



PARKHEAD WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS



Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 4TH NOVEMBER

Halloween Fun

All of our children have enjoyed Halloween fun this week.

Our Early Years children enjoyed a day of spooky fun on Monday. They made spider biscuits, scooped out pumpkins, mixed potions in the witches kitchen, made spider webs and spiders using different painting techniques and pretended to be the witch from the story 'Room on the Broom'.

Halloween Disco

Children from KS1 and KS2 enjoyed their Halloween disco. I would like to compliment the children on their excellent behaviour.



CHILDCARE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARENTS

We recognise that childcare for parents can often be an expensive and complicated solution when you are working. With this in mind we will have a table in the KS1 school hall during parents evening between 3.30pm and 5.30pm where you can discuss your childcare requirements with the '4 Children' nursery manager Luisa Gibson and Mandy Wilson our Business Manager. We are able to offer good quality inexpensive childcare on the Parkhead site between 7.45am and 6pm every day including holidays and this can be tailored to suit your needs. Please call Mandy on 0191 433 4014 to book an appointment. Please note after school club is still £3 until 5pm and not £5, this was an error in the last newsletter.

BOOK FAIR

The scholastic Book Fair will be in the KS2 hall from 3.15pm—4pm every day next week. Parents are welcome to come and purchase books and of course this is an ideal time for Christmas presents. The Book Fair also supports the school fund and enables us to purchase more books for our children so do please come along and have a browse.

RUGBY FINAL

Our Rugby team are competing in the finals at Swalwell Rugby Club on Wednesday 9th November from 4pm until 6pm. Parents are welcome to come along and support the team. Good luck to everyone taking part!

PARENTS EVENING

You are invited to attend a Parent's Evening on **Monday 14th November from 3.30 to 5.30p.m.** This will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher to discuss your child's learning, their targets for the end of the year and how you can support your child with their learning. I would like to encourage all parents to attend as that is an important opportunity for you to be involved in supporting your child with their learning. By working together we can ensure that all of our children achieve the very best they can.

There will be an opportunity to look through your children's learning. Please telephone the school office on 0191 433 5618 and choose option 3 to book an appointment. Alternatively you can email school at parkheadcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk to book an appointment. If you are unable to attend on the 14th of November and would like an alternative appointment please let us know and staff will try to accommodate this.

SCHOOL MEALS

It is very important that parents inform the school office if their child is changing from school lunches to packed lunches or vice versa. We require at least 1 weeks notice and ask that parents do not switch during the term if they can help it. The office cannot amend their finance system unless they are informed. We still have a large number of outstanding dinner money and we would please urge parents to contact either Mandy Wilson on 0191 433 4014 or Claire Hunter in the office to settle the outstanding amounts. The school meal choices are varied and the school council help inform the kitchen on the children's favourite meals so we can alter the menu throughout the term to suit everyone whilst ensuring a healthy balance.

You may not be aware but the eligibility criteria for FREE school meals has changed. You can now claim if you are working. We would very much like to encourage parents to claim if they can as this does mean that our school receives more funding depending on the number of school meals that are registered which in turn helps us buy more resources and provide more activities for the children.

To claim free school meals you and your partner must be in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA - IB)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA Income Related)
- Child Tax Credit - but not Working Tax Credit - and your income for Tax Credit purposes must be less than £16,190.00 (details are shown on your Tax Credit award notice)Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

To apply visit the webpage : <http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/Education%20and%20Learning/Schools/schoolmeals/ForParents/free.aspx>

Or telephone (0191) 433 3729 or email : benefitenquiries@gateshead.gov.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER—BRING AND BUY SALE in the KS2 HALL to support Children in Need and the school fund from 2pm—4pm. Please bring in any donations. All items are welcome!

THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER KS1 AND KS2 parents are invited into school to make Christmas decorations with their children. Foundation Stage will be doing the same on 29TH NOVEMBER 2011. Further information and times will follow on the next news-letter.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 20TH

School will be closed for a teacher training day.

U7/Y2 SWALWELL FOOTBALL

Swalwell football club are looking for new players to join their squad to play on Saturday mornings in the Russell Foster League. They train on a Thursday tea time between 5.15pm and 6.30pm at their own club on Winlaton Mill Road. They are inviting any Year 2 children to come and meet the team and join in. They will need boots or trainers and shin pads and parents are welcome to stay and watch. Contact them on 07944516997 or turn up on the Thursday.

Achiever Awards for R.E. were presented today to the following children:

Year 1EM: Corey Lane

Year 2T: Bailey Richardson

Year 3AG: Leah Cobb

Year 4S: Natasha Elkington

Year 5B: Billy Wilson

Year 6RS: Kelsie Purkins

Year 1HM: Shannon O'Regan

Year 2H: Halle Jo Wilkinson

Year 3S: Brody Scott

Year 4M: Charmaine McQuen

Year 5j: Katie Surrey

Year 6NS: Jennifer Horner



Well done! We are very proud of you all!