

September (2) 2024

Dear parent,

The pupils all looked wonderful yesterday for their photographs, thank you. Laura, I am sure, has captured some wonderful shots and we were able to get our first whole school photograph with all our pupils wearing the new uniform.

PTA

There was a good turnout for the first PTA meeting of the year and productive discussions were had around fundraising and social events planned for the year ahead. The minutes of the meeting have been attached separately; please take the time to read them.

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.

To assist with preparations for this event, please complete the google form linked below by **Monday 16 September.**

<https://forms.gle/zeXnfFPkvTrsA7uC9>

The Chair, Mrs Gawn, 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 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.

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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.

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 Focus- Parenting Children's Challenging Behaviour – see attached leaflet.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18.09.24	Library van visit.
25.09.24	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – PUPILS BRING A PACKED LUNCH
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.
10.12.24	Christmas Concert (6.30pm)

Mrs V Ferguson
(PRINCIPAL)

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