

**September (3) 2024**

Dear parent,

We have had a wonderful week of weather enabling our pupils to enjoy sunny playtimes and outdoor lessons. I would remind parents that sports shorts, leggings and cycling shorts are not part of school uniform. A reminder of permitted school uniform is included later in the newsletter.

We are looking forward to our coffee afternoon next week. If you have not yet completed the google form please do so as soon as possible to help with the planning of this event. To prepare the hall our pupils are colouring some bunting and there will be NO SCHOOL LUNCHES on this date.

### **Macmillan Cancer Coffee Afternoon – Wednesday 25 September 1.15pm – 3.00pm**

This event is an opportunity for parents and the wider community to meet together to raise funds for charity. As **Grandparents Day is Sunday 6 October** this year, we would especially like to invite grandparents to join us. Grandparents and parents who are able to attend can choose to have their grandchildren/children along with them if they wish.

*Please ask Mrs Ferguson to collect them from the classroom and bring them to the hall.*

For those pupils who do not have a relative attending, a drink and a bun, will be provided in the classroom.

**All pupils will finish at their normal times on this date.** Grandparents/parents who remove pupils from classrooms are responsible for their supervision throughout their visit. The children of parent volunteers will be supervised by staff in their classrooms until the conclusion of the event.

**Donations can be made either by using the QR code on posters in the hall or in cash.**

### **SCHOOL LUNCHES**

**To allow for the set up of this event school lunches will NOT be available on Wednesday 25 September. All pupils should therefore bring a packed lunch on this date.**

**If you are able to provide baked goods these should be brought to school on the morning of Wednesday 25 September. Please ensure all containers are clearly named.**

### **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 23 September. This will give the P1 pupils the opportunity to experience lunchtime arrangements and to have some lunch play outside.

Lunches will be available to order on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of this week due to the Macmillan event and the School Development Day on Friday 27 September. Lunches are priced at £2.60 per day and payment should be sent to the school office on Monday 23

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September in a **named** envelope indicating **which days** your child wishes to have a school lunch.

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

P1 pupils will transition to a full timetable, 9am – 2pm, from Monday 30 September.

## **FLU VACCINATION**

The school nursing team will be in school on **Wednesday 16 October** to administer Flu vaccinations to pupils in P1-P7. All consent forms should have been returned to the school office.

## **ANNUAL PANTOMIME**

Date:	Friday 10 January 2025		
Classes:	P1 – P7		
Venue:	Grand Opera House		
Event:	Peter pan		
Charge:	Pantomime	£12.00	
	Double Decker Bus	£ 6.80	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£18.80</b>	<b>per pupil</b>

More details will follow in due course.

Payment should be sent to the account below before **Wednesday 2 October**. 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/2SEfLFhQYJDbiZWX7>

## **PLEASE READ ON**

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## SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDER

<b>BOYS</b>	<b>GIRLS</b>
<p><b><u>P5-P7</u></b> Red sweatshirt White short sleeved or long-sleeved school shirt Black smart trousers Black shoes/black trainers School Tie</p> <p><b><u>P1-P4</u></b> Red sweatshirt White polo shirt Black jogging bottoms or black smart trousers Black shoes/black trainers School Tie (<b>P4 only for special events</b>)</p> <p><b><u>PE Uniform</u></b> White polo shirt Black jogging bottoms Black trainers Red sweatshirt/cardigan</p>	<p><b><u>P5-P7</u></b> Red sweatshirt or cardigan White short sleeved or long-sleeved school blouse Black skirt or pinafore Black shoes/black trainers White socks/black woollen tights School Tie</p> <p><b><u>P1-P4</u></b> Red sweatshirt or cardigan White polo shirt Black jogging bottoms or black skirt or black pinafore Black shoes/black trainers School Tie (<b>P4 only for special events</b>)</p> <p><b><u>PE Uniform</u></b> White polo shirt Black jogging bottoms Black trainers Red sweatshirt/cardigan <b>CYCLING SHORTS AND LEGGINGS ARE NOT PERMITTED SCHOOL UNIFORM</b></p>
<p><b><u>Summer Uniform</u></b></p> <p><b><u>P5-P7</u></b> Red sweatshirt/P7 hoody White short sleeved school shirt School tie Smart black knee length shorts. Black shoes/trainers</p> <p><b><u>P1-P4</u></b> Red sweatshirt White polo shirt Smart black knee length shorts. Black shoes/trainers</p> <p><b>SPORTS SHORTS ARE NOT PERMITTED SCHOOL UNIFORM</b></p>	<p><b><u>Summer Uniform</u></b></p> <p><b><u>P5-P7</u></b> Red sweatshirt/P7 hoody White short sleeved school blouse School tie Smart black knee length shorts or black skirt Red gingham dress (black cycling shorts may be worn underneath as modesty shorts but <b>NEVER</b> on their own)</p> <p>Black shoes/trainers</p> <p><b><u>P1-P4</u></b> Red sweatshirt/cardigan White polo shirt Smart black knee length shorts or black skirt Red gingham dress (black cycling shorts may be worn underneath as modesty shorts but <b>NEVER</b> on their own) Black shoes/trainers</p>

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To assist with costs the school has reduced the number of school branded items which can only be ordered through the school supplier. Parents have the option of sourcing much of the uniform from an outlet of their choice. This does not however mean that uniform is open to interpretation.

Since the introduction of the new uniform our pupils look smart and well-presented and are encouraged to take pride in their appearance. The pupils are always complimented on their behaviour but also on their smart appearance when they are out in the community. Thank you for working with the school in maintaining this high standard.

## **DATA COLLECTION FORMS**

To ensure that the data we have on file is accurate a data collection sheet for **P2-P7** pupils will be sent home **today**. Please complete the form and return to school no later than **Thursday 26 September**.

**P1 parents have already completed this form**. For future reference please inform the school immediately of any of the following:

- Change of address
- Change of contact details
- New special dietary needs
- New medical information

## **SCHOOL FUNDRAISING**

### **ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS**

As we are a registered Parentkind school parents can raise funds for the school as they shop. This initiative is running throughout September, October and November. See the link for more information on how to get started.

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

### **CASH FOR CLOBBER**

The purple clothing bank is located in the lane to the right-hand side of the school. It has recently been emptied so if you are having a wardrobe clear out, please consider dropping your donations into the bank.

### **EASYFUNDRAISING**

The school has participated in this shopping initiative for many years. Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand. For further information on how to join this initiative please click the link below.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/>

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

These will commence on **Wednesday 6 November** for all pupils. Further information to follow.

**Please read on for community information and dates for your diary.**

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**Library Van** – The next library van visit is Wednesday 9 October.

**H2O Swimming Academy**- Flyer attached.

**Halloween Football Camp** Thursday 31st October and Friday 1st November from 10am to 1pm at the newly regenerated 3G pitch at Dixon Park, Ballyclare.

Anyone who is interested should register through the link below, and make payment to the PayPal link at the end of registration submission;

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0\\_Ldfr7g5VpGWsACqWTtoTY8D42b6jb8Y6nIj3d8y5-lwa5g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf0_Ldfr7g5VpGWsACqWTtoTY8D42b6jb8Y6nIj3d8y5-lwa5g/viewform)

Places will only be secured once payment is made (please select friends and family option on PayPal).

**Parents should contact Jonny McClurg to confirm their submission** (or if they require any further information) by email or via Whatsapp; [mcclurgj1988@icloud.com](mailto:mcclurgj1988@icloud.com) 07850157960

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25.09.24	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – <b>PUPILS BRING A PACKED LUNCH</b>
27.09.24	School Closure – School Development Day 1
09.10.24	Library Van visit
15.10.24	Harvest Assembly @ 1.15pm
16.10.24	Flu Vaccination
23.10.24	Parent Consultations
24.10.24	Parent Consultations
28.10.24	Mid -term holiday begins.
01.11.24	Mid-term holiday ends
06.11.24	After School Clubs commence for all pupils.
10.12.24	Christmas Concert (6.30pm)

Mrs V Ferguson  
(PRINCIPAL)

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