



Peel Park Primary School

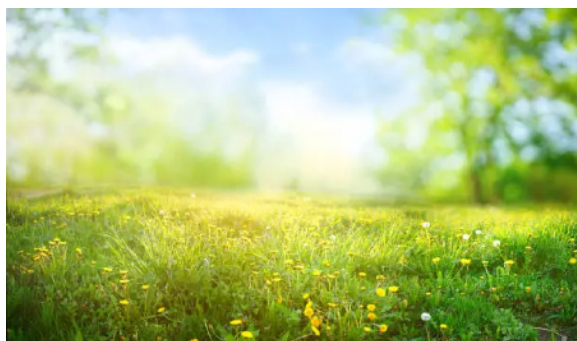


School uniform

As many of you will be aware, there is a uniform shop in the Arndale Centre that provides pre-loved school items to our parents free of charge. This is a wonderful service that we are lucky to have.

With that in mind, we would invite parents of the school to donate any uniforms that you no longer use.

Please bring any items of uniform (that is washed and in good condition) to school on Tuesday 26th March and we will take it down to the shop on your behalf.



Spring term 2024

As we near the Easter holidays, I wanted to write another newsletter to bring you all up to speed with some of the exciting things that we have been doing in school recently and planned for the near future.

We ran two very successful residential trips for our Y6 (Lake District) and Y5 (London) children. These involved a total of 115 children who, in some instances, were staying away from home for the very first time. I would like to thank all of the children for being amazing while they were away, and also the staff for giving up their own time to support the children 24/7. Trips like this do rely on the willingness of staff to get involved, and we are lucky to have those people within our school.

Our school minibus has been in good use since it arrived. We have attended a number of sporting events in it (most recently football fixtures and gymnastics events), and our forest school staff have been taking children to Gisburn Forest. We are hoping that all children will have the opportunity to travel in it at some point very soon.

We break up on Wednesday 27th March and return on Monday 15th April for the Easter break.

Mr Waites

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility in school, and we take this very seriously. Keeping your child safe is our primary concern. Our designated safeguarding officer is **David Waites**, and the deputy officers are **Gina Morson, Michael Kerr, Claire Holt and Danielle Childs**. If you need any more information about this, then please do not hesitate to ask.

You said and we did...

In this section of the newsletter, I am going to try and summarise some of the changes that we have implemented following suggestions **directly** from parents and carers:

You wanted more parents events that you could attend with your child

The Easter bingo event was very well attended and we had lots of positive feedback. We will plan more for the summer term and, if you have any ideas of events that you would like, please let us know.

You wanted a holiday club that children could attend, based at our school.

We have linked with the company that support our PE teaching in school and they are starting a holiday club. Please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.



Facebook/instagram or X

We would like your opinion on which one you'd prefer us to use as our favoured social media platform. At the moment, we are using both and this isn't working particularly well.

Please give your opinion on this by following the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/tLqY3Czdtm>

Red Y6 uniform

As part of the Governing body's review of the school uniform, I was asked to canvas the views of the parents towards the Y6 red school uniform.

We had 128 respondents and **85% of people wanted to retain the red uniform.** It was discussed at our meeting and the Governors have therefore decided to retain it. Thank you for your views.

Swimming Pool coming soon!

We have sent out initial letters, via arbor, to all parents and carers asking for information on your child's current swimming ability. This will help us finalise the timetable for the six-week period that the pool is with us. **This needs to be completed by Friday 22nd March.** If you have not received it or are struggling to fill it in, please speak to the school office.

Once completed, we will share the timetable with all families so that you know the dates on which you need to bring swimming costumes, shorts, flip-flops, and a towel to take part.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.



Parents evening

Our next parent evening will take place on the 24th and 25th April for all classes (apart from 2J, who will be on the 23rd and 24th of April). This will give all parents and carers the opportunity to come into school and discuss the progress of each of your children and the next steps in their learning.

We will be releasing the times on Arbor this coming Friday; please book sessions in the usual way.

Children trespassing

We continue to have a problem with local people accessing the school site after school. **All of these people are accessing the site illegally and are ignoring the posters around school that state that it is trespassing.** In order to get access, these people are jumping over high fences and putting themselves at risk. A number of these people, when challenged, are also being abusive and threatening towards members of staff.

On Saturday 16th March, we had considerable damage caused to our EYFS outdoor area by trespassers. This has caused distress to the children who first saw it when they arrived on Monday morning. This damage has now been rectified, **at cost to the school.**

The school continues to call the police on every occasion, and they have visited the site a number of times. We are hoping that this will be an extra deterrent.

Please, can I ask you to support us with this by speaking to your own children about accessing sites illegally. If you suspect that one of your own children is doing this, please ensure that it does not continue. **Please can I also ask, if you see anyone on the school site after the school day, to ring the police yourselves and log it as a crime?** We don't want any further damage to school property and the resources that we are providing for the children of Peel Park Primary School.

Bees at Peel Park Primary School

Having conducted a lot of research (including linking with a local headteacher) to understand the many benefits of having our own bees, I am now in a position to tell you that we are soon to have a delivery of Peel Park's first swarm!

Our bees will be managed and maintained by the Forest School staff, with the support of a team of beekeeper children. They will be based in a quiet corner of the school grounds, and we are hoping that, in time, they will be producing enough honey for us to use in the kitchen and sell to our school community.

You can find more information about the benefits of having bees at school here:
<https://thebeecentre.org/schools/>.



Kind donations

Many thanks to our children and families for their kind donations of chocolate last week. With the chocolate, we were able to run an extremely successful Easter bingo event, which raised £210. This will be used to help fund new reading books for our junior children.

The remaining chocolate will be donated to a local food bank and distributed to the community.





Easter ACTIVE CAMPS

Book your child's FREE place at our fun, inclusive Active Camps for children **aged 4 - 11 years old**, with the HAF scheme.

Children will enjoy a wide range of activities each day including Dodgeball, Archery, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee, Football and Laser Tag and many more!



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TUESDAY 9TH - FRIDAY 12TH APRIL 2024

10am - 3pm

To book your child's place, head to:
PROSPORTCOACHING.CO.UK/HAF-ACCRINGTON

For more information contact us on: **01254 366316.**