

June (2) 2023

Dear parent,

We have begun our final weeks of the 2022/23 year but still have much to look forward to. Next week our Sustrans officer Beverley will be making her final visit to the school and the P6 pupils are off to experience 'big school'. Friend of the school, David Morrison, will be visiting us in the following week for some music fun and P7 are busy preparing their Leavers' Assembly. Our new P1 pupils will be joining us for an afternoon next Friday; P1&P2 parents, please take note of the collection time on Friday 16.

EARLY BIRD

At a recent meeting of the Board of Governors it was agreed that, given the current financial stresses on schools, the continued losses of the Early Bird Club could no longer be sustained by the school. This service will therefore cease on Friday 30 June and will not be offered in the 2023/2024 academic year.

The Board of Governors have instead suggested the option of a late collection for parents of pupils in P1-P3. Pupils would be supervised between 2pm – 3pm to reduce the number of pick ups for families or to give the option of an additional hour on days where there is no after school club. There will be a small charge for this service.

If you are interested in this option, please complete the google form below by Friday 16 June.

<https://forms.gle/2tHzHrDiErfep5R48>

Board of Governors appointment – Mrs K Young has been appointed to the school's Board of Governors by the Education Authority as an Education Board representative. We welcome her to the Board and look forward to working together for the positive promotion and development of the school.

UNIFORM ORDER

All orders should now have been returned to school and payment made to the account below.

Account Name: Parkgate Primary School PTA Account

Sort Code: 98-09-40

Account Number: 77461214

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CURRICULUM MORNING – BALLYCLARE HIGH SCHOOL

Class: P6
Date: Wednesday 14 June
Time: 9.30am – 1.00pm
Transport: Provided by Ballyclare High School

We are looking forward to a morning of fun and the opportunity to experience some post primary subjects. Pupils should wear appropriate footwear for outdoor sports as they will be participating in a PE session.

All pupils should bring a packed lunch on this date as we will be returning to school late.

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**.

CYCLING PROFICIENCY

The final session of Cycling Proficiency will be on **Thursday 15 June**. Pupils **DO NOT** require their bikes for this session.

Please read on for community notices and dates for your diary

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Attached are details of:

Templepatrick Cricket Club
Strange Summer kids camp
Antrim Golf Club junior section
Summer Reading Chest

For those of our families who have older teenagers, I have been asked to share the following information.

The Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) have partnered up with Belsonic for this year's events. All bar and security staff at the upcoming events are now trained in the "Ask for Angela" initiative.

If an attendee happens to feel unsafe or uncomfortable at any time during these events, ask the bar or security staff for "Angela" and staff will know what to do to help.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.psni.police.uk/AskForAngela>.

Mrs V Ferguson
(PRINCIPAL)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13.06.23	Sustrans Day
14.06.23	P6 Familiarisation Day – Ballyclare High School Reply slip due Wednesday 7 June.
15.06.23	Final Cycling proficiency session
16.06.23	New P1 pupils' induction afternoon (P1&P2pupils collected at 1pm)
16.06.23	Annual reports released
21.06.23	Music Fun with David Morrison
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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