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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have all had a lovely break.

We welcome Mr Howell to Park House, as our new Deputy Headteacher and Year 5 class teacher. I'm sure you will all meet him over the next few weeks.

As you return to school you will see a number of markings added to the playground. These formed part of the investigation works completed in the holidays. These should wash away over

the next couple of weeks and were used as reference points for a survey completed in the front garden and the playground.

Last term we had some great sporting performances with our football team qualifying for the finals at Derby County training ground in June; our netball team showing great teamwork, determination and resilience and not to forget the amazing dance festival performances by Reception and Year 2. We are very proud of our pupils, especially when they represent our school!

Lots of hard work has been put in by our pupils over this academic year and it has been lovely for this to be seen first hand by Governors who have been coming into school. I'm not surprised that so many dojo points were earned last term. A big thank you goes to you for helping them behind the scenes at home, encouraging reading and taking part in TTRockstars/Numbots.

We have lots of fun events coming up this term and also some statutory assessments. Our Year 6 class will be undertaking their end of Key Stage 2 assessments, commonly called SATs, our Year 1 class will have their phonic screening checks and Year 4 will undertake the multiplication screening check. None of these assessments recognise the wider talents and skills our pupils have in a variety of areas such as music, the arts and sports. If your child is worried about these assessments, remind them that in a few years they won't even think back on them, they are there to help prepare them for their next part of their academic journey.

Upcoming events include:

- School disco
- Year 6 residential
- Move up day
- Summer Fayre
- Sports Day
- Year 5 & Year 6 end of year performance
- Art show and auction

We are aiming to hold the holiday sports and activity camp in the first three weeks of the summer holidays. This is run on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 9am to 3pm. Further details and how to book will be coming soon.

We look forward to this next term and welcoming you to our upcoming events.

Kindest regards

Mrs Kavanagh







Art Project and Auction



During April, we will be undertaking an art project with our local cluster of schools. We will be exploring pieces by the Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama. Using her techniques and style, each class and school will recreate our own pieces of art. This will be 2d in nature and there will a digital presentation of examples of the work from each school available for families to see.

We will then be holding an art gallery of work around school for you to come and peruse after school (including the digital presentation) and we will operating a secret auction, further details around this will come out shortly.

Year 3 Swimming



Please note that Year 3 swimming this term will be on Thursday mornings and starts back on the 16th April.

Poster Competition

Competition

The Friends of Park House need your help! The Summer fair needs a poster design to advertise our great event. All you need to do is;

- Create a colourful design in the space below showing everyone what our summer fair is all about.
- Attach £1 with your entry
- Bring your entry into school before Friday 24th April.

Designs will be shortlisted and the final winners from KS1 and KS2 will receive a prize.

Community Summer Fair

Saturday 4th July
12pm - 3pm

FREE ENTRY

Name: _____ Class: _____

DEADLINE: FRI 24th APRIL!

KS1 & KS2 PRIZES!

The Competition Details:

- 💰 Entry: £1 per design (please hand this in with your completed entry).
- 📅 Deadline: Return to school by Friday, 24th April.
- 🏆 Prizes: We will be choosing a winner from KS1 and KS2, with special prizes up for grabs!

Save the Date: Our Community Summer Fair is on Saturday, 4th July (12pm – 3pm) and entry to the fair is FREE!

Parent Governor Vacancy



Unfortunately, we had no submitted interest for the role of Parent Governor. If anyone is interested in the role, please come and speak to me or one of our other Governors to find out more.

New Bespoke Menu



Spring & Summer Menu

Park House Primary School

Daily:
Bread, Salad,
Fruit, Yoghurt
Drinking Water
& Seasonal
Vegetables

**CELEBRATING
120 YEARS
OF SCHOOL
MEALS**

Week 1		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13.04.26	The Main Event	Chicken with Curry Sauce Rice & Homemade Flatbread	Big Breakfast: Sausage & Bacon Diced Potatoes Baked Beans & Peas	Roast Dinner or Roasted Vegetable Tart Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza with Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers Chips Peas & Carrots
04.05.26	Alternative Choice	Tomato Pasta Bake Homemade Bread	Veggie Breakfast: Veggie Sausages Diced Potatoes Baked Beans & Peas	Vegetable Jambalaya & Homemade Bread	Veggie Burrito with Seasonal Vegetables	Veggie Sausage Roll Chips Peas & Carrots
01.06.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
22.06.26	Dessert	Chocolate Cookie	Flapjack with Fruit	Strawberry Layer Dessert	Sprinkle Cake	Chocolate Pear Slice
13.07.26						
07.09.26						
28.09.26						
19.10.26						

Week 2		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20.04.26	The Main Event	Dippers with a Homemade Sauce & Rice Ve	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Spaghetti & Garlic Bread	Roast Dinner or Roasted Quorn Fillet Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Breaded Chicken Wrap Garlic Mayo Dip & Diced Potatoes	Battered Fish Fillet Chips & Baked Beans
11.05.26	Alternative Choice	Vegetable Curry & Rice	Tex Mex Chilli & Pasta	Vegetable Chow Mein	Veggie Balls with Tomato Sauce & Pasta	Veggie Fingers Chips & Baked Beans Macaroni Cheese
08.06.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
29.06.26	Dessert	Salted Caramel Cookie	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit	Fruit Muffins	Ice Cream with Fruit	Pinwheel Biscuits
20.07.26						
14.09.26						
05.10.26						

Week 3		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27.04.26	The Main Event	Chicken Burger in a Bun & Diced Potatoes	Beef Taco & Rice	Sausages Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza with Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers Chips & Baked Beans
18.05.26	Alternative Choice	Vegan Burger in a Bun & Diced Potatoes	Veggie Taco & Rice	Veggie Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Cheese Panini Chips & Baked Beans
15.06.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
06.07.26	Dessert	Apple Oat Cookie	Lemon Cake with Fruit	Jelly with Fruit	Jam Sponge	Chocolate Cracknel
31.08.26						
21.09.26						
12.10.26						



For further information and allergen details please visit: www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk
Dates highlighted in bold denote theme day events.

This terms menu has been adapted specifically for Park House and will be different to the one available on the DCC website.

Don't forget that if your child doesn't like the menu, they can speak to Julie first thing in the morning to order a jacket potato or sandwich.

Sports Clubs

EXTRA-CURRICULAR
**SPORTS
CLUBS**

20/04/2026 - 15/05/2026

3.30PM-4.30PM



#1 Monday - Football
Year 3 to Year 6



#2 Tuesday - Cricket
Year 2 to Year 6

#3 Wednesday - NO CLUBS



#4 Thursday - Basketball
Year 3 to Year 6



#5 Friday - NO CLUBS



Clubs are £2 per session, book via ParentPay
(free for pupils in receipt of FSM)

We have a number of sports clubs running this half term. Bookings can be made via ParentPay. We are holding waiting lists for some of these clubs already, therefore if your child is unable to attend, please inform the office. If pupils miss two or more sessions, unfortunately we will need to offer places to others waiting to attend.

Clubs cost £2 per week per session and need to be booked in advance, if you have free school meal status please speak to the office as places are then fully funded.

Parking



Parking is always tricky around school. Sadly, before we broke up, one of our parents had been sworn at by a family also dropping pupils off at school. Please can we ask that consideration and respect is shown with other members of the Park House community and local residents.

Key Dates For Your Diary



2025/26 Term Dates:

8.9.25 School starts back.

24.10.25 Last day of half term

3.11.25 School reopens

19.12.25 Last day of term

5.1.26 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

6.1.26 School reopens

13.2.26 last day of half term

23.2.26 School reopens

27.3.26 Last day of term

13.4.26 School reopens

16.4.26 Year 3 Swimming starts back

W/C 20.4.26 Art Project

23.4.26 Full Governors Meeting

1.5.26 Tennis lessons across school start

4.5.26 Bank holiday - school closed

11-14.5.26 KS2 SATs

15.5.26 Disco

18-20.5.26 Year 6 residential to Dukes Barn

21.5.26 Year 5 ukulele concert to parents in the morning

21.5.26 Last day of half term

22.5.26 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

1.6.26 School reopens

10.6.26 New Reception Starter parent meeting 4pm

15.6.26 Year 6 trip to Bestwood Environmental Centre

16.6.26 New starter Reception transition session 4pm

18.6.26 New starter Reception transition session 4pm

24.6.26 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

19.6.26 Year 2 and Year 6 Qualitas sports day

22.6.26-25.6.26 Tibshelf Transition Days

1-3.7.26 Tupton Hall Transition Days

1.7.26 Move Up Day

2.7.26 Full Governors Meeting

4.7.26 Community Summer Fayre

10.7.26 Sports Day - weather dependent (reserve sports day is 17.7.26)

W/C 13.7.26 Year 5 and Year 6 end of year performance (exact dates and times tbc)

13.7.26-17.7.26 Brookfield Transition

14.7.26 Year 3 trip

23.7.26 Year 6 leavers assembly (2pm tbc)

23.7.26 Last day of term

2025/26 Inset days:

- Thursday 4th September 2025 - completed
- Friday 5th September 2025 - completed
- Monday 5th January 2026 - completed
- **Friday 22nd May 2026**
- **Wednesday 24th June 2026**