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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had an enjoyable summer and we look forward to hearing about the exciting things you all managed to fit in.

It was lovely to see and hear the fun being had at the sports holiday camp in the holidays. The glow in the dark dodgeball looked great fun!

Have any of you taken part in the summer postcard challenge? There is still time to enter by designing a postcard to promote people to come and visit locally.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a Parent Governor vacancy, information will come home with your child by Tuesday 9th September with details about how to be nominated if you are interested in helping the strategic direction of the school. There is a short time frame to submit nominations and then if there is more than one nomination we will hold a ballot. Governors meet each half term on a Thursday night from 6pm.

Uniform

We end up with lots of lost property and most of it doesn't have names in. Please can you name items of clothing such as jumpers, trousers, skirts, PE kits and shoes. This will help us to reunite your child with their clothes.

PE kits

Please ensure your child **brings their named PE kit into school on the first day back**, this can be left on their peg until half term. If any PE kits become soiled we will let you know. PE kits being in school all the time gives your child a change of clothes if needed and allows us to adapt to the weather and move PE lessons if needed. Please note that PE tops should be house team colour t-shirts (no crop tops or football kits allowed) and pupils should have unbranded trainers for outside. PE in the hall will be in bare feet unless plimsols/pumps are provided. Earrings must be removed or taped over for PE and only studs should be worn.

Jewellery

A reminder that jewellery in school is limited to stud earrings and watches. Please do not allow your child to bring bracelets, necklaces or rings to school, as they will be asked to remove these and the jewellery will be sent home. Smart watches that connect to phones are not allowed in school, however pedometer style watches if small are allowed, but they must not be connected to phones or receive messages.

Walking to and from school

Only Year 5 and Year 6 pupils are allowed to walk to and from school without someone over the age of 16 years. We will require written consent for this, letters were sent home at the end of last academic year. Without written consent, we will contact you to collect your child. If you need to send a sibling or family member to collect your child, please ensure they are over 16 years of age.

Homework

Optional homework grids will be included with your curriculum flyer that will come home in the next few weeks. This will give you some information about what your child will be learning this half term. Optional homework gives pupils the opportunity to earn extra dojo points and learning characteristic awards by undertaking tasks outside of the curriculum such as baking, star gazing and riding bikes.

Reading - we ask that as a minimum pupils read three times a week, this can be recorded in the reading diaries which will come home. Please do make sure that water bottles are not put with reading books and they get spoilt and we will charge for replacements where this happens repeatedly.

TTRockstars/Numbots - your child will have a login for Numbots or TTRockstars, please support them to complete these at least three times a week. We have found that the regular revisiting of multiplication and number bonds really does help pupils with their maths skills in school.

Dojo points are given for each time your child reads or completes TTRockstars/Numbots. Some classes may send some phonics or additional maths to support topics they are teaching.

Kindest regards

Mrs Kavanagh

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 return to school, 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. Water bottles do not need to be large (such as Stanley style bottles) as there is ample opportunity to refill water bottles during the day.

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.

Football Team Try Outs



OPEN TO YEAR 3 & 4
NO COST TO TRYOUT

YR 3/4 FOOTBALL TEAM TRYOUTS



MONDAY 15TH
SEPTEMBER 3.30PM-
4.30PM OPEN TRYOUTS
FOR YEAR 3/4
FOOTBALL TEAM

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A BOYS
TEAM AND A GIRLS TEAM

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF SELECTED FOR THE TEAM, ATTENDANCE AT THE FOOTBALL
CLUB EVERY MONDAY AFTERSCHOOL IS REQUIRED



We have some school sports team selection events coming up for a Yr 3/4 boys football team and Yr5/6 football team (mixed) and a Yr5/6 netball team. The netball team selection will take place after half term.

Teams will be selected based on team spirit/sportsmanship, skills and attendance at the try-outs. The selection will be undertaken by Qualitas Coaches who remain independent from school staff and those successful will be announced in an assembly once all try-outs are complete. There is an expectation that those chosen for the teams will attend the weekly football club on a Monday, so they can train together as a team and pupils need to be displaying positive behaviour in school.

Therefore we are running the following:

On **Monday 15th September 3.30pm-4.30pm** there will be try-outs for the two **Yr 3/4 football teams**. Those wishing to try-out for the team will need to sign up on ParentPay, there will be no charge for the try-outs.

On Monday 22nd September 3.30pm-4.30pm there will be try-outs for the **Yr 5/6 football team**, priority is given to Yr 6 pupils as it is their last opportunity to represent the school on this team. Those wishing to try-out for the team will need to sign up on ParentPay so we have a register, there will be no charge for the try-outs.

The Football Club following the two try-outs will be charged at £2 per pupil per week, those families in receipt of free school meal status are eligible for free places on sports clubs.

We are keen to get a girls football team together too, so if you are interested please come to the try-outs.

Pupils will need to have PE kits, shin pads and football boots for try-outs and the football club.

School Day



Just a reminder for our new families joining us about the timings of the school day.

Drop off for pupils is between 8.40am and 8.50am with registration being at 8.55am. If you arrive after 8.55am, your child may receive a late mark. Please come through the main silver gates.

Morning playtime

- 10.30am-10.45am

Lunch time

- 12noon -1.00pm followed by registration at 1.05pm

Afternoon playtime

- 2.20pm-2.30pm

End of the day

- Reception classes (after their transition days) will finish at 3.25pm and pupils should be collected from the Reception garden ramp.
- The rest of the school will finish at 3.30pm and can be collected from the main playground.

Reception playtimes will be a little different as they access continuous provision (free play) inside and outside throughout the day.

Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Breakfast club runs from 7.30am to 8.40am

Afterschool club runs from 3.30pm to 5.30pm (or a partial session until 4.30pm)

Snack

Pupils in Reception to Year 2 are offered a fruit snack in the mornings. The rest of school are welcome to also bring a fruit snack in the morning.

Afternoon break, we again allow pupil's to bring a **healthy snack such as fruit**, malt loaf bars, fruit winder type snacks. Please do not send chocolate, sweets or crisps. These will be sent home with your child.

We also have pupils in school with medical conditions and **severe nut allergies**, so we do ask **that you avoid nut based products**, to help keep them safe both at snack and lunch times. Please talk to your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other pupils.

Communication Channels



The majority of families like ClassDojo as a means of sharing information between school and home. However to ensure that key communications are not missed, we wanted to remind everyone of the most appropriate channels of communication.

- **Urgent/time sensitive messages** must be *via the telephone* to the office please.
- **Recording absences and medical appointments** - message the Office ClassDojo or you can contact the School Office via phone **01246 851185**.
- **Concerns** - concerns should be addressed by the class teachers or the pastoral team in the first instance and then if concerns still persist the senior leadership team are happy to help. Please either ring the office to get the teacher to ring you back outside of teaching time, catch them on the playground or speak to a staff member on the gate in the morning/after school.
- **Complaints** - if we have been unable to resolve your concerns, then you can follow the school complaints policy which can be found in the policy section of the school website ([Policies | Park House Primary School](#)).
- **ClassDojo messages to staff will not** be checked during teaching times or on a daily basis. We do urge messages to go via the school office as we would hate to miss a message on Dojo. The exception to this is the school office who check the messages in the morning and in the afternoon.

- Staff may not respond to ClassDojo messages immediately as they are teaching in class, they will not be responding outside of office working hours such as after 5.30pm or at weekends. We will respond at our earliest opportunity.

We have been made aware that on occasion sending information out via technology may come with glitches or key information may get missed. We will ensure that a paper copy of important information such as trips, relationship and sex education letters and the half termly curriculum overview is sent home as well as going out on dojo.

ClassDojo Etiquette:

ClassDojo does have a social media feel to it, however it is still a formal communication channel between home and school. It has been lovely to hear when something special has happened outside of school. When sending messages via Dojo, please consider the intention of the message to the recipient. By agreeing to use ClassDojo you are agreeing to our published protocols and etiquette set out here [covid-19-teams-classdojo-protocol-expectations-and-etiquette-2020.pdf \(primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com\)](https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/covid-19-teams-classdojo-protocol-expectations-and-etiquette-2020.pdf)

If you are wishing to submit a complaint, this should not be through ClassDojo and should follow the school complaints procedure.

Key Dates For Your Diary



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

15.9.25 Yr 3/4 football team try outs (boys and girls welcome)

16.9.25 Crack Pot Church Assembly (in school)

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

18.9.25 Full Governors Meeting

22.9.25 Yr 5/6 football team try outs (boys and girls welcome)

24.9.25 Brookfield Community School Year 6 Open Evening

29.9.25 Year 3 Trip to Cresswell Craggs

1.10.25 St Mary's High School Yr6 Open Evening

2.10.25 Tibshelf Community School Year 5/6 Open Evening 5-7pm

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

9.12.25 2.30pm Reception and KS1 Nativity

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12.12.25 Panto

16.12.25 KS2 Carol Concert 2pm

17.12.25 KS2 Carol Concert 10am

17.12.25 Christmas Dinner Day

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

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.