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End of Year Newsletter 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so proud of how well our pupils have done this year. We are looking forward to what next year brings and all that our pupils achieve. A big thank you to our playground buddies, school council and i-Vengers who have supported our pupils and school this year.

A time for farewells!

This time of year is bittersweet as we say farewell to our Year 6 class but get ready for our other classes to move up a year group and welcome our new Reception class to Park House. Year 6, you are an great class! Good friends, talented performers and your academic results have been amazing. You have shown that there is nothing you can't do. We know you will continue to shine at secondary school and we look forward to hearing all the amazing things you achieve in the future! Goodbye and good luck Year 6!

A very big well done to Year 5 and Year 6 for their amazing performance of Alice in Wonderland. The amount of work that has gone into learning the lines, songs and making props is huge. Thank you to all the families for supporting their child/ren in learning their lines and helping with the costumes.

We say goodbye to Miss North, who has been covering whilst Mrs Hopkins has been on maternity leave. Thank you Miss North, we wish you all the best as you move on to your next school. We look forward to Mrs Hopkins who will be popping back in regularly to see us as she prepares to return.

We also would like to thank Mrs Ene who has stepped back from being a Mid-day Supervisor to be a Teaching Assistant, she isn't going far as she is still helping in Year 6.

A big welcome:

We welcome Mrs Sherwood who will be joining us in September as a Mid-day Supervisor, and some of you may have noticed that Mrs Gale has returned this term to be a Mid-Day Supervisor.

We also welcome Miss Holmes who will be joining Mrs Reeve, in teaching Year 5 in September. Mrs Watkinson will be with us when we return for a few weeks but is due to start her maternity leave in mid September.

Below we have included a comparison of how well our pupils have done in relation to national levels. The national levels are subject to validation.

Our focus for improvements next year, as part of our School Improvement Plan, will be to prioritise the following areas of:

- Writing,
- EYFS writing,
- Maths in particular multiplication and embedding the
- Playtime enrichment,
- The continued review of our curriculum.

We break up today and school reopens for pupils on Thursday 5th September.

From all the staff at Park House, we wish you all a lovely summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Kindest regards

Mrs Kavanagh

EYFS GLD	2023/24		2022/23		2021/22	
	School	National	School	National	School	National
	80%	67.7%	73%	67.2%	56.7%	65.3%

Phonics	2023/24		2022/23		2021/22	
	School	National	School	National	School	National
Year 1	92.3%	80.4%	83%	78.9%	80%	75.5%
Year 2	80%	55.5%	67%	58.7%	93.3%	87%

Year 4 Multiplication Check	2023/24		2022/23	2021/22
	School	National	School	School
Achieved 25/25	6.5%	TBC	20%	9.4%
Achieved between 20-24	48.4%	TBC	43.3%	31.3%
Achieved between 15-19	41.9%	TBC	20%	46.9%
Achieved between 0-14	22.6%	TBC	13.3%	18.8%

Year 6	2023/24			2022/23 (KS2 Writing has been moderated by LA)			2021/22		
	EXS +	Predicted National EXS+	GDS	EXS +	National EXS+	GDS	EXS +	National EXS+	GDS
Reading	79%	74%	25%	75%	72.6%	25%	83.3%	74.6%	43.3%
Writing	54%	72%	0%	72%	71.5%	15.6%	83.3%	69.4%	20%
Maths	86%	73%	21.4%	78.1%	72.9%	9.4%	76.7%	71.5%	40%
Science	75%	87%		78%			87%	79%	
Combined EXS in R, W, M	53.6%	61%	7.1%	65.6%	59.5%		73.3%	58.7%	

School Timings



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

- 10.15am-10.30am

Lunch time

- 12noon -1.00pm followed by registration and assembly at 1.10pm

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.

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. One of the medical conditions is called Prader Willi Syndrome and it is very important that this pupil is not given certain foods. Therefore, all snacks coming into school will need to be named and for certain year groups collected in. Please talk to your child about not sharing their snacks or lunches with other pupils.

School Uniform



PE Kits

Pupils should bring their PE kits in and have them hanging on their pegs rather than coming sport ready. There are a variety of reasons behind this, having flexibility over when we teach PE if the weather has postponed it, having a change of clothes in case of an accident and also to help our younger pupils to learn to dress and undress themselves.

PE kits will be their coloured house T-shirt, black/dark shorts/leggings/joggers, sports shoes. Football kits, lycra wear etc will not form part of the uniform and will be sent home.

Daily Uniform

A reminder that our daily uniform is black or grey skirt, shorts, trousers or dress, red or white polo shirt, red jumper or cardigan (bright red) and finally black shoes (without logos and not football style trainers). We have noticed that alternative coloured items are being worn such as jumpers and football style trainers which are not part of the school uniform, we do ask that our uniform is adhered to from September.

Coats and Bags

School bags be smaller than an A4 folder, we struggle for space with bags and PE kits hanging on pegs and larger bags to tend to cause coats and bags to fall on the floor. This causes items to become lost and creates a trip hazard for our pupils.

Names

Please name all belongings, from bags, water bottles, to jumpers and PE kits. This year we have been unable to reunite some almost brand new uniform as it wasn't named.

Jewellery and Hair

Just a reminder that stud earrings are permitted however these should be removed or taped for PE. Watches which have pedometers such as variations on fitbits which do not send or receive messages are allowed but school does not accept liability for the loss or damage of these style watches. Smart watches which connect to a phone or receive calls/texts are not permitted.

Hair that touches the shoulders should also be tied up please.

Anyone purchasing new uniform can do so from supermarkets and shops, www.loopwear.co.uk. Just please choose the bright red jumper/cardigan option, you do not have to purchase uniform with the school logo.

Holiday Sports Camps



Thank you to those who have booked the sports camp, we look forward to seeing you. The date for these are:

24th-25th July

30th July - 1st August

6-8th August

They will run from 9am to 3pm, pupils will need to bring a packed lunch, drink, sun cream, sun hat and wear clothes suitable for sports and the weather (no crop top style sports wear please).

Pupils need to be 5 years old on the day they attend and also current Year 6 pupils are also welcome to attend.

- 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, RSE 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. On occasion the more informal messages can come across in a different manner than is intended. However, where messages are rude or abusive we will provide a warning that your access to Dojo may be revoked. 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.

Attendance and Exceptional Leave Requests



This year the whole school attendance has started to drop below national averages, this is predominantly due to families requesting holidays in term time. There have been questions over the request for evidence of exceptional circumstances and hopefully the following information will help to explain why we ask for the evidence.

Please be aware that from August 2024, the Department for Education have tightened the rules around attendance in schools and unless applications for leave are supported with evidence of exceptional circumstances, all leave will be unauthorised. The main changes that are coming in is that more than one unauthorised absence taken in a 36 month period will put families at risk of fines and court action by Derbyshire County Council and the amount fines are will be rising. Schools do not receive any money from fines and we follow the guidance and policy as set by Derbyshire County Council.

Holidays are an important aspect to family life and offer valuable education about different cultures and countries. We value and are grateful for your honesty over absences. Please do not ask your child/ren to not tell us about holidays or lie about their absence from school. Not only does this confuse and put pupils in a difficult position, it also prevents them from sharing about the positive experience they have had (most are very excited). Where we suspect an absence has been incorrectly reported to us, and/or a holiday is suspected, then it will be recorded as unauthorised.

In September we will issue the new policy written by Derbyshire County Council regarding absences, to be clear, our local cluster of schools have been working together to ensure that the same information is provided across our schools.

Key Dates For Your Diary



Remaining Term Dates

23.7.24 Yr 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm (entry from 2.20pm)

23.7.24 Last day of term

24-25.7.24 Summer Sports Camp 9am to 3pm

30.7.24-1.8.24 Summer Sports Camp 9am to 3pm

6.8.24-8.7.24 Summer Sports Camp 9am to 3pm

2024/25 Term Dates

- **4 September 2024 to 25 October 2024 (38 days)**
- **4 November 2024 to 20 December 2024 (35 days)**
- **6 January 2025 to 14 February 2025(30 days)**
- **24 February 2025 to 4 April 2025 (30 days)**
- **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)**

2024/25 Inset days:

- Wednesday 4th September 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025
- Friday 2nd June 2025
- Wednesday 25th June 2025
- Thursday 24th July 2025