistant. I am confident that they will become valued members of our Park Family



Health and Safety:

Following guidance, we are currently continuing with the mitigations that were put in place last session. This includes all staff wearing face masks whilst moving around the school, parents wearing face masks in the playground, as well as regular handwashing and hand sanitation in school. We are also maintaining our class bubbles both in the building and outdoors. We will keep you informed of any updates through Class Dojo. Many thanks again for your support and cooperation.

Attendance:



At Park Primary we actively promote and monitor the attendance of all pupils. It is part of a national priority to ensure that all children achieve their potential through attending school consistently throughout their academic life, from P1 onwards. It is very important that you contact the school office or message your child's teacher providing a reason for their absence. Thank you very much for your support.

'Every school day counts, Attend Today, Achieve tomorrow!'

Flu Immunisation:



Thank you to everyone who has returned the permission letter for the Flu Immunisation Programme. The immunisations will take place on **Thursday 18th November** at school. Please ensure that you have returned the letter, indicating whether you give permission. If you do not give permission, please return the letter indicating so, or provide written confirmation. This will help greatly on the day.

Class Dojo:



Class Dojo is the main way in which we share and communicate information with you. Last session we had a huge uptake of the App which ensured that information from and to school was clear and accessible for everyone. If you are not currently using Class Dojo, you should have received information about how to set it up as an App on your phone. We are aiming for 100% return, so please get in touch if you need any support.

School meals:



<https://www.clacks.gov.uk/learning/schoolmenus/>

We are delighted to inform you that hot school meals will resume from **Monday 27th September**. The menu is available on Clacksweb and will also be available on Class Dojo. Please make sure you have completed the Free School Meal application if you think you meet the criteria and feel free to phone and speak to Kirsty Fraser (Children and Family Worker) if you need any support.

Also, please sign up to ParentPay, if you have not done so already as we would like to limit the cash coming into school. Once again please contact the school office if you need support accessing this service. Thank you.

School improvement Plan:



**CONVENTION
ON THE
RIGHTS OF
THE CHILD**



As part of our commitment for continuous improvement, and through consultation with parents and carers, staff and children, we have identified key priorities for this session. Parental Engagement and Pupil Leadership (linking to The United Convention of the Rights of the Child) are at the heart of the developments. We will share all our priorities using Sketch Notes, through Class Dojo.



Parent Council:

The role of Parent Council is very important. It enables you to be part of school developments, support parental engagement and of course, get involved in developing a fundraising calendar. Following a consultation last session, our first Parent Council meeting of this session will take place on **Monday 13th September at 6pm**. An invitation will be sent through your child's Class Dojo, with a code to join the meeting through Teams. This first meeting will only last 30 minutes, as an informal introductory session. We will then be able to agree dates and times moving forward.

I look forward to seeing you all, albeit virtually, on the 13th September!

Kind regards,

Kay Strang

Headteacher

School Term dates: Session 2021/2022

Event	Date
Autumn term begins: staff development days (pupils off)	Monday & Tuesday 16th & 17th August 2021
Autumn term begins (Pupils):	Wednesday 18th August 2021
Autumn term ends:	Friday 8th October 2021
October holiday begins:	Monday 11th October 2021
October holiday ends:	Friday 15th October 2021
Winter term begins:	Monday 18th October 2021
Staff development day (pupils off)	Friday 26th November 2021
Christmas holiday begins:	Wednesday 22nd December 2021
Christmas holiday ends:	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Spring term begins:	Wednesday 5th January 2022
Staff development days (pupils off)	Monday & Tuesday 14th & 15th February 2022
Spring half-term holiday begins:	Wednesday 16th February 2022
Spring half-term holiday ends:	Friday 18th February 2022
Spring term ends:	Friday 1st April 2022
Easter holidays begin:	Monday 4th April 2022
Easter holidays end:	Monday 18th April 2022 (Easter Monday)
Summer term begins:	Tuesday 19th April 2022
May public holiday:	Monday 2nd May 2022
Summer term ends:	Friday 24th June 2022
Autumn term begins (provisionally)	Monday 15th August 2022