



The Parkgate Academy Newsletter

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Message from Mr Davy

Well that's it, the first half-term complete. How quickly it has gone! However, what a great amount The Parkgate Academy has achieved in the first seven weeks. It is great to see the children back enjoying playtime, lunchtime and assemblies together.

Clubs have been up and running and it is great to see the children taking part in extra-curricular activities. Children are now working on their new academic year curriculum and are enjoying all of the subject areas. Some great work can be seen in the books and plenty of progress is being made!

If you have been into school recently, you will see the brand new doors throughout the building. This has improved our fire security to meet the newest fire regulations. There is still more work to do in the October half-term break. This includes renovation of the Reception entrance. Upon return in November, you will see a number of changes. One of these is the removal of the rear entrance (nearest to the bike and scooter shelter). Entrance into the reception will now be from the main entrance off Whinney Lane. When you enter, please use the parent and visitor door which will take you into the newly formed entrance lobby.

Have a nice half-term break and see you all back here on Monday 4th November.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 5th & Thursday 7th November - Parents' Evening

Friday 15th November - Children in Need (wear something spotty!)

Tuesday 10th December - F1 Nativity 9:45am

Tuesday 10th December - F2 Nativity 2pm

Wednesday 11th December - KS2 Christmas Performance 2pm

Wednesday 11th December - Y1/2 Christmas Performance 4:30pm

Thursday 12th December - F2 Nativity 10am

Thursday 12th December - Y1/2 Christmas Performance 2pm

Thursday 12th December - KS2 Christmas Performance 4:30pm

Tuesday 17th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Fayre 3:30pm

Friday 20th December - Christmas Jumper/Party

These are the key dates for next half-term. Please look at the long dates list sent out at the beginning of September for other dates. Class Teachers will also send out letters for other specific events.

Important Information

Although there have been price rises in shopping, days out, electrical goods, gas, electricity and fuel to name just some, I have tried to reduce extra cost burdens to parents by not rising prices for things at school. There have not been any price increases since 2018. However, as you can imagine, all of the things above are beginning to impact finances here at Parkgate. Therefore, from **January 6th**, there are going to be some slight increases in prices. They are as follows:

- Breakfast Club - £1.50
- After School Club - £6.00
- Wrap around (Breakfast and After School Club) - £6.50
- Early-Bird After School Club £1.00 (no increase)
- Pre-School & Nursery (F1) half day - £15 if not funded with 15/30 hour codes
- School dinner £2.25

These prices are still extremely good value and considerably less than day nurseries in the area, after school club prices locally and school dinner costs at other academies and local authority schools.

I appreciate there are a number of increases in costs, but I need to ensure that we can continue to operate all of the wraparound care and make sure that our Nursery and Pre-School can continue to offer the same high quality resources they do now. These prices will be implemented on School Money from when we return in January.

Attendance this half-term

This half-term's attendance currently stands at

92.81%

Pre-School 84.24%

F1 88.84%

F2 90.81%

Year 1 90.65%

Year 2 91.97%

Year 3 95.32%

Year 4 95.65%

Year 5 92.67%

Year 6 91.79%

National average attendance is 95%.

House Points

The current leader board for Autumn Term is:

Welbeck 693

Rufford 762

Clumber 634

Thoresby 735

Well done to everyone who helped their house total and well done to **Rufford** on taking an early lead.

Curriculum

The topics that we teach in school are on the website for you to be able to look at in more detail. This newsletter will also be on the website (News & Events) to follow the links.

Pre - School <https://theparkgateacademy.co.uk/curriculum/pre-school/>

F1 - <https://theparkgateacademy.co.uk/curriculum/foundation-1/>

F2 - <https://theparkgateacademy.co.uk/curriculum/foundation-2/>

Y1 - <https://theparkgateacademy.co.uk/curriculum/year-1/>

Y2 - <https://theparkgateacademy.co.uk/curriculum/year-2/>

Y3 - <https://theparkgateacademy.co.uk/curriculum/year-3/>

Y4 - <https://theparkgateacademy.co.uk/curriculum/year-4/>

Y5 - <https://theparkgateacademy.co.uk/curriculum/year-5/>

Y6 - <https://theparkgateacademy.co.uk/curriculum/year-6/>

As the year has begun, we have realised that there is a stark difference between attendance on a Friday and the rest of the week. Friday's average attendance is 4% less than Monday to Thursday. Friday is still a school day with many activities taking place that offer so much to the learning experience for all children and is not part of the weekend. However, when we return after October Half-Term, we are going to make Friday's a little bit better with some different, exciting things. Keep an eye out on your messages for the weeks ahead. Make sure your child/ren are in school on Fridays so that they don't miss out.



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