

February (2) 2024

Dear parent,

I would like to remind parents of pupils on the school's SEN register to complete the google form linked below. This is an opportunity for you to provide feedback to the school. As we are approaching mid-term, I would like to wish all our families and pupils an enjoyable break.

ATTENDANCE

'If a child of compulsory school age is registered at a school it is essential that they attend their school regularly and maintain a pattern of good attendance throughout their school career. Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child or young person to fulfil their potential.' *DENI Attendance Matters a Parents' Guide.*

The school expects individual attendance of at least 95% and an overall school attendance of 97%+ over the academic year. Overall school attendance is currently **92.6%** and many of our pupils' attendance has fallen below **90%**. Having myself been unwell on three occasions this year I am aware that there are often illnesses, weather conditions and other mitigating circumstances which may lead to low levels of attendance.

Following a period of absence it is a parent's responsibility to provide a written explanation of the absence to your child/ren's class teacher. Telephone calls and Seesaw messages will not suffice. As the weather improves and the number of bugs and viruses circulating amongst the pupils reduces, I would hope to see a continuing improvement to the attendance percentages for individual pupils and for the whole school.

I have included the attendance table below to highlight again the link between low attendance and the number of days lost.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

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PTA NEWS

All families on the PTA mailing list should have received an email outlining the PTA's next fundraising venture; a table quiz and auction.

When: Saturday 23 March
Where: Jim Baker Stadium

The PTA have requested your help in sourcing items and services from local businesses and restaurants. Over the coming weeks if you know anyone who could donate items/services that you would like to see in the auction, would you please ask them? We are looking for any kind of service (gardening, sports, cleaning, beauty, etc.) or experience voucher (restaurants, entertainment, spa, sports, days out etc.) or prize worthy toys, trinkets, possessions, etc.

If you have any further questions, please contact the PTA email.
parkgateps.pta@gmail.com

The PTA's work over the coming months is targeting a fundraising total of **£10K**. This will enable the school to replace the interactive boards in all classrooms, purchase further IT equipment and update the reading materials used in the school's reading scheme.

Your support in each of the upcoming ventures is greatly appreciated and will benefit all of the pupils in the school community.

FEBRUARY ON THE FLOOR – CHARITY FUNDRAISER.

Over the past number of years our pupils have heard of the work of local charity Stand by Me through regular assemblies. This charity works in some of the poorest countries around the world, where life for many children is a daily struggle. By participating in February on the Floor our pupils have the opportunity to think of others and make a difference to the lives of the Stand by Me children.

By sleeping on the floor and raising money, they can provide a child with new uniforms to give them dignity, a schoolbag with all the resources they need and breakfast to help them concentrate for a day of learning.

What: Spend one night sleeping on the floor.

When: On a night of your choice during the mid-term break.

Funds: We hope to raise £200 by asking for a suggested donation of £5.00 per child.
(Donations of any size are welcome)

'Stand by Me' have set up a dedicated fundraising page for our event which you can access using this link www.standby.me/parkgate Alternatively you can bring your donations to school after the mid-term break, between **Monday 19 February and Wednesday 21 February**.

Please also take a photo of your child/ren on the floor so that we can create a photo collage for our news boards. Photos can be emailed to vferguson808@c2kni.net.

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – FEB/MAR

Both providers have confirmed that they will **NOT** be proceeding with clubs as advertised for Term 2B due to low numbers. Playsport will return again in Term 3. A parent survey to assess the sustainability of after school provision will be sent out in the coming weeks.

LEAVERS HOODIES

P7 Leavers Hoodies are now available to order. An order form will be sent home with all P7 pupils. All orders should be received by Friday 23 February. Payment should be made by bank transfer to the account below.

Acc: Parkgate Primary School
Acc. No 77461057
Sort Code: 98-09-40

SEN PROVISION

During this academic year, the school is piloting the implementation of Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) for children on the school's SEN Register. These have replaced Individual Education Plans (IEPs). Phase two of the PLPs will be sent home on Monday. It is important that parents are involved and consulted within the target setting and evaluation process.

Parents of children on the SEN Register should complete the google form below in advance of parent consultation meetings. Class teachers will discuss PLPs relating to individual pupils with the appropriate parents during Parent/Teacher Consultations.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfTYzbAqR0tJDIqFAbsfZYy2ANBO44uZPu2MmzIs-y3v58e0A/viewform?usp=sf_link

Thank you for your support and feedback,
Mrs McLean

PE UNIFORM

Changes to PE uniform days apply from week commencing **19 February 2024**.

P5-P7 Monday
P3/P4 Monday

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Dementia Support – Please see attached flyer.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

09.02.24 School closes at 2pm for all pupils – mid-term break
School closed 12.02.24 – 16.02.24.

12.02.24-18.02.24 February on the Floor Charity Fundraiser.

19.02.24 Term 2B begins – new lunch menu.

22.02.24 Post Primary Admission Portal closes.

23.02.24 P7 Leavers Hoodie Orders and payment due

29.02.24 P1 Health Appraisals

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01.03.24 P1 Health Appraisals
23.03.24 **PTA Table Quiz and Auction**
27.03.24 **End of Term – Non-Uniform Day – School closes at 12pm for all pupils and staff.**

Mrs V Ferguson
(PRINCIPAL)

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