



# Park Primary

August 2024



**P**erseverance

**A**mbition

**R**espect

**K**indness

## Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the summer break. Our children have settled back into school with ease and are proudly demonstrating all of our school values of Perseverance, Ambition, Respect and Kindness. It is lovely to see all the children proudly wearing their school uniform and coming into school prepared with a PE kit. Information about PE days can be found on your child's Class Dojo page.



Please come along to our Meet the Teacher session on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm – 5.30pm so that you can meet your child's class teacher and find out more about the routines and expectations within each class. Please feel free to bring your child along to the visit.

## Attendance:

Being in school on time every day is vitally important. Not only does poor attendance have a negative impact on academic progress, but it also impacts on your child's friendships and social skills. A child who misses school just twice per month will lose out on 18 days' education across the school year – that's nearly **four weeks**.

Please contact Sam through Class Dojo or leave a message at the school office if your child is going to be absent from school. If your child's attendance reaches a trigger point, letters and/or meetings will be arranged. Please get in touch if you need any support/advice in relation to your child's attendance and/or lateness.

**Be Inspired**

**Be INVolved**

**Be INschool**

## Parent Pay:

Most schools now operate a largely cashless system using Parent Pay as an alternative. If you need help to sign up to Parent Pay, please contact the school office and they will support you to do so.

The cost of a school lunch is £2.45 per day and breakfast is available from 8.30am at a cost of £1.50. The cost of lunch for children from P1-5 is funded by the Scottish Government.

Where a pupil is in P1 to P5, and parents meet the eligibility criteria, the parent should apply for free school meals in order to receive free breakfast club, holiday food payments and the Family Bridging Payments. Those that are eligible will also receive a clothing grant payment. If you need help to complete this application, contact Kirsty Fraser, our Children and Families Worker.

This session reminders of payments will be made through Parent Pay to alleviate any accumulation of outstanding monies.



Our school menu can be accessed at <https://www.clacks.gov.uk/learning/schoolmenus/>

### Lost Property:

# LOST PROPERTY

This year, to avoid a huge amount of lost property gathering over the year, we have allocated 'Lost Property Boxes' outside the school office.

These boxes will be available for parents/carers to access on a regular basis at the beginning and end of school day, as well as at evening events. It would be greatly appreciated if you could write your child's name on all items of clothing as this helps us to return it to its rightful owner.

### P1-3 Fruit:

As part of our Pupil Equity Funding, we provide free fruit to children in P1 -3. There is also a Fruit Trolley available daily for children in P4-7 who have forgotten to bring a snack to school.



### School Photographs:

The school photographer is in on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Photographs will include individual and family photographs for children across the school. Family photographs will only include siblings of children who are currently at Park Primary. Please contact Kirsty if you require any further information.



### Therapeutic Services:



For the past couple of years, we have used some of our Pupil Equity Fund to provide music therapy. This service has proved very beneficial and has supported a number of children to develop their confidence, self-esteem and communication skills. We are delighted to share that will continue to provide Music Therapy for a day a week. Here at Park Primary, we recognise the importance of looking after our children's social, emotional and mental wellbeing. Therefore, we have allocated further Pupil Equity Funding to fund a range of therapeutic services. This includes Play Therapy and a Wellbeing Worker. We also have access to our school nurse, Julie Furzer, and many of you will already know Kirsty Fraser, our Children and Families Worker.

If you would like to know more about these services, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### Communication:



We use Class Dojo as our main way of communicating with parents/carers. This allows us to stay in touch via direct messaging and share insights into what is happening in the classroom through photos and videos. If you have not yet signed up to Dojo please contact your child's teacher who will be happy to help.

### Parent Council:

Our first Parent Council meeting of the session will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 6pm – 7pm. The focus for our meeting will be to discuss and plan a fundraising calendar for this session. It would be wonderful if you were able to join us. Our meetings are very informal and a good way to share your views and ideas and get to know other parents/carers.

## Nut-Free School:



Due to children in our school having a nut allergy, we are a nut free school. Please ensure that children DO NOT bring any nuts or products that contain nuts into school. Please check the small print of ingredients! Thanks for your support.



## Bicycles and scooters

As a health promoting school, we encourage children to walk, cycle and 'scoot' to school! Please make sure that your child has a lock for their scooter and/or bike so that it can be stored securely in the playground. Electric scooters are not allowed in school. Children will continue to use a Travel Tracker in class on a daily basis.

## Disabled Car Parking Space:



Please remember that the designated disabled car parking spaces are only for vehicles that display an authorised Blue Badge. We would appreciate your cooperation. Thanks.

Kind regards,

Kay Strang

Headteacher

## Dates for your diary:

SEPTEMBER	
Date	Event
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Non-Uniform Day – 50p per child/£1 per family
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Teacher: 4pm – 5.30pm
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	School Photos – individual and family groups
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Council Meeting: 6pm – 7pm
OCTOBER	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-Uniform Day – 50p per child/£1 per family
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	October holidays – school closed
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	School opens