

PARKSIDE PRIMARY ACADEMY



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



WELCOME BACK

A very warm welcome back to school. We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable holiday. We are so pleased to see our pupils returning with big smiles, and our new pupils now also smiling, ready to learn. This new school year is full of exciting opportunities, and we're looking forward to supporting your children as they grow, explore, and thrive in their learning.

To help ensure a smooth start to the term, please take note of the following reminders:

Clothing – Please make sure **all clothing is clearly named**, including jumpers, coats and P.E. kits. This helps us return any misplaced items quickly.

Coats – The weather can be unpredictable, so **please ensure your child brings a coat every day** – even if the sun is shining in the morning. I think most of us have been wet this week!

Water Bottles: All children should bring a **named water bottle** each day to stay hydrated throughout their learning.

Book Bags: Please ensure your child brings their **book bag daily** with their reading book and reading record.

Please do not put water bottles in book bags. Any damaged books must be paid for.

We appreciate your support in helping us keep things running smoothly. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office who will forward your concern to the relevant member of staff.



BIKES AND SCOOTERS

It's wonderful to see so many children arriving at school on bikes and scooters – it's a healthy and eco-friendly way to start the day.

However, we'd like to remind all pupils, parents and carers that:

! Bikes and scooters must not be ridden on school grounds.

This includes the **playground**, walkways and any area on school grounds.

Unfortunately, today we have had an incident where an adult was injured due to a scooter being ridden in the wrong place. Thankfully they are ok.

For everyone's safety, **please walk with bikes and scooters once you enter the school grounds**, and use designated storage areas where provided.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school safe for everyone.



NO DOGS ALLOWED

Please remember we do not allow dogs, whatever the size, on school grounds.



SCHOOL LUNCHES AND BREAKFAST CLUB

September has arrived and our school meals are now £3.00 per day, £15.00 per week. We kindly ask that you keep your lunch and breakfast accounts in credit. If not, a packed lunch will be required until all debt is cleared. Any Breakfast club debt will result in your child being unable to access the breakfast club from school until all breakfast debt is cleared.

F2, Year 1 & 2 children are eligible for Universal Free School meals. So, instead of a packed lunch they can try a school lunch.

Children who are now in Year 3 are not be eligible for **Universal** Free School Meals so payments have to be mad. However, if you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals visit Barnsley.gov.uk and search free school meals, alternatively call in to Reception and we will happily assist you.

Our Breakfast Club is £1.50 per day for your first child and then £1.00 per additional sibling. Simply book and make your payment on the school gateway app. If you make a payment and your child does not attend the payment is refunded back to your account.

We had technical issues our first few days back for the Breakfast club. This has been rectified with all accounts which encountered problems now settled.



BREAK TIME SNACKS

Our children in Foundation stages, Years 1 and 2 receive a snack at morning break time.

If your child is in years 3, 4, 5 or 6 you can send them with a snack for break time. This can be fruit, a breakfast bar or the soft fruit winders or equivalent.

If your child has grapes, please cut them in half. They are a choking hazard for some children when whole.

Snacks should not include chocolate, sweets or crisps.

Please remember we are a NUT free school. We have several staff and children with severe allergies.



CHOCOLATE SPREAD

Can we remind everyone to check chocolate spread products do not contain any nuts? It appears to be a favourite packed lunch option.



MUSIC TUITION

We are pleased to offer music tuition for Key Stage 2 pupils through Barnsley Music Services.

Children have the opportunity to learn an instrument or have vocal lessons taking place during the school day.

If your child is interested, or if you would like more information about availability, instruments, or costs, please speak to the office staff.



INTERNET SAFETY

As technology becomes a bigger part of everyday life, it's more important than ever to help our children stay safe, kind and responsible online.

Pleas take time at home to talk with your child about how to use the internet safely. We do this at school as well.

Let's work together to keep our children safe in school and online.