

## September (2) 2023

Dear parent,

We have had some wonderful weather this week allowing the pupils to enjoy sunny playtimes. I would remind parents that sports shorts **are not** part of the permitted school uniform, pupils should wear smart, black, knee length shorts only. Our first PTA meeting of the year is on Monday night. Please complete the attendance link if you are able to come along.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Official school photographs will be taken by CS Moments on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

Babies and toddlers will be made welcome on the first-floor lobby from **8.30am** for group portraits.

Each pupil should wear their school sweatshirt and polo shirt/shirt and tie and should wear their skirt/pinafore or trousers and smart shoes for their photograph. Girls wearing a skirt/pinafore should wear either white knee length socks or black tights.

### P1 EXTENDED DAY

In order to help our P1 pupils transition to a longer afternoon they should remain in school until **1.00pm** during the week commencing Monday 25 September. This will give the P1 pupils the opportunity to experience lunchtime arrangements and to have some lunch play outside.

As we still have no hot lunch service P1 pupils should bring a packed lunch or order a lunch from school. Lunches are priced at £2.60 per day and payment should be sent to the school office on Monday 25 September in a **named** envelope indicating **which days** your child wishes to have a school lunch.

Monday	Ham
Tuesday	Tuna
Wednesday	Cheese
Thursday	Chicken
Friday	Cheese & Ham

P1 pupils should be collected from the school gate as usual.

P1 pupils will transition to a full timetable, 9am – 2pm, from Monday 2 October.

### FLU VACCINATION

The school nursing team will be in school on **Thursday 12 October** to administer Flu vaccinations to pupils in P1-P7. Consent forms have been sent home with pupils and should be returned to school by **Wednesday 20 September**.

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## ANNUAL PANTOMIME

Date:	Friday 5 January 2024	
Classes:	P1 – P7	
Venue:	Grand Opera House	
Event:	Snow White and the Seven Dwarves	
Charge:	Pantomime	£12.00
	Double Decker Bus	£ 6.45
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£18.45 per pupil</b>

More details will follow in due course.

Payment should be sent to the account below before **Friday 22 September**. To assist with administration please use the correct reference.

**Account:** Parkgate Primary School

**Acc. No.** 77461057

**Sort Code:** 98-09-40

**Reference:** Pupil Surname + PANTO

Parents must also complete a permission slip for your child/ren to attend using the link below.

<https://forms.gle/nqVxCRTw4PDgTRQJA>

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

These will commence the week beginning **Monday 25 September** for **P2-P7** pupils. The link to the google form is below. An Afterschool's plan 2023/24 has been sent home with your eldest child this week. Please note that the viability of clubs is subject to numbers and there may be changes to provision throughout the year. Registration should be completed by **Friday 15 September**.

<https://forms.gle/o4D33SbnueSScqt9>

## PTA

The first meeting of the PTA will be held on **Monday 11 September** at **7pm** in the school. All parents are welcome to attend as we plan our 2023/24 event calendar.

Please indicate your availability to attend the meeting by completing the google form linked below by **Friday 8 September**. If you are a new parent to the school and wish to be added to the PTA email list and/or PTA WhatsApp group, please also complete the relevant sections of the form.

<https://forms.gle/phxzw9k3Z1PZFtSb7>

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**Kids Coder Club** - These talks emphasise the importance of parents' education and involvement in their child's digital world.

### **Free Parent Talk**

Parents learn about:

- a. The importance of understanding Cyber-Safety for their children and themselves.
- b. How to have their children involved in coding and computer science.

Register at <https://kidscoderclub.ie/events>

Further details are attached.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>11.09.23</b>	<b>PTA Meeting 7pm</b>
<b>15.09.22</b>	<b>School Photographs</b>
26.09.23	After School Clubs commence <b>P2-P7</b> pupils
26.09.23	Dance 1
27.09.23	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
28.09.23	Basketball 1
29.09.23	School Closure – School Development Day 1
05.10.23	<b>P1</b> Parent Consultations
17.10.23	Dance 4 – Final Session
18.10.23	Harvest Assembly
19.10.23	Basketball 4 – (Continues after mid -term break)
25.10.23	<b>P2-P7</b> Parent Consultations
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12.12.23	Christmas Concert (6.30pm)
05.01.24	Annual Pantomime

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