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July/End of Year 2025 Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer has finally arrived and this academic year is coming to an end. A big thank you to everyone who has supported the school in one way or another, from helping in school and at events to attending the performances and concerts our pupils put on.

Special Mentions:

We give our pupils special mentions throughout their time at Park House and we have some special shout outs for some staff members.

- Mrs Sanderson and Mrs Millward have been awarded their long service award. They have worked here for 25 years, providing such a nurturing and supportive aspect to the classroom. A huge well deserved thank you goes out to them both.
- Mrs Swift, Julie, has decided to step down as our Clerk to Governors. She has supported the school in a variety of ways over a long time. Julie, is our catering

supervisor and will remain so going forward. She is also a regular at our breakfast and afterschool club. However, after almost 20 years supporting the Governors, she has decided it is time to step back. A big thank you to Julie from everyone at Park House and all the Governors.

- Mrs Ellis and Team SMILERS have been busy this year and we are pleased to announce that they have been awarded both bronze and silver awards. Over the next year we are going to go for gold! A brilliant achievement by all and I'm sure you have enjoyed seeing the videos they have been creating. We have two new logo's which you might spot on the letters going forward and we have made it onto the Derbyshire County Council, where there are only 6 schools in Derbyshire achieving silver! Well done Team SMILERS.
- A big thank you to Mr Ramsdale, who has been coming in each week and hearing some of our pupils read. It has been lovely to have someone new to read to and we look forward to you joining us again next academic year.

Goodbyes:

We say farewell to our Year 6 pupils, who are starting their secondary school journey and wish them all the very best for the future. Despite disruption to their learning during Covid and also from more recent events, we are so very proud of each and everyone of them. They have achieved so well in the end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs).

In addition to Year 6 moving on, we have some staff changes too:

- Miss Brown has been with us for a short time in Year 2 and Reception working as a TA temporarily to cover some absences but has been a lovely asset to school. She is going on to start her teacher training and we know will excel at this.
- Miss Booker has been working as a TA in Reception and in Year 4 this year. She has supported some of our vulnerable pupils and it has been lovely having her back in school albeit briefly. We wish Miss Booker all the best as she starts her new adventures.
- Miss Holmes has been teaching in Year 5 with Mrs Reeve this year, covering Mrs Watkinson's maternity leave. Miss Holmes has been a valuable member of staff, coordinating the sporting events and sports day this year. We thank Miss Holmes for her hard work and wish her all the best in her new school.

Welcome:

We are looking forward to our new Reception class joining us in September and it has been lovely meeting them at their transition sessions during July.

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Watkinson, who returns from her maternity leave this month. Mrs Watkinson will pick up her classroom duties from September.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Attenborough, who is joining Reception as a TA. Mrs Attenborough has a special place for Park House in her heart, with her children having attended Park House.

Miss Roberts, who has been working in Year 6 as a TA, will be moving to work in Year 3 in the mornings.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Peet who will be teaching in Year 5 with Mrs Key from September.

Performances:

This year we have put on a variety of performances from Christmas Carol Concerts and Nativities to ukulele performances. Our pupils always perform so well and are a pleasure to see.

Moving forward, we will align with local schools and only offer performances during school hours. However, dates will be provided well in advance to allow families to plan accordingly. This decision is based on several reasons. Younger pupils often feel tired after evening performances, and many students are unable to attend due to conflicts such as outside commitments, childcare for siblings due to ticket limitations, or parents not attending the performance. This creates challenges for those who do attend, as they often need to take on roles at very short notice.

Assessment Data:

Over the next few months the data below will be validated by the Department for Education (DfE) and we will be able to compare it to other schools nationally and also locally in Derbyshire.

- In Reception we have achieved 52% GLD (Good Level of Development).
- Our Year 1 pupils have been amazing and all have passed their phonics screening check and so we have a 100% pass rate.
- In the multiplication check in Year 4 we have achieved 64.5% achieving 20 or above out of 25 and 19% scoring 25/25.

In the end of Key stage 2 assessments (SATs) we have:

- Combined Reading, Writing and Maths result (those achieving expected and above in all three areas) is 56.7% (up from 53.6%).
- GPS (grammar, punctuation and spelling) is 76.7% and is up from 72%.
- Reading is 86.7% and is up from 78.6% (3 yr upward trend)
- Writing is 60% and is up from 57.1% (2 yr upward trend)
- Maths is 86.7% and is up from 85.7% (3 yr upward trend)
- Science is 76.7% and is up from 75%.

We know that these assessments don't define our pupils or show all the amazing things they can do, however we are proud of everything they have achieved both in school and outside school.

School Improvement Priorities:

Our school improvement priorities will be on writing and EYFS. We are looking closely at the new writing framework which has been released this half term from the Department for Education.

Mrs Cook has been busy securing support from the Maths Hub and we have been accepted onto two maths programmes. One which embeds the mastering number we have been doing in Reception and Key Stage 1, here we have seen some amazing maths skills developing. Secondly we have been accepted on to the mastering number for Year 4 and Year 5. The focus here will be on multiplication and division skills.

Communication over the holidays:

Over the holidays, if you have any safeguarding concerns you can email school on safeguarding@parkhouse.derbyshire.sch.uk. The school office will be closing from the 24th July, however emails will be periodically checked over the summer and responded to upon our return.

On that note, we would like to thank you all for your support this year. We break up today and on behalf of all the staff and Governors, we wish you all a lovely summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 8th September.

Kindest regards

Mrs Kavanagh





Summer Postcard Challenge

This summer we have a postcard challenge. For those of you going on holiday, whether it is within the UK or abroad, we'd like you to send your class a postcard with a brief description of one of your favourite things you have done or seen on your holidays.

If you are staying at home, can you design a postcard to encourage people to come and visit here?

Let's see how far and wide we have travelled but also see your wonderful writing and designs in action!

Breakfast and Afterschool Club Survey



The Department for Education are looking at the hours of wraparound care available across UK schools. Please can you complete the survey below. The survey is for all families not just those who attend.

<https://forms.office.com/e/yqxZTymW3b>

Summer Sports Camp



Summer Holiday Sports Camp

£15.00 PER DAY

**BOOKING OPEN
VIA PARENTPAY**

**(PUPILS MUST BE
ATLEAST 5 YEARS
OLD ON THE DAY
TO ATTEND)**



**29TH , 30TH & 31ST JULY
5TH , 6TH & 7TH AUGUST
9AM TO 3PM
£15 PER DAY PER CHILD**



Premier

Premier Sports are holding their summer sports camp with us again this year. It will run on the 29th -31st July and also 5th-7th August.

You can book places via ParentPay, it is £15 per day. Pupils will need to be aged 5 years old on the day to attend, they will need to wear sports clothes (no crop tops), sun hats/sun cream and bring a packed lunch and drinks.

It is a nut free sports camp and we do ask that no nuts or nut products are included in packed lunches/snacks.

Drop off and collection is via the pedestrian entrance to school near the zebra crossing.

Childcare vouchers can be used to pay for these camps.

School Uniform



Red 70/30 Cardigan

From: £11.50



PHP Red 70/30 Sweatshirt

From: £10.50



PHP Red Polo Shirt

From: £7.50



PHP White Heavyweight Polo Shirt

From: £7.00



Red Showerproof Jacket

From: £18.50



Year 6 Red 70/30 Cardigan

From: £13.65



Red Cap

From: £5.95



Red Junior Backpack

From: £13.00



Year 6 Red 70/30 Sweatshirt

From: £12.65



Green P.E T-shirt - with logo

From: £5.75



PHP Blue P.E T-shirt - with logo



Red Infant Backpack

From: £11.30

As we go into the summer holidays, we thought it would be timely to remind you of the school uniform expectations for September. **Please do ensure all uniform is named so we can return it if it gets misplaced.**

Our uniform is the bright red jumpers/cardigans, with grey or black trousers/skirts/shorts/dresses (**please keep sports shorts and leggings for their PE kit**), red or white polo shirt and in warm weather the red gingham dresses.

Shoes **must be black** but can be trainer style (not converse style) provided they do not have branded logos on them and pupils should be able to do them up independently.

No jewellery except stud earrings and a small watch should be worn. Earrings should be removed or taped up for PE lessons.

School bags are not to be larger than A4.

Uniform can be bought from most supermarkets/high street shops, however if you wish to have the logo on, then uniform can be bought from Loopwear: [Park House Primary School | Loop Wear](#) Purchases from Loopwear do generate a commission for school.

PE kits should be in school every day and consist of shorts/leggings or joggers, their house team colour t-shirt and a sports jumper, trainers for outside and pumps/plimsols for inside PE.

Hair that touches the shoulders must be tied up.

Management Information System



We use a management information system to record attendance, school meal choices and pupil emergency contact details. Currently, we use Integris. Unfortunately, Integris is ceasing and so from October we will be moving to Arbor. At present there is nothing for parents to do, other than ensure we have the correct and most up to date contact details for yourselves and your child.

We apologise in advance if we have any disruption as we migrate over.

Parent Governor Vacancy



We would like to thank Mrs Ruth Coulson for her time as a parent governor, supporting our school.

Mrs Coulson will be stepping down as a parent governor and therefore, in September, we will send out further communication for any parents who might be interested in joining the Governing Board.

We meet 6 times a year, usually on a Thursday evening and support the strategic direction of the school.

Key Dates For Your Diary



2024/25 Term Dates

Summer Term

- 22 April 2025 to 23 May 2025 (5 May 2025 is a bank holiday) (23 days)
- 2 June 2025 to 24 July 2025 (39 days)

22.4.25 School reopens

23.5.25 last day of half term

2.6.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

25.6.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

21.7.25 Qualitas Yr 6 rounders event

23.7.25 2pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly

23.7.25 Last day of term - break up for summer holidays.

24.7.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

29-31.7.25 Holiday Sports Camp

5-7.8.25 Holiday Sports Camp

2025/26 Term Dates:

4.9.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

5.9.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

8.9.25 School starts back.

10.9.25 Piano lessons resume

16.9.25 Crack Pot Church Assembly

18.9.25 Tupton Hall Year 5/6 Open Evening 5.30-6pm

18.9.25 Full Governors Meeting

29.9.25 Year 3 Trip to Cresswell Craggs

24.10.25 Last day of half term

3.11.25 School reopens

3.11.25 Year 4 Trip to Perlethorpe (Vikings and Anglo Saxon) Trip

7.11.25 Flu immunisations

13.11.25 Full Governors Meeting

16.12.25 KS2 Carol Concert

17.12.25 KS2 Carol Concert

19.12.25 Last day of term

5.1.26 School reopens

15.1.26 Full Governors Meeting

4.2.26 Year 5 Space Centre Trip tbc

13.2.26 last day of half term

23.2.26 School reopens

5.3.26 Full Governors Meeting

18-19.3.26 Year 5 Residential to Lea Green tbc

27.3.26 Last day of term

13.4.26 School reopens

23.4.26 Full Governors Meeting

4.5.26 Bank holiday - school closed

11-14.5.26 KS2 SATs

15.5.26 Disco tbc

18-20.5.26 Year 6 residential to Dukes Barn tbc

21.5.26 Last day of half term

22.5.26 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

1.6.26 School reopens

24.6.26 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

1-3.7.26 Tupton Hall Transition Days

1.7.26 Move Up Day

2.7.26 Full Governors Meeting

23.7.26 Last day of term

2024/25 Inset days:

- Wednesday 4th September 2024 - completed

- Monday 6th January 2025 - completed
- Monday 2nd June 2025 - completed
- Wednesday 25th June 2025 - completed
- Thursday 24th July 2025

2025/26 Inset days:

- Thursday 4th September 2025
- Friday 5th September 2025
- Friday 22nd May 2026
- Wednesday 24th June 2026
- The last inset day is still to be decided.