

Parklands Educate Together Primary School



June 2023

New families

We had a great turn out to welcome our new families for September to Parklands this week. As always, we have a lot of new children joining us in reception but also in other year groups across the school.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, please come to the office to pick up a welcome booklet and social story book. There is a certain amount of paperwork that we still require (even for existing families in pre-school) and this ideally needs to be done over the next fortnight, so we can set everything up ready for next year.

Toys in school

There has been a rise in children bringing toys (including cuddly toys) or items from home into school, so this is a gentle reminder that these must all be left at home. Children should only bring in essential items such as book bags, pencils, PE kit etc.

This equally applies to 'fidget' toys and chew toys- these may be issued to some children by the teacher as part of an individual learning plan to meet a specific need, but otherwise are not permitted.

We would be grateful if you could check what the children are bringing into school (we know they can hide things in bags from you!) and leave the items at home.

Recruitment

Recruitment is on going at school- our current vacancies are for learning support staff and teachers- all advertised on the eTeach website.

There are a couple of updates for June- Louise has left our lunchtime team to join a different EYFS setting, and we wish her well, and we have a new chef Dominic joining our fabulous catering team in a few weeks time! Hooray.

Classes

This is always an apprehensive time of year for everyone as although the end of term is several weeks away, thoughts do turn to next year. The overall class structure is only changing slightly for next year, as we will continue to have to have mixed classes in Years 3 & 4, and we will have a new Year 6 class.

We had hoped that mixed classes wouldn't be necessary, but unfortunately although our numbers have increased significantly, those year groups still have low numbers and are not enough to sustain separate classes. Our school budget is incredibly tight and putting it simply, there just isn't enough funding from the DfE to allow this.

Where classes are being mixed, children as always will be asked who they would prefer to be with, and we will ensure they have a friend from their list with them- however, they do also make new friendships too.

Can my child have a school dinner and a packed lunch?

We have had a number of occasions recently when children have wanted school dinners but also brought in a packed lunch to school with other options if they are hungry. Please could you opt for either one or the other and not both as this impacts on our school lunchtime procedures and also other children then all want to do the same thing. We know you may be unsure whether your child will like an item on the school dinner menu (although the Term 6 menu is proving to be our most popular menu ever!), but on those occasions when you think your child may not eat the food, please opt for a packed lunch that day instead.

PSA

Our PSA are selling lollies today (9th) after school if you want a treat later- just scan their QR code.

We would also encourage you to purchase a tea towel if you have not already done so, as they are a wonderful reminder of this Coronation year and your child at school.



Contact details

This is an ideal time for you to check your details on our system are up to date- you can do this through the Arbor app and amend addresses or numbers directly.



Dates- June

w/b 12th – Year 4 Multiplication checks, Year 1 phonics checks

w/b 12th – Liaison with Nursery settings regarding new children (not all will have a visit- depends on numbers)

w/b 19th – Sports Week

23rd- Sports Day - details have been sent out

w/b 26th – Diversity Week

28th – Year 2 Matthew visit and boat trip

July

7th - Class Photo Day

w/b 10th – Art Week

12th – Year 5 Carymoor educational visit

19th – Year 3-4 – Mendip Activity Centre

21st – Term ends