

September (1) 2024

Dear parent,

All of the classes have now settled into their normal timetables and routines and pupils are enjoying their learning. Mrs Fenton was able to visit the P5/P6 class and is very much looking forward to beginning her time with the class on Thursday 12 September. The school year has barely begun and already we have events upcoming. Please read the information below carefully and respond to the google forms linked in the newsletter.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Official school photographs will be taken by CS Moments on **Thursday 12th September**.

Babies and toddlers will be made welcome on the first-floor lobby from **8.30am** for group portraits.

Each pupil should wear their school sweatshirt and polo shirt/shirt and tie and should wear their skirt/pinafore or trousers and smart shoes for their photograph. Girls wearing a skirt/pinafore should wear either white knee length socks or black tights.

Based on purchases in the 2023.24 academic year, it is clear that not all parents may wish to have an annual photograph. Therefore, to reduce the length of interruptions to classes I would ask that each family complete the google form linked below indicating your preferences by **Tuesday 10th September**.

<https://forms.gle/VoNn6VSXsiKLfKaj6>

All pupils will be included in a whole school photograph, weather permitting.

PTA

The first PTA meeting of the year will be held in school on **Wednesday 11 September** at **7pm**. All parents are welcome to attend as we plan our 2024/2025 event calendar. Please indicate your availability to attend the meeting by completing the google form linked below by Monday 9 September. If you are a new parent to the school and wish to be added to the PTA email list and/or PTA WhatsApp group, please also complete the relevant sections of the form.

<https://forms.gle/pYD4tAaZNt5bhLWR6>

CURRICULUM MEETINGS

Each of the curriculum meeting PowerPoint presentations has been added to the Parent section of the school website. These will be available for the month of September.

<https://www.parkgate-primary.co.uk/general-5>

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

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PIANO LESSONS

Piano lessons with Mrs Brown will recommence next Tuesday, 10th September, during school hours. Please contact Mrs Brown directly on [07843678633](tel:07843678633) if your child is interested in learning how to play piano. (P3 - P7 only)

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Library Van – This service will commence on Wednesday 18 September with all pupils P1-P7 having the opportunity to borrow books. P1 pupils who do not currently hold a library card have been provided with an application form.

Parenting NI - Attached is a poster regarding an up-and-coming Worry to Wonder workshop, taking place on Tuesday 17th September from 7-8.30pm on Zoom. This workshop is specifically for the parents of Primary school aged children and aims to help with understanding and acknowledging worry and our role in it along with practical and easy everyday steps to transform worry into wonder.

Book a place by calling 0808 8020 400.

ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

As we are a registered Parentkind school parents can raise funds for the school as they shop. See the link for more information on how to get started.

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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11.09.24	PTA meeting @ 7pm
12.09.24	Whole School Photographs
18.09.24	Library van visit.
25.09.24	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon
27.09.24	School Closure – School Development Day 1
09.10.24	Library Van visit
15.10.24	Harvest Assembly @ 1.15pm
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.
12.12.24	Christmas Concert (6.30pm)

Mrs V Ferguson
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