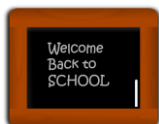


# PARKSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY



## NEWSLETTER 13 September 2024

**Please note:** the dates and events listed below are correct at the time of printing. You will be notified of any changes.



### WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome to a brand-new year at Parkside. We are happy to have you as part of our school family and hope you are looking forward to the 2024-2025 academic year.

A huge welcome to all our new pupils. It is wonderful to have you here and everyone at Parkside wishes you a happy journey with the Parkside community/family.

Here at Parkside, we have 5 simple rules which were designed by children, parents and staff:

1. Be Kind
2. Be Respectful
3. Be a Learner
4. Be Honest
5. Be Responsible

It is our belief these values will help us all to be the best we can be.

This first full week back has been a delight, the children have all settled well and are already following our school rules which is a pleasure to see.

We value our close communication with parents/carers and encourage working together to provide the best education possible for your child. If you have any concerns do not hesitate to contact school on 01226 722416 to make an appointment to speak to a member of staff.

Parkside are here to help.

**All children MUST bring a coat to school every day. Our British weather is extremely temperamental.**



### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The individual school photographs will take place on Thursday 17 October 2024.

As in previous years, parents are welcome to bring pre-school children to join family group photographs. The photographer will arrive at approximately 8.15am to take these family groups first.

Please inform school if you do not wish your child to have their photograph taken.

In line with our Uniform Policy, long hair should be tied back and full school uniform should be worn.



### REWARD ASSEMBLY 100% ATTENDANCE and PUNCTUALITY

Just to remind everyone, especially our new parent/carers about our Reward Assembly held each Friday.

Each teacher chooses a 'Pupil of the Week' and an 'Outstanding Writer' from their class. You will be notified on a Thursday afternoon, if your child is lucky enough to be chosen. You are then welcome to come along and watch the presentation.

We kindly ask you to keep it as a surprise for the children, they get very excited on Friday to see who gets the award.

If any class achieve 100% attendance and punctuality for the full week, they are invited to come in non-uniform the following Monday.



## LUNCH PRICE INCREASE

From the start of this new school year there has been an increase in the cost of school lunches, £2.75 per day, £13.75 per week. Payment can be made online using the school gateway app, where you can also keep a check on your lunch balance.

### **A packed lunch is required if you fall behind with more than one lunch payment.**

If you are having any difficulty with any payments please contact school, 01226 722416. Please see our lunch debt policy on the school website, [parksideacademy.co.uk](http://parksideacademy.co.uk)

You may be eligible for Free School Meals. Visit [Barnsley.gov.uk](http://Barnsley.gov.uk) and search free school meals, alternatively call in to Reception and we will happily assist you.

Children at present in Foundation Stage 2, Year 1 and Year 2 receive Universal Free School meals.



## SCHOOL GATEWAY

Don't forget to download the School Gateway App to book afterschool clubs, breakfast club and make payments for lunch and visits.

Register using the email address and telephone number which is on your child's school record.

On the School Gateway App, select the appropriate Club you wish to book.

Please note that a separate booking for each individual child must be made.

After booking the required Club, please ensure that payment is made by clicking on 'Top Up' and make the appropriate payment for each booking selected.

For further guidance on making bookings and payments, please visit [https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/article\\_attachments/16321421714321](https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/article_attachments/16321421714321)

Please check that you have booked a place on the relevant club as well as made the payment. Thank you.



## PACKED LUNCHES

Packed lunch boxes/bags are getting increasingly fuller resulting in the child being over faced or trying to eat everything and feeling unwell.

A sandwich/wrap or pasta, crisps and fruit or yoghurt and a small chocolate biscuit is the recommendation. No sweets or chocolate bars I'm afraid.

May we also kindly remind you **NOT** to put any nut products in lunch bags as we have a number of children and staff with severe allergies?



## SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have been very kindly donated various items of school uniform from our parent/carers in an assortment of sizes. If you require anything for your child, we will take a look and see if we can help.

Please contact school either by telephone on 01226 722416 or email [parkside@pioneeract.org.uk](mailto:parkside@pioneeract.org.uk) giving us the size you require and we will do the rest.

**It is essential that you clearly write your child's name on all their uniform, including PE kits, shoes and coats. It is almost impossible to match lost property without a name.**

Can you believe we are already collecting lost property!



## BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club is open from 8.00 am every morning and closes at 8.15 am, this is to allow the children enough time to have their breakfast.

Breakfast is £1.50 for one child and any subsequent siblings £1.00 each. The booking line closes at 7.30 am each day. After this time although you are unable to book for that day, you can still make a payment and your child is able to come along, just let staff know you haven't booked.