

Dear Parent and Guardian,

Over the next few weeks we have some fundraising for the NI Air Ambulance, Sunday 5th May, I'm running the Belfast City Marathon thank you for the sponsorship received so far, and it is still possible to sponsor me using Parent Pay. Friday 10th May is a non uniform day and a Big Breakfast in aid of the Air Ambulance, thank you to those that have signed up for the Big Breakfast on Friday and we will circulate details for the non uniform day on Parent Pay, next week.

This week, started with a great show The Secret Garden that was enjoyed by our classes in years 1 – 7, the children had a great time attending this performance. We have already booked for them to return next year.



Please read the rest of the newsletter, it has useful information for you and your family regarding school and the next few weeks.

Of course, please remember that school is closed on Monday 6th May for the May Day Bank Holiday and will be open again on Tuesday 7th May.

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Vaping

I have concerns about our pupils and exposure to vapes and vaping in the community. Some devices have been found in the school grounds, this year with one found this week. This is worrying, if adults are disposing of them in the school or outside and children bringing them into school. Please talk to your child if you are concerned about them and their exposure to vaping.

The advice about vaping is clear:

Vaping is not for children or young people.

Vaping is not for non-smokers.

Vaping is not harmless.

The best thing you can do for your health is to be smoke free and vape free.

Northern Ireland Air Ambulance

The NI Air Ambulance have given school some resources and in return we are having some fundraising to help the Air Ambulance. On Sunday 5th May I am running the Belfast City Marathon. Thank you very much for the kind support so far, I'll let you know, how I get on.

Friday 10th May 8:50 – 9:45, is our Big Breakfast for the Air Ambulance this will also be a non uniform day in aid of the Air Ambulance.

PTA

It's great to see the return of the warm weather and our Ice Pop Fridays. These will be available on Friday afternoons at 2pm. Thank you for supporting the great work of our PTA.



Parent Pay

Due to the high level of debt some families are leaving on their accounts, unfortunately we will have to refuse services to families that accounts are not in credit. Parent Pay is not a credit system, it is a pay as you use service.

Please make sure that your child's Parent Pay account has credit for any services that they use.

Unfortunately, we have to refuse break to some children and we never want this to be the case.

Please ensure that your child's account has credit, otherwise they will not receive their break.

Some of our families have not been repaying the level of debt on their accounts, please check your Parnt Pay account and make sure you have cleared all debt.

Chewing Gum

As you would expect this is not allowed in school, for many very good reasons. Please ensure your child does not bring it to school. We have had cases last week of gum being stuck on light switches, windows and on the floor. Please do not allow your child to bring this to school

Collection from school

At times someone else may need to collect your child from school. If this happens you must inform the school, if we have not been inform, we will not release a child to another adult. You as parent or guardian, must give us the authority to release a child to an adult who is not their parent or guardian.

Attendance

As you know, attendance was reviewed this week and I will be contacting families next week regarding attendance. Please remember your responsibility to ensure that your child is only absent from school when necessary and that all absences are reported to school.

To notify an absence you can phone school, Seesaw message your child's teacher or complete the online form on our website.

Book Fair

The popular Scholastic Book Fair returns to school next week, this is a great opportunity to get some books for Summer Reading.



School Uniform

Most children in school wear their uniform properly and are a credit to you and our school. We are less than halfway through the year and the standard of some of the uniforms is poor.

- We have an array of coloured footwear, it should only be black footwear,
- Ties missing for weeks and not replaced, these are available from the office or from Wallace's in Antrim.
- Leggings are not suitable for school; children must wear skirts or trousers.
- Only school jumpers in school, no hoodies, sweatshirts, or other jumpers.
- Please put your child's name on uniform, it helps when they get misplaced.

Dates for your diary

Monday 6th May School Closed - May Bank Holiday

Friday 10th May – Big Breakfast in aid of the Air Ambulance

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May – School Closed

Monday 3rd June – Children return to school.

Friday 28th June – Last day of the school year – school closes at 12 noon.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Pupils of the Week!



School Meal Menu next week:



EAT SMART WITH **THE LUNCH BUNCH @ Parkhall PS**

Week beginning – Tuesday 7th May 2024.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Closed May Day Bank Holiday	Main Course Breaded Fish & Lemon Mayo -Or- Beef Lasagne, Garlic Bread & Coleslaw	Main Course Roast of the Day, Stuffing & cravy -Or- Roast Butternut Squash, Penne Pasta and Tomato & Pesto Sauce	Main Course Chicken Curry & Naan Bread -Or- BBQ Pulled Pork Pizza Wrap	Main Course Beef Burger / Bean Burger in Bap with Onions -Or- Salt & Chilli Chicken
	SIDES Garden Peas / Diced Carrots Mashed / Baby Potato	SIDES Fresh Vegetables in Season Mashed Potato / Oven Roast Potato	SIDES Sweetcorn / Baton Carrots Boiled Rice / Oven Roasted garlic & paprika wedges	SIDES Corn on the Cob / Pasta Salad Chipped Potato / Steamed Rice
	DESSERT Fruit Sponge & Custard	DESSERT Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	DESSERT Jaffa Cake Pots	DESSERT Lemon Shortbread & Melon Wedge
	MILK, WATER, BREAD AND FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY		MENU MAY CHANGE DUE TO DELIVERY ISSUES	
			IF YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS AND SPECIAL DIETS, PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL	