

Parklands Educate Together Primary School

September 2023

PSA Donation

Many of you have supported the PSA in their various events over the past academic year, with one of the main targets being to raise money for a stage for children in their performances. We are delighted that our new stage is now on order thanks to their fundraising efforts and tireless campaigning.

It will take a few weeks to arrive, but here in plenty of time for the many events in Term 2.



They have not only funded the stage, but also equipment for the children to play with outside at lunchtimes. We are really lucky!

Later in the newsletter is a flyer for an upcoming PSA event for any adults wanting to become involved, as there are many exciting activities planned! Why not drop in and see if you can help?

STEM Event

Some of our children were lucky enough to attend a STEM event called 'Girls on Track', an initiative to inspire and encourage girls to consider opportunities for women in the world of motorsport. The event is coordinated by Motorsport UK, with Mercedes WsM supporting the local event- our thanks to them for organising such an amazing day.



Pots and pans

Do you have any old pots or pans we could have in school for our outside mud kitchen? It is very popular with the children and the current utensils are looking a little battered!

Uniform

We do not have a set uniform in school and children can wear their own 'everyday' clothing to school. This being said, some items are not suitable for school such as crop tops or crocs, and so please could you send children to school in suitable attire. Bracelets, necklaces and large earrings are not allowed in school for safety reasons.



Free event for parent carers and professionals across North Somerset!



A Day of SEND



18th October 2023. 9am-9pm. Priory Community School, BS22 6BP

- The largest SEND event we have ever arranged!
- First of its kind to ever be held in North Somerset!
- A fantastic opportunity to gain access to support!

What makes this day different from our other events?

What can you expect to see at the event?

- **Keynote speakers** all day for some amazing inspiration!
- **Over 60 stall holders** from organisations across North Somerset that offer SEND support.
- **Over 50 training sessions**, including: What is autism?, Anxiety & Additional Needs and ADHD.
- **Drop in clinics** with professionals to get specific 1-1 support.
- **Practical workshops** for you and your children including a chance to try out the sensory equipment from Gympanzees, and a chilli workshop hosted by Uncle Paul's Chilli Farm.

Drop in anytime, as many times as you want, so you don't have to miss a thing!

Book in advance for quicker entry on the day

Come and speak to Weston College about your young persons transitions!



Have a question around education? Speak to the SEN team from North Somerset Council, or SEND & YOU!

<https://www.nspcwt.org/events-1/event-a-day-of-send>

Further details will be shared on our social media, @NSPCWT

School Dinners

The new menu with additional choices is proving to be very popular, and we have had really good feedback from the children and parents. We have had a couple of queries about how to pay for meals (KS2 children)- these do not have to be ordered days in advance, and children can choose on the day what they want to have. The amount will then be taken from your Arbor payment balance (please make sure there are funds in there to start!). The cost of meals remains at £2.30.

If you are going to be late to school, please book a school meal by 9.30 so our kitchen can ensure enough meals are prepared. Children without a booked meal who want a lunch will be provided a cold choice if they arrive later in the morning.

Allergies- please remember to send in supporting medical evidence with your allergy forms, as these are required for us to process them. Thank you.

Don't forget our special census day menu on 5th October!

Animals in the playground

Please do not bring any pets into the school playground when dropping off or collecting children. There may be occasions when animals do come into school as part of an activity, but this is coordinated by the class teacher and relevant risk assessments carried out.

Parent Code of Conduct

A copy of the Code of Conduct for parents is on the website- this is a document outlining the behaviour we expect (and don't expect) in school. This term has generally seen an extremely positive start to the school year, so long may this continue!

Holidays in term time

Unfortunately, holidays in term time are not authorised and will incur a fixed penalty. These include day trips, family visiting, attending weddings etc. Please see the North Somerset website for further information.

<https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/school-attendance>

Pupil Premium

Is your child eligible for Pupil Premium? This is an additional grant given to school for those entitled to 'free school meals' (we acknowledge this can be confusing as children up to Year 2 receive their food for free- but it is different!).

You can check your eligibility here: [Free School Meals](#) or via a search engine.

We then use the funding to support the children in school. We are in the process of finalising the support this year, and so **please check** as this can make a huge difference in school.

Medical Information

Some children are bringing in medication in their bags, which they then try to take during breaks or lunchtime. All medication must be handed to an adult and the relevant paperwork completed for us to administer safely.

If collecting children for an appointment, we now need to see a copy of the appointment or text message to log it correctly on the system. Please bring this with you when collecting children.

Flu Immunisation- please don't forget to respond to the link sent out earlier in the term if you want your child to receive the nasal spray in school.



Year 6 Evacuees

The Year 6 children had a great activities day as part of their learning about World War II. Their trip was postponed at late notice (partly fortunate as the weather was absolutely terrible on the day), but instead they were cracking codes and looking at genuine artefacts brought in by a parent. A really great day was had by all.




Backpacks

Could you consider not sending your child to school with a backpack- they take up a lot of space and often do not really contain anything. The children do not need to bring in a separate PE kit, pencil case or items from home, and only need their reading book and a packed lunch- these could easily just be carried separately. Although we have a huge building, cloakroom space is really limited when children bring in things that aren't necessary.

Doin' it for the kids!



Come to our first meeting of the year and learn about how you can get involved in our fundraising events.



Thursday 5th
October at 5:30 – 6:30pm


Parklands Educate Together
Primary School in the main hall.

Last year, we raised over **£4500** for the school.
Now we need your help to grow even more this year!

Who are the PSA?

We're a group of volunteer parents and teachers who work together to make our school an even better environment for our children to learn.

We raise extra funds through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events, and much more.



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