



Be kind. Be ambitious. Be the best you can be!

Issue Number 1: Friday 5th September 2025

Happy new academic year! What a fantastic start to the new school year. It has been lovely welcoming both the children and yourselves back into school. I hope you have all had a great summer holiday. This week, I have managed to visit all of the classes and spend time with the children over lunchtime. It has been lovely seeing how settled all of the children are. We have welcomed a lot of new children across the school, who have all slotted in brilliantly. Throughout the week we have revisited our school rules, 'Be ready, be respectful, be safe.' We have been looking at what we need to do / how we need to act in order to fulfil these. Please see attached positive behaviour and attitudes policy for further information.



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Chard

SOCKS:

During our weekly celebration assembly, I select a star from Early Years, KS1, Lower KS2 and Upper KS2 who receive a Headteacher certificate. This year, as they have clearly worked their socks off, they will get to select a new pair of socks to take home. If they would like to, they can wear their new socks to school the following Monday for everyone to see.



SCHOOL START TIMES:

A reminder that EYS / KS1 doors open from 8.40 and close at 8.45 and the KS2 gate opens at 8.45 and closes at 8.50.

MACMILLAN CAKE SALE

This year we will be supporting the Macmillan cake sale where you will be able to buy a cake after school. This will be on Monday 29th September on our KS2 yard. We would love to take donations shop-bought cakes for us to sell, this would be gratefully received. Please send this into school on Monday 29th September. Unfortunately, we can't accept homemade due to allergies within school.

SAFEGUARDING

Just a reminder that school's Designated Safeguarding Leads are myself, Mrs. Leach (Deputy Head), Mrs Lambert (School's Family Support Worker) and Mrs Cooper (SENDCO). If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact any of the aforementioned via the school office or catch us on the yard. Please see our website for further information about safeguarding including our safeguarding and child protection policy.

NEW STAFF

This term we welcome two new members of staff into our school; Mr Boutflower, teacher of Pine class and Miss Edgar, HLTA. Both have had a great week and think our children are amazing.

ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY

This week **285** children have had 100% attendance which is fantastic. Thank you to everyone for making such a brilliant effort in the first week back. It has made a big difference in terms of how well our children have settled in. It's important that children attend school every day when they can. The negative impact of even a few days off can prevent your child from reaching their full potential. Did you know that when a child is absent for ten school days during the course of the year their attendance drops to 95%? Please see our attached attendance policy.

How does the number of days that your child misses in a school year affect attendance ?			
Approximate days absent since September			
Attendance Rate	By end of autumn term	By end of spring term	By end of summer term
100%	0	0	0
95%	4	7	10
90%	7	13	20
85%	11	19	30
80%	14	27	40

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS:

Meet the teacher sessions for Years 1 – 6 are planned in for next week (week 3 for Year 6). Each class will be holding two sessions, one at 3.30 and the other at 4.00. You only need to attend one, however, it gives you more flexibility as we know that many families have more than one child attending our school. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible, so remember to add the dates to your diary. The sessions will provide you with information regarding the curriculum for their year group, expectations and how you can help at home. Please see below the dates for the sessions:

- Y1 – Beech. Tuesday 9th September
- Y1/2 Elm. Tuesday 9th September
- Y2 Willow. Tuesday 9th September
- Y3 Cherry. Tuesday 9th September
- Y3/4 Maple. Tuesday 9th September
- Y4 – Spruce. Tuesday 9th September
- Y5 – Oak. Thursday 11th September
- Y5 – Cedar. Tuesday 9th September
- Y6 – Birch. Thursday 18th September
- Y6 – Pine. Thursday 18th September

HOMEWORK:

Homework will start up next week. It will be given out on a Friday. Please ensure your child hands it back in by the following Thursday. In order to create independence, all tasks will be pitched at a level where your child should be able to complete them with minimal adult support. Thank you for your support with homework as we know how busy family life can be to fit it all in.



OPaL STAY AND PLAY AWARD:

As you will remember from last term, we were awarded Platinum status for our OPaL provision at lunch and break times. This is an achievement we are incredibly proud of and is a testament to the wonderful children and staff we have at Parkhead. We will be receiving this award on Thursday 18th September. In celebration of this, we would like to invite all families for a Stay and Play session afterschool. This is an opportunity for parents to come and play with their children and get a taste of what OPAL is like at Parkhead. Keep an eye out for further information next week.

JEWELLERY:

A gentle reminder that jewellery is not allowed to be worn in school. Please see below from our school uniform guidance.

Hair, Jewellery and Accessories

- Excessively short/shaved hair as well as any patterned cut / patterned beaded hairstyle or hair colouring is not appropriate/acceptable for school.
- Hair should always be tied back once it approaches shoulder length.
- Pupils should use discrete, plain bobbles and hairbands in school uniform colours.
- For reasons of health and safety, the wearing of jewellery including earrings is not allowed.
- Nail extensions are not appropriate/acceptable for school.

FunClub



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Star of the week

Class	Star
Seedlings	Lenny
Acorns	Mya
Saplings	Isaac
Beech	Franky
Elm	Sky
Willow	Bodhi
Cherry	Blake
Maple	Ezzy
Spruce	Penny
Cedar	Jayde
Oak	Sophia
Birch	Layton
Pine	Joe



Parkhead Community Primary School is a safeguarding school and we have a duty to pass on any concerns to Children's Services.