



Peel Park Primary School

Absence and lateness

We continue to monitor attendance closely to ensure that all absences are accounted for. It is parents responsibility to let us know if your child is going to be late and we would ask you now to do this through on 01254 231583 and select option 1.

Arbor app

We are now hoping that the Arbor app is working better for you. Emails should now be going into inboxes and I have been working with individual parents to help set up notifications. I have made the company aware about the fact that you have to log in each time, and how frustrating that is, and they are changing this system imminently.

Spring term 2

As we near our Easter holidays, I would once again like to thank all parents and carers for the support that you have given your children since the start of the year. Your contribution is invaluable to their learning and helps ensure that they reach their potential. We continue to have a number of parent sessions in school to help you to help your child. Please feel free to drop into any (or all) of these, information can generally be found on our website or at the end of this newsletter.

I would also like to thank you all for your patience whilst we get used to our new arbor app. We have had some hiccups but I am hoping that these have now been overcome. All services can now be found within one app which should make it easier for you moving forward... fingers crossed!

Following a parents forum event that we held in school, our parents evenings on 27th and 28th March were 10 minutes long (rather than 5). The change was direct feedback from our forum group, who said that the original timing was too short and didn't allow for discussions around the progress of individual children. If you would like to join us for our next **Parents Forum**, it is planned to be held in the meeting room on Tuesday 25th April at 9am. Everyone is welcome.

I hope that you have a very restful holiday, when it arrives, and enjoy some brighter weather with your family. We are due some sunnier weather in the area, that is for sure!

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 **Kirsty Goldsmith** and **Michael Kerr**. If you need any more information about this then please do not hesitate to ask.



As mentioned previously, **all messages to parents are now sent via the Arbor app and/or email.** After some early hiccups, these emails should now be appearing in inboxes rather than junk- I apologise for the initial issues that we have had with this aspect of the app. If you are still not receiving notifications on your phone, please follow this link to find out how to set it up on both android and apple phones [Parents not receiving push notifications](#)

Within the arbor system, we are now using **Arbor Pay.** This will replace parent pay from the 31st March. **We will be refunding all parents with any credit that they have on their parent pay very soon. This should be returned into accounts without significant delay.** Moving forward, all trips/meals/clubs/payments will now be taken through the arbor app and Arbor Pay. More information can be found by clicking [this link.](#)

Parent pay will no longer work after 31st March.

Having taken feedback at one of our parents forum sessions, we are now able to offer all parents the opportunity to **order your child's meals within the arbor app** too. This will be up and running with immediate effect.

Meals must be pre-ordered the week before so that the kitchen can prepare the right numbers of meals. This also means that parents can order meals on Monday, prepare packed lunches on Tuesday and Weds and return to school meals on Thursday and Friday- a great deal more flexibility than before! You can access this part of arbor on the app and you can pay for those meals in the same place.

Departing staff

I would like to say farewell to some valued staff that are leaving us at this point in the school year, many of which have worked at the school for a long period of time. Mrs Aspden is retiring as School Business Manager having worked at school for 16 years. Mrs Smalley is also leaving having worked at Peel Park for 6 years. Mr Smalley and Ms Davies are also leaving at this point in the year. Many thanks to all of our leavers for their service towards the Peel Park children.

Nuts in school

Within our school, we have some children who have nut allergies. With this in mind, we would ask all parents to avoid putting nut-based products in children's lunchboxes and snacks please. This will help us keep all of our children safe.



Summer 1 event dates 2023

Date	Year Group	Event
18 th Apr	Whole School	School Photographer
18 th Apr	EYFS	Learn Through Play 3.20-4.20pm
20 th Apr	1/2	Learn Through Play 3.20-4.20pm
20 th Apr	3	Sculpture Trail
21 st Apr	3/4	Learn Through Play 3.20-4.20pm
24 th Apr	Class 10	Visit to Towneley Park
25 th Apr	Whole school	Parents Forum 9am. All Parents and Carers welcome.
25 th Apr	EYFS/KS1	Dads and Grandads Learn Through Play 3.20-4.20pm
26 th Apr	3/4	Girls Football Festival
27 th April	KS2	Dads and Grandads Learn Through Play 3.20-4.20pm
27 th Apr	3/4	Quad Kids 4-6pm
3 rd May	4/5	Hyndburn Cricket 9.30-3pm Rishton
4 th May	4/5	Hyndburn Cricket 9.30-3pm Clitheroe
5 th May	Mixed	Inclusive Multisport 10-12pm
5 th May	Whole school	Coronation party day in school
8 th May	Whole school	BANK HOLIDAY (school closed) for the Coronation
9-12 th May	6	SAT's
9 th May	1/2	Hyndburn Animal Olympics 10-11.30am
10 th May	Class 11	Visit to Towneley Park
11 th May	Class 12	Visit to Towneley Park
16 th May	3/4	Striking & Fielding Festival 1-3pm
25 th May	5/6	Rugby Mega Fest 1-3pm
21 st June	Whole school	Sports Day
22 nd June	Whole School	Second date for Sports Day (if 21 st is a washout!)