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Our Golden Rules

Be safe



Be helpful



Be kind and respectful



Welcome

It is lovely to see everyone safely back at school after their summer holiday. The children look fabulous in their smart uniforms and have returned with a great attitude to learning. Already on my walks around school I have seen eager faces, quiet classrooms and super work. With this positive attitude we can look forward to a great year ahead. Mr Gasser

Our Values

Park Junior School promote these very important values ...

Respect, Kindness, Perseverance, Honesty, Co-operation, Responsibility.

This term we are focusing on **Respect** and discussing with the children what it means and what it looks like in everyday life. Please can you follow this up with conversations at home.

AED
(Automated External Defibrillator)



We

have been fortunate enough to have an AED donated to the school. This life saving piece of equipment is situated on the

outside wall, so that it is accessible to all the community outside of school times, as well as by the school.

Macmillian Coffee Morning



Friday 29 September
9.05-11.15am

Please come along to the school hall on Friday for a cuppa and a

piece of cake. There will be a raffle of two hampers. One Adult one at £1 per ticket and one child's one at 50p per ticket.

Y3 & Y4 Flu Vaccination Programme

Details about this are being sent out to all pupils in Y3 & Y4 shortly. It will take place in school on Thurs 9 Nov at 11.30, for those pupils whose parents have requested their child be vaccinated. It is a nasal spray. It is only available to Y3/4 through school at present.



Y6 Prefects

Congratulations to Rosie M and Zac S who have been nominated as School Prefects.

Before & After school

Please note that school begins promptly with registration at 8.55 am and that children should arrive in the playground no earlier than 8.45 am as there is no staff supervision available before this time.

Parents that need to drop children off before this time should make arrangements with the 'Breakfast & After School Club'. Please contact Mrs Ruggier on 01453 792152

Toast Club

Park Junior School toast club is open everyday from 8.40am in the milk room. It is 30p per day for toast and milk. An ideal way to start the day for pupils and for parents to drop off those important few minutes earlier. Please call into the school office for more details.

School Dinners

The providers for school dinners are 'Cater Link' who provide well balanced, nutritional meals.

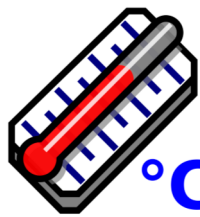
The cost is £2.28per day, (£11.40per week) and should be paid online (there is a link on our website) or at a PayPoint. It can be useful to credit your account with some money (£11.50 or £23) then gradually use it up over the term or year (e.g. for the Christmas meal, Wed 7th December)The office will assist with the setting up of accounts and any enquiries.

Y6 Penzance Residential

Mon 11 to Thurs 14 June 2018

The first deposit payment of £30 for this trip is now due. Please call into the office if you require any further information on the trip.

Illness



If your child is ill, please let the school know as soon as possible on the first day of absence. You may phone the school at any time and leave a message for the class teacher or e-mail the office on admin@park-jun.gloucs.sch.uk We will attempt to contact you if your child is not in school and we have not received a reason for their absence. If your child is ill on one day we will assume they are absent for the same reason on any subsequent days.

Free School Dinners

We are aware that many families who are eligible for Free School Meals do not take up this option but prefer to provide a packed lunch themselves. Whilst we fully understand this decision there are two very good reasons why it would be helpful to know who is entitled to this service.

The school can, in certain circumstances, access financial support for families who are eligible for free school meals and help them meet the cost of additional activities such as music tuition and educational visits, particularly residential trips. It is likely that many parents are not receiving this support because they have not claimed free school meals even though they are eligible.

The percentage of pupils taking free school meals is one of the key factors used when schools are grouped together so that their performance can be compared with similar schools. If take up is low, schools like Park Junior end up being compared with the wrong schools.

This is the link to apply for Free School Meals .or call into the school office.

<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

We would therefore be very

grateful if all parents could complete and return the attached form if you are eligible for Free School Meals but do not claim them. We would like to assure you that this information will be strictly confidential and used only for the purposes outlined above.

Medicines

If your child requires medicine during the school day, the office will administer the lunchtime dose. However it is necessary for you to complete a 'Request for School to

Administer Medication' form. Please do not send any medication into school with your child - hand it with the completed form to one of the office staff.

Parking



Parking in the school carpark is not permitted for parents. Car Parking permits are available from the school office for the High Street Car Park. Please park and drive considerately around the school area.

Book Fair

Mon 2-Fri 6 October

Please support this event by coming to the Library afterschool to see the range of books for sale. Pupils will have the opportunity to visit the fair during the school day. If you would like to send them in with money to spend, please make sure it is in a labelled container.

Year 6

Secondary School choices must be completed by

Tuesday 31 October 2017.



PTA for 2017-18

We are very fortunate to have such an active and supportive PTA who raise so much money for the school but we are always keen to welcome new members, so please feel free to come and join us.

Next Event

School Disco Friday 13th October Y3/Y4 6-7pm Y5/6 7.30-8.30

SCHOOL DATES 2017-18

Tues 26 Sept 2017	Y6 Lego Workshop
Wed 27 Sept 2017	Y6 Lego Workshop
Fri 29 Sept 2017	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9.05-11.15am
Mon 2 Oct 2017	Book Fair All Week
Tues 3 Oct 2017	Fizz Pop Science Club starts
Wed 4 Oct 2017	Celebration morning 9.05-9.25am
Thurs 5 Oct 2017	Special Lunch Menu (see poster for details)
Mon 9 Oct 2017	Y5 Knex Workshop
Wed 11 Oct 2017	School Photographer in for Individual Photos
Fri 13 Oct 2017	PTA Disco Y3/Y4 6-7pm Y5/6 7.30-8.30pm
Mon 16 Oct 2017	RE/PHSE Week
Tues 17 Oct 2017	Harvest Assembly for pupils
Fri 20 Oct 2017	School Closes for TERM 1
Mon 30 Oct 2017	School Opens for TERM 2
Tues 31 Oct 2017	Deadline for Y6 Secondary School Applications

Wed 1 Nov 2017	Parents Evening 3.30pm onwards
Thurs 2 Nov 2017	Rags2Riches4Schools bag collection
Thurs 9 Nov 2017	Flu Vaccination for Y3 & Y4
Thurs 16 Nov 2017	Open Evening for prospective new parents 4-5.30pm
Wed 22 Nov 2017	Open Morning for prospective new parents 9.30-11.00am.
Fri 1 Dec 2017	PTA Christmas Fair 3.20pm
Sat 9 Dec 2017	PTA Bag Packing Stonehouse Coop.
Fri 15 Dec 2017	PTA Trip to Bristol to the Pantomime more details to follow.
Fri 15 Dec 2017	School Closes for TERM 2
Tues 2 Jan 2018	SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
Wed 3 Jan 2018	School Opens for TERM 3
Fri 9 Feb 2018	School Closes for TERM 3
Mon 19 Feb 2018	School Opens for TERM 4
Thurs 29 Mar 2018	School Closes for TERM 4
Mon 16 April 2018	School Opens for TERM 5
Mon 7th May 2018	SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 14th May 2018	SATs Week
Fri 25th May 2018	School Closes for TERM 5
Mon 4th June 2018	SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
Tues 5th June 2018	School Opens for TERM 6
Mon 11th June 2018	Y6 Penzance Residential
Fri 20th July 2018	School Closes for TERM 6
Mon 23rd July 2018	SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY
Tues 24th July 2018	SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY