

May (2) 2024

Dear parent,

Welcome back after our extended May bank holiday weekend. The weather has much improved and I would ask parents to read the summer health section included in this newsletter.

I have corrected the family name error on the Sports Day google form. If you have already replied to the form, please email the office with your options so that I can identify you when collating the information. If you have not already done so, please complete the Sports Day google form **by tomorrow** to assist with planning this event.

A number of items of uniform have gone missing recently, these items are named. Please check all uniform to ensure you do not have any items belonging to another child. In trying to find these items it was clear that very many items of uniform remain unnamed. If this is the case, lost items cannot be recovered. ***Please ensure ALL items of uniform are named.***

## **RECONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

As the number of nominations was equal to the number of places to be filled by parents, both candidates have been duly elected. I would like to congratulate Mrs BA McMullan on her re-election and to congratulate Mr B Mallon on his election to the Board of Governors.

## **SUMMER HEALTH**

I would ask all parents to adhere to the following precautions:

If high temperatures are forecast pupils should be protected with sunscreen on their face, arms and, if uncovered, leg areas before arrival at school. Additional sunscreen may be brought to school and applied by your child/children at lunchtime.

**A named sun cap should also be kept in school!** If a pupil does not have a cap they will not be permitted to play outside at lunchtime. A limited number of caps are available to purchase from school priced at £6.00.

Sun caps should be brought to school no later than **Friday 17 May**.

**As the temperatures are now rising and pupils will be wearing their summer uniform more frequently. To help pupils keep cool, those pupils who choose to wear black shorts should wear a white polo shirt beneath their sweatshirt.**

## **UNIFORM ORDERS 2024/2025**

Uniform order forms for the academic year 2024/2025 will be sent home on **Monday 13 May**. Order forms should be returned to school by **Friday 24 May**. **Payment details are included on the order form.**

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## SPORTS DAY PRACTICE

In preparation for sports day pupils in P1-P3 will be participating in a practice morning at the sports field, Thrushfield Nursery on **Wednesday 22 May**.

All pupils should wear joggers and trainers on this date.

***All pupils will be involved in sports day practice on school grounds in the run up to the big day. As such all pupils should wear trainers to school every day.***

## SPORTS DAY AND FAMILY PICNIC

Date: Friday 24 May

Time: **10.00am – 12.00pm** approximately.  
Pupils and parents should arrive at the venue between 9.45am and 10.00am. **No pupils** should come to the school building on this date.  
**Pupils will return home with parents at the end of the event.**

Venue: **Parents should provide their own seating e.g. chairs, rugs etc.**  
Our thanks are extended to the Cunningham family for giving their permission to use the sports field as well as very kindly preparing and maintaining the field in preparation for Sports Day.  
Our thanks also go to the Warwick family for the provision of a trailer to transport the pupils' chairs and equipment.

Parking: Parents/relatives are not permitted to park in Nedz's car park. Please follow the signs to the field that Mr Cunningham (Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors) has kindly provided for parking.

Toilet: There are **NO** toilet facilities at the venue. Due to infection controls Nedz Nursery will refuse any requests to enter their building. If your child/children require a toilet, parents should accompany them to the parking field.

Sun Safety: Please apply any sun cream to your child/children prior to arriving at the venue. All pupils should wear a sun cap.

Clothing: Pupils should wear trainers, black shorts, a white polo shirt and bring a school sweatshirt if the weather is cool.

Water: Your child/children may bring a small water bottle to Sports Day.

Parental assistance in stacking pupil chairs and equipment would be much appreciated at the conclusion of the event.

Treats and medals sponsored by **Spar Parkgate** will also be distributed in school.

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## FAMILY PICNIC

Following a successful event last year we are once again planning a family picnic in the school grounds at the conclusion of sports day. All families, pupils and relatives are invited to attend.

To assist with the smooth running and organisation of the event some forward planning is required. Please complete the google form linked below before **Friday 10 May**.

<https://forms.gle/dhRheggv11xdaUZ26>

Volunteers will be required for the following jobs.

Setting Up –	Friday 24 May - Morning
Bouncy Castle Supervision -	30-minute slot (Slots begin from 12.00pm)
Kitchen -	30-minute slot (Slots begin from 12pm)
Tidying up -	1.30pm onwards

When completed the information from the google form will be collated, numbers will be finalised and you will be contacted to confirm time slots/sandwich types to be provided etc.

**Sandwiches should be delivered to school between 08.45 and 09.15 on Friday 24 May.**

**Traybakes and drinks can be brought to school on Thursday 23 May or on the morning of Friday 24 May.**

## TERM 3 CLASS TRIPS

The following trips have been organised for Term 3. To assist with costs a subsidy from the School Fund has been applied to each class trip.

P1-P2	<i>Wednesday 5 June</i>	Greenmount
	<b>TOTAL: £10</b>	
	<b>Payment due:</b>	<b>Friday 3 May</b>
P3-P5	<i>Thursday 16 May</i>	Armagh Planetarium
	<b>TOTAL: £15</b>	
	<b>Payment due:</b>	<b>Friday 3 May</b>

P6-P7 *Friday 7 June* Let's Go Hydro  
a separate information sheet has been sent home with pupils. Please ensure any remaining permission slips and Let's Go Hydro disclaimers are returned by Monday 29 April.

## Payment

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## Bank Details

**Account:** Parkgate Primary School

**Acc. No:** 77461057

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

**Reference:** **Surname** + Summer Trip

## LIBRARY VAN

The next visit of the library van will be **Wednesday 15 May** and every **three weeks** following this date.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

**Templepatrick family picnic** – Please see attached flyer.

**Parentline NI Workshop** – Please see attached flyer.

**Multi-Activity Summer Camp** – Please see attached flyer.

**Ballymena Swimming Club** – Please see attached flyer.

Mrs V Ferguson  
(PRINCIPAL)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13.05.24	Uniform order forms
15.05.24	Library Van
16.05.24	P3-P5 trip to Armagh Planetarium
24.05.24	Sports Day & Family Picnic
24.05.24	Final day for uniform orders
27.05.24	May Bank Holiday 2
28.05.24	School Development Day 5 – School Closed for all pupils.
31.05.24	P6/7 summer trip instalment 2
05.06.24	P1-P2 day trip to Greenmount
05.06.24	Library Van
07.06.24	P6/P7 day trip to Let's Go Hydro
12.06.24	Assessment closure – All pupils finish at 2pm
21.06.24	Leavers' Assembly – All pupils finish at 2pm
26.06.24	Library Van
28.06.24	End of term 3 – school closes for all pupils and staff at 12pm

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