



Parwich Primary School Newsletter

Autumn Term (1)
27 October 2023

New Reception Starters

A special welcome to our Reception children, who have settled so well and are making great progress. We are in full swing of Autumnal activities.



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 34 days at a total of **£110.50**.

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

October 2023

30th - Half Term holiday



November 2023

6th - School reopens for Autumn 2

6th - PTA meeting in school (2:30pm)

9th - Open Day for prospective parents

10th - PTA Bag2School collection

14th - Infant Class: Local Cluster Cross Country Event
(Please, come dressed in your PE kit.)



16th - Whole school 'Sponsored Spartathon' event
28th - Junior Class: Local Cluster Cross Country Event

December 2023

13th - Christmas Performance (pm)

20th - School Christmas lunch

21st - Christmas Party Afternoon

22nd - INSET - School closed to pupils

25th December - Christmas Holiday

January 2024

8th - School reopens for Spring 1

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

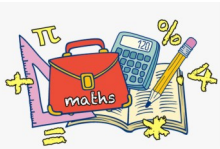


INSET

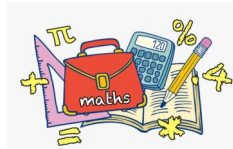
Monday 4 September, Friday 22 December, Thursday 28 March, Monday 22 July and Tuesday 23 July.

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Mega Maths



From Reception to Year 4, we have covered place value, greater than and less than, using a number line and times tables.

Look at the expressions on the faces of children, who can see their own progress.

Using manipulatives and linking number knowledge in Maths is helping them thrive.

Ask your children what they have been learning in Maths; get them to show you what they know.

You'll be impressed.



Art Work Inspired by Yayoi Kusama

KS2 have enjoyed exploring a variety of drawing techniques from scumbling to hatching and they have used these in a piece of artwork, in the style of artist Yayoi Kusama.

Yayoi Kusama is a Japanese artist, who is sometimes called 'the princess of polka dots'. Although she makes lots of different types of art (paintings, sculptures, performances and installations), they have one thing in common - DOTS.



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Winnie the Witch Role Play

All our Infant pupils have created their own potions and written out instructions on how to make them in their English lesson.

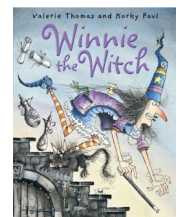


Our previous role play area was a farm shop. We now have Winnie the Witch's house set up, complete with a potion area.



What would you add to your potion?

We added dragon's breath, glitter bombs, a witch's dress and galaxy stars.

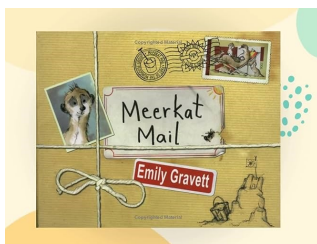


Can you make a potion during the half term that you can talk about on your return to school?

Meerkat Mail



The Infants have read the story 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett and have created their own non-fiction texts on meerkats.



Colour Mixing

Do you know your primary colours? The Infants do! They are RED, YELLOW and BLUE.



We had great fun colour mixing on our hands.

See our website for more messy art fun.

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Enjoying our Local Area - Our Reception Pupils First Walk with their Peers

We are very lucky to be able to go to school in such a beautiful village. The rain did not put us off a stroll to St Peter's Church.



Potions Class

The Infant Class have been going potion crazy.

The children each thought of a spell and made it using various ingredients ranging from frog's eyes to slug slime. They used pipettes to add the right amount.

They then conjured up some magic wands and tried the spells on some unsuspecting dinosaurs. The children had a great time and wrote some great instructional writing with interesting imperatives and exciting adjectives.

Our Whole School Open Centre Visit

The whole school had a fabulous day at the Open Centre in Derby. We visited an Islamic Mosque, Hindu Temple and Sikh Gurdwara.

The children learnt about different beliefs and practices.

We saw a Pujari (Hindu priest) perform Puja (prayer service) and witnessed some fantastic bhajans (devotional songs) with beautiful singing, ringing of bells and playing of instruments. In the Mosque, we learnt about the five pillars of Islam and wudu (ceremonial washing). We also saw a real piece of cloth from the Kab'ah in Mecca. In the Gurdwara, we looked at the special clothing Sikhs wear and even tried some daal and chapatis.

The children were extremely well-behaved, respectful, and showed understanding and tolerance of different faiths.

It was lovely to get a real hands-on experience.

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After School Clubs

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Monday (3:15 - 4:15pm)

Years REC - 6

Art & Craft



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:

Saturday 1st July - Wakes Tombola (£140.00 raised)

Saturday 1st July - Wakes Treasure Map Game (£40.00 raised)

Forthcoming Events:

Friday 10th November—Bag2School



Total Funds Raised Last Year:



£1145.80



Next Meeting: Monday 6th November (2:30pm in school)

A huge thank you to all who support the school.



Come and Take a Look

Our school notice board in St Peter's Church shows a snapshot of what happens here at Parwich School.

The Infant Class visited to see if they could find themselves on the board.

We recommend you take a look, if you have spare time.

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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.



Safeguarding - E-Safety

This half term, all children have participated in online safety lessons.

The Infants advised Digi Duck on how to stay safe online and KS2 have learnt/revisited the Childnet safety rules for being online.

S- Safe

M- Meet

A- Acceptance

R- Reliable

T- Tell

All of the above with a heart.

Please, ask your children to elaborate on the above. It is so important that you monitor your child's online usage.



Useful Websites

ActiveLearn



White
Rose
Maths

BBC

Bitesize



Topmarks



ChildLine
0800 1111

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

www.parwich.derbyshire.sch.uk/links

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