This Week's News 22nd September 2023



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Head Teacher Update

Well, the weather has certainly changed this week and thankfully the school didn't completely flood as it has in previous years! It is one of the challenges we face, although we are going to bid again for a grant from the Government to replace the second half of the roof. I hope that you were able to visit the school and the classrooms this week on Tuesday. We have planned a number of these Open Afternoons during this academic year over different days to try and enable everyone to visit. We will also be having learning evenings and individual parent consultations (parent's evening).

Obviously if you do have a concern or a question, then please speak to a member of staff rather than waiting and potentially worrying. We have staff on duty each morning on both of the playgrounds. I try to be outside, as does Mrs Lake, but this is not always possible due to other meetings and commitments we have during the day. All the staff in school have lanyards with their photo ID on and have swipe access to the electronic doors and gate system. All staff photos are on the website if you are unsure of who they are. We do have five male members of staff working as either teachers or site management now.

As we get back into the swing of yet another year, I would just like to ask for your support with a more procedural system. During COVID we introduced a one-way circular system during drop off and pick up times which worked very well and ensured there wasn't congestion and pinch points along the paths. Please could we return to this system as it is much calmer for the children and hopefully for you too. So, it is one way down the main path and in through the Key Stage One or Key Stage Two gate depending on who you are dropping off or picking up, and then out through the gate near the main entrance by the office, past my office and then through the Key Stage Two playground and out through the double gates. The only slight negative is that the route takes you part way through our car park and there could be taxis picking up, but if we use the new zebra crossings it should keep it as safe as possible. Thank you very much.

It appears some of you have been having a few problems with the Google Classrooms. We are trying to have a more efficient system across the trust schools, but we are working on it to ensure all of you have access. I do apologise for any inconvenience caused. I am sure it will be much better in the long run. We are also updating the website for the year groups as they are a little outdated. The website will have key information about what the children will be learning over the year and hopefully handy hints for you if you wanted to do some more learning at home.

I hope that you have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

John Bagwell

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Link to Key Dates

Fri 29th Sept **POPS AGM**

1.00 - 3.00pm

Whole School Thurs 5th Oct

Learning Evening

7pm

Fri 6th Oct **INSET Day**

Thurs 12th Oct Reception Learning

Evening 7pm

Middle & Upper School Open Days

Tues 26th Sep FMS Open Day

Wed 27th Sep WMM Open Day

FUS Open Day Thurs 28th Sep

Deadlines

Mon 15th Jan Applications for

> Middle School / Starting School September 2024

Breakfast & After School Club bookings must be made on ParentMail 7 days before the date you wish to book.

Please ensure bookings are made in advance to avoid disappointment.

School Attendance

Whole School - 97.3 %

YR - 98.5 %

Y1 - 97.5%

Y2 - 97.3%

Y3 - 96.1%

Y4 - 97.1%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Hot School Meals

We have had some really positive feedback from the children regarding the hot school meals. If your child is arriving to school late and they would like a hot school meal, please remember to order their meal for them at the office when signing them in. If your child has a planned medical appointment in the morning that you know about in advance, please remember to inform the school office of the meal they would like. We are unable to process any late order after 10.00am. Thank you very much.

Breakfast Club Start Time

We would like to politely remind those parents using our Breakfast Club facility that the <u>start time is 7.30am</u>. <u>Please do not drop your child off prior to this time</u> as our staff are still setting up and preparing everything ready to welcome your child. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Learning Evenings

Years 1 - 4: Thursday 5th October for Parents and Carers of Children in Year 1, 2, 3 and 4

This learning evening will focus on:

Therapeutic Thinking - understanding behaviours and strategies to support wellbeing **Learning Journey at Parley First School** - Curriculum principles and the learning process

This event is for parents and carers - we would therefore ask that children do not attend the event. Please use the link below to inform us of your attendance.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfFY0juqJS3U2tjsWKMlrFKjOf0vFiA4hrJUUzpqSPU3ZYTXg/viewform

Reception Information Evening: Thursday 12th October for Reception Parents and Carers

This learning evening will focus on:

The Early Years Curriculum Routines Early Maths Early Reading

This event is for parents and carers - we would therefore ask that children do not attend this event. You do not need to let us know you are coming. This is a turn up event.

POPS Annual General Meeting

A message from 2022-23 POPS Chair...

I have been involved in POPS for 4 years now, since my son started at Parley. I have made fantastic friends, had many laughs, and more importantly, we have raised thousands of pounds for the children of the school. Our fundraising has helped buy books, tech, revamp outdoor play areas and create amazing cosy spaces within the school for the children to enjoy. I am really proud to have been part of that.

As our children grow and prepare to leave the school, we desperately need keen new faces to join our PTA and take the reins to continue the great work for the school. If you think you can offer some of your time to this amazing team, please come to our AGM on **Friday 29th September** at 1.00pm. If you can't make the AGM but are keen to get involved, email us at <u>parleypops@gmail.com</u>

Many thanks,

Sophie Hayes

Partners of Parley School

Community News









