

Parklands Educate Together Primary School

September 2023

Welcome back

What a week to return to school! We have all been sweltering in our beautifully insulated building, but so good to see the children settle into their new routines and classes so quickly. The new children in Early Years have been remarkable, with the vast majority coming into their new classes as if they had always been here.

Thank you for remembering the new start time. It has worked well, as we have also rearranged our school day with assemblies starting at 9am to make the most of our longer day.

A reminder of our classes and teachers this year:

Preschool - Hedgehogs - Katie

Reception - Otters - Louise

Reception - Red Pandas - Bethan

Year 1 - Koalas - Katy

Year 1 - Honeybees - Emma and Hannah

Year 2 - Narwhals - Ellie

Year 2 - Tigers - Hannah and Vicky

Year 3/4 - Wolves - Megan

Year 3/4 - Penguins - Melody

Year 3/4 - Rhinos - Naomi

Year 5 - Tamarins - Shawn

Year 6 - Leopards - Fred

If you need to get in touch, speak with a member of staff at drop off/ pick up or email us at info@parklandset.org.uk

Allergies

Thank you to those who have returned an allergy & intolerance form.

If you need a form for your child, please download from the website or get in touch with the office and they will get this to you. We will endeavour to cater for allergies, although these must be supported by medical evidence.



Road Safety

We were a little disappointed that some of the new safety measures had not been put in place over the summer, however North Somerset Council has confirmed this week that the following changes will be happening imminently:

- 30mph zone will be removed and replaced with 20mph
- Zig zag lines will be added to Russell Road
- 'No Parking' signs added to areas on Russell Road where parking is not permitted
- Possible restricted waiting times on spaces around Russell Road (to be confirmed exactly what these might be)

A longer project is having a 'proper' crossing on Russell Road, but this is still work in progress. Support through your local councillor is always helpful if you have contact with them!



Wrap Around

Our clubs are proving to be extremely popular and spaces are currently not always available. We knew this would be under pressure, as detailed in previous Newsletters last year.

An advert for additional staff will be going out imminently (this is done at Trust level, hopefully by Monday). Recruitment has been really tough for this post with no applicants last year, and so if you know anyone who may be interested in the role (Monday-Friday before and after school) please encourage them to get in touch with us.

We will look to appoint as quickly as possible in order to release more spaces within permitted ratios.

Financial Pressures

We appreciate that families are under financial pressures. We are doing our best to keep costs low (e.g. meal prices and wrap around have not been increased) although the cost of trips is rising mainly due to transport costs.

Please let us know if you need help as we may be able to support you- we can issue food vouchers for example, or can look to reduce costs or have payment plans for items. In terms of school clothes, sending children to school in 'everyday' clothes is really helpful to us! We don't want them in expensive brands as they will get dirty, so basic is great.

Your circumstances may have changed and you may be eligible for free school meals. It is worth checking here:

[Free School Meals](#)



Covid

No need to panic!! There are no different arrangements, it is just that different strains are on the rise and a couple of families have asked what the procedures are.

Covid is currently treated the same as any other illness- if a child is too poorly to attend school then they should remain at home, otherwise they can come to school as normal if they feel well enough. We can administer calpol/ paracetamol in the short term when a child is in school- see the office for a permission form.

Meet the Teacher meetings

We will have 'meet the teacher' sessions after school the week beginning 25th September. Your teacher will confirm the day with you soon- this is a short meeting after school to run through what is happening this term/ year and say hello.



