

September 1 2025

Dear Parent,

All of the classes have now settled into their normal timetables and routines and the pupils are enjoying their learning and the opportunities to blend with other classes.

The information provided in this newsletter is important for the smooth running of our school and I would ask you to read carefully over each section.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

A well-attended and productive meeting was held on Monday evening. New office bearers were appointed as below.

Chair of PTA Mrs McDermott

Secretary Mrs McKeown

Treasurer Mrs McKeown/Mrs Boyd

Minutes of the meeting have been sent home for your information.

Macmillan Cancer Coffee Afternoon – Wednesday 24 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 5 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.

To assist with preparations for this event, please complete the google form linked below by **Monday 15 September.**

<https://forms.gle/wvSprkLXLH38Snbo6>

The Chair, Mrs McDermott, will then be in contact with volunteers via the PTA email (parkgateps.pta@gmail.com) to arrange a variety of cakes and bakes for the event.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

To allow for the set up of this event school lunches will NOT be available on Wednesday 24 September. All pupils should therefore bring a packed lunch on this date.

A copy of this newsletter is available on the school website

<https://www.parkgate-primary.co.uk/>

If you are able to provide baked goods these should be brought to school on the morning of Wednesday 24 September. Please ensure all containers are clearly named.

EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS

To ensure all parents are receiving school communications via email please complete the google form below by **Monday 8 September**.

<https://forms.gle/uym5KnyjBmHhgmWs9>

SCHOOL TEXT MESSAGE SERVICE

The EA's school text messaging service is changing provider in October. Only **ONE** primary telephone number will be linked to this new service. This will be taken directly from information held within SIMS, provided by you on the school data collection forms. *Data collection forms* have been sent home for P2-P7 pupils. One form should be completed for each child of the family. These should be returned by **Wednesday 10 September** to allow any changes to primary telephone numbers to be updated within SIMS.

HOMEWORK CLUB

The school will offer a homework club for pupils between **2pm and 4pm** on a **Monday and Tuesday**. This will be trialled throughout the school year and will be staffed by our classroom assistants. Please complete the form below to help gauge interest levels in this service. Full details, to include costs, will be included in the next newsletter.

<https://forms.gle/NzNgWeSdndFBA9KC9>

As discussed at the PTA meeting there are currently insufficient numbers to proceed. Due to our small numbers, costs will be at £5 per hour per child. If you are interested in making use of this service, please complete the form above by **Monday 8 September**. If you have already responded it is not necessary to do so again.

SOCIAL MEDIA

An Instagram page for the school will be live in the incoming weeks. Consequently we are reviewing parental permissions for the school's social media platforms. A permission form has been sent home for each family. Please complete and return this form by **Wednesday 10 September**.

SILVER SMASH

Money Monday restarts on Monday 1 September and will continue until we have smashed our full jar target.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19.09.25	Rhyme Time begins
24.09.25	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon (No school dinners - Packed lunch for all pupils)
26.09.25	School Closure – School Development Day 1
17.10.25	Harvest Event
21.10.25	P1-P7 Parent Consultations – School closes at 1pm for all pupils
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27-31.10.25	Mid-Term break
05.11.25	After School Clubs commence for all pupils.
21.11.25	School Development Day 2
09.12.25	Christmas Concert (6.30pm)
11.12.25	Whole School Photographs (previous date incorrect)
19.12.25	End of Term – school closes at 12pm