

June (1) 2023

Dear parent,

I hope everyone is rested after our long weekend break. It has been wonderful to enjoy the sunshine and some time outdoors. June has begun and with it brings the anticipation of our summer break but also a time to say goodbye to our P7s. The pupils have their trips to look forward to tomorrow; I am sure everyone will enjoy these experiences. June is always a busy month; please take note of all the dates and changes to collection times listed in this newsletter.

STAFFING 2023/24

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Governors have completed the recruitment process for Mrs Hobson's maternity cover. Mrs Kennedy will be joining the staff in August.

It was lovely to see Mrs Magowan and her son Judah at the picnic on Friday; we look forward to her return to teaching in late November.

SPORTS DAY AND FAMILY PICNIC

The sun shone and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the sports and family picnic hosted by the PTA. I would like to extend my thanks to Mrs Gawn, Chair of the PTA, for her organisation of this most successful event. Thanks also go to all the parents and grandparents who supplied sandwiches and treats as well as organising and manning the bouncy castles, lucky dip, glitter tattoos, food and drinks stations.

I would like to thank John McCullough for providing us with some wonderful music as a background to our event and also to Albert Price who ensured that the sports field was so well prepared for us.

Out thanks go to Mr Bill of Spar Parkgate who continues to support the school by providing treats for the pupils which they received today at breaktime as well as the slushie drinks machine for our picnic.

My final thanks are to the staff for their preparations for sports day and their support of the PTA in ensuring the success of the family picnic event.

Through donations, the lucky dip and glitter tattoos we raised £252. A welcome addition to PTA funds.

Some unnamed trays and containers remain in school as well as two black folding chairs. Please reclaim these items as soon as possible.

UNIFORM ORDER

All orders should be returned to school by Friday 9 June and payment made to the account below.

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Account Name: Parkgate Primary School PTA Account
Sort Code: 98-09-40
Account Number: 77461214

Uniform samples will be available to view on Wednesday 7 June from 2pm – 2.30pm and 3pm – 3.30pm.

CURRICULUM MORNING – BALLYCLARE HIGH SCHOOL

Class: P6
Date: Wednesday 14 June
Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm
Transport: Provided by Ballyclare High School

Please return the reply slip sent home with your child today by Wednesday 7 June.

NEW P1 INDUCTION AFTERNOON

We will be welcoming 10 new P1 pupils into the Parkgate family in August. To help with their transition into P1 there will be an induction afternoon on **Friday 16 June**. All P1 and P2 pupils will finish school at 1.00pm on this date.

LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

Date: Friday 23 June
Class: P7
Time: 13.15-14.00

P7 parents are invited to join us in the assembly hall for a leavers' assembly. At the conclusion of the assembly P7 pupils will be waved off by the school community in the playground.

School will finish at **2pm for ALL** pupils at the conclusion of this event.

P7 pupils are not required to attend from 26 – 30 June.

To facilitate polo shirt/sweatshirt signing pupils should bring their chosen item into school on Thursday 22 June.

To assist with preparations for this event please complete the reply slip sent home with pupils today by Friday 9 June.

CYCLING PROFICIENCY

Due to the trip to 'The Lake' there will be no cycling proficiency on **Friday 2 June**. An additional session has been arranged on **Friday 16 June**.

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Mrs V Ferguson
(PRINCIPAL)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 02.06.23 | P1-P5 day trip to W5 |
| 02.06.23 | P6/P7 day trip to The Lake Kilrea |
| 07.06.23 | Uniform samples available to view |
| 09.06.23 | Uniform orders returned to school office |
| 14.06.23 | P6 Familiarisation Day – Ballyclare High School
Reply slip due Wednesday 7 June. |
| 16.06.23 | New P1 pupils' induction afternoon (P1&P2pupils collected at 1pm) |
| 16.06.23 | Annual reports released |
| 16.06.23 | Additional Cycling Proficiency session |
| 23.06.23 | Leavers' Assembly – reply slip due Friday 9 June. |
| 30.06.23 | End of Term – School closes at 12pm for all pupils and staff |

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