



Parwich Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term (2)

21 December 2023

Spring Term PE Timetable Change

Both classes (Infant and Junior) will need to come dressed in their PE kits on a Tuesday only, as they will be enjoying separate PE lessons taught by the Primary Stars Coaches during the Spring Term, as part of their afternoon timetable.

The Junior Class will also commence swimming lessons on Monday 15th January at Ashbourne Leisure Centre.

Lunches Money - Junior Class Only

For parents who wish to pay for their child's lunches for the half term the amount, from September 2023, is **£3.25** a day for 25 days at a total of **£81.25**.

Cheques payable to **Derbyshire County Council**.

If you are in credit/arrears you will receive a note home.

A reminder to parents who pay weekly, please send payments for dinners to school on Monday morning for the beginning of each week. Also, if at any point you wish your child to swap to or from lunches to sandwiches, we would need a weeks notice.

Fruit Money - Junior Class Only

Parents can either pay for the whole year at a cost of **£22.50** or in 3 termly instalments,

September, January and April at a cost of **£7.50** per term.

Cheques payable to **Parwich Primary School**.

Banking Arrangements

For BACS payments, please contact the school office for bank account details.

Can you please use the following information as a reference, making sure each item is sent as a separate payment.

Regular Payment References:

- ◆ Dinner Money
- ◆ Fruit Money
- ◆ After School Club
- ◆ Uniform
- ◆ Water Bottle
- ◆ Reward Badge
- ◆ Gum Shield



Ad Hoc Payments References:

For any other payments into school (i.e. trips, voluntary contributions, sponsorship etc.) the reference for BACS payments will be on the letter/email sent out to parents.

Dates For Your Diary

December 2023

22nd - INSET - School closed to pupils

25th December - Christmas Holiday



January 2024

8th - School reopens for Spring 1

15th - Junior Class swimming starts

18th - Fire Safety Talk

25th - PTA Bag2School Collection



February 2024

8th - Y5 & 6 Level 1 & 2 Bikeability

12th - Half Term holiday

19th - School reopens for Spring 2

Term Dates for 2023 - 2024

Autumn Term

Monday 4 September 2023 - Friday 27 October 2023

Monday 6 November 2023 - Friday 22 December 2023

Spring Term

Monday 8 January 2024 - Friday 9 February 2024

Monday 19 February 2024 - Thursday 28 March 2024

Summer Term

Monday 15 April 2024 - Friday 24 May 2024

(Monday 6 May 2024 - Bank Holiday)

Monday 3 June 2024 - Tuesday 23 July 2024



INSET

Monday 4 September, Friday 22 December, Thursday 28

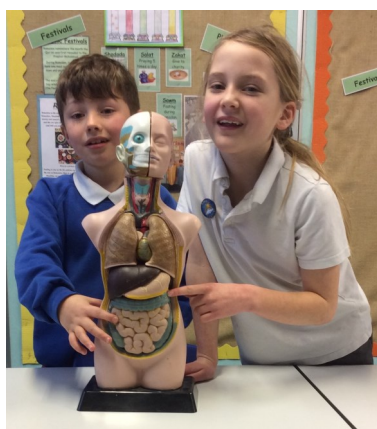
March, Monday 22 July and Tuesday 23 July.

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KS2 Science

This term, the Junior Class have been learning about 'Animals, including Humans'. As part of their topic, the Year 3 & 4 children have identified the main parts of the digestive system in humans and the simple functions of these parts.



Our Year 5 & 6 pupils have progressed to learning about the human circulatory system. They can name the main parts and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood.



Design and Technology

KS1 have researched, designed and created Inuit boats.

They looked at the features of Inuit umiaks and kayaks and recycled materials to create a small model.

Many of the children thought cutting the card cartons would be tricky, and it was, but they all achieved it in the end.



Diwali The Hindu Festival of Light

The whole school participated in Diwali activities including Rangoli pattern making, sculpting diva lamps and recreating henna hand designs.



Children in Need

We raised £196 for school;
£196 for Children in Need.

A total of £392.

What an incredible amount of money raised for an excellent cause!

See our website for images.

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Our Reception are like Busy Elves



Reading has really come on in Reception; our pupils are segmenting, blending and loving sharing stories. They have worked hard to tidy up after themselves and are in the mix of creating Christmas crafts.



Christmas Decorations



Please, take a visit to St Peter's Church to observe our beautifully decorated tree covered with hessian gingerbread men and salt dough decorations.



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'Lights, Camel, Action'



Thank you to everyone, who attended our live performance in the Memorial Hall.

It was lovely to commence the festive celebrations with everyone together.



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After School Clubs
Spring Term (1)

Monday (3:15 - 4:15pm)
Years REC - 6
Puzzle Club



Tuesday (3:15 - 4:15pm)
Years REC - 6
Traditional Playground Games



Wednesday (3:15 - 4:15pm)
Years REC - 6
Construction



Thursday (3:15 - 4:15pm)
Years REC - 6
Toys and Games



If your child is interested in attending a club, please contact Jenny Warner in the school office.

Charges for clubs will be £3.50 per session.

PTA

Thank you to our active PTA members, who have kindly organised the following events.

Recent Fundraising Events:

Sunday 3rd December - Christmas Fair Tombola (cancelled due to weather)

Wednesday 13th December - Christmas Performance Refreshments (£202.96 raised)



Forthcoming Events:

Thursday 25 January - Bag2School



Next Meeting: TBC

A huge thank you to all who support the school.

Wider Opportunities Music Lessons

Having worked extremely hard developing musicianship skills in the first half term of the school year, the Junior Class pupils have now been given brass instruments and are beginning to learn their first notes. The pupils are either learning trumpet, trombone or baritone.



Christmas Dinner

The whole school (pupils and staff) enjoyed a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 20 December. Thank you Janet; it tasted fabulous.

Thank you also to the PTA for providing the Christmas crackers.



Everyone had great fun pulling them and sharing the jokes.



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Safeguarding / Health & Safety

Warm Clothing for Outdoor Breaks & Learning

Please, make sure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing to remain warm during outdoor break time and activities. Named hats and gloves are essential during our colder months.



Local Cluster Cross Country Event

Our Junior pupils participated in a cluster cross country event with four other local schools. Throughout the event, the children showed excellent determination, behaviour and sportsmanship.

Well done to everyone; a separate congratulations to one of our older pupils, as they achieved a 2nd place.

A Special Christmas Visit

Although school was closed on Thursday 21 December, Santa still popped into school and dropped off a present for each of the pupils. These will be kept safe and handed out to the pupils in the New Year.

A big thank you to the PTA for providing Santa with the gift ideas.

The party food, which the PTA provided for the children's final afternoon of the term, will also still be enjoyed by the pupils on their return to school.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.



Useful Websites

ActiveLearn



White
Rose
Maths

BBC

Bitesize



Topmarks



Links to all of these can be found on our school website.

www.parwich.derbyshire.sch.uk/links

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