

PARNWELL NEWS

Message from the Head teacher:

Welcome back! I hope all our pupils, parents, carers and staff had a very restful summer break and it is lovely to see everyone back looking so smart in their school uniform.

We welcome all our new students and 5 new members of staff to our school this year. Mr Gavin and Mrs Woolhouse will teach our Year 1 classes, Mrs Allen and Mrs Marlow our new Year 5 teachers and Mrs Ross our Finance Officer. We are delighted to see everyone so settled already.

Can I please remind you that children should not be playing on the spider monkey climbing frame before or after school. Children can only play on this equipment during school playtimes, when it is supervised by a member of staff.

Uniform:

Please remember that full school uniform includes a navy jumper with the Lime Academy logo, a tie, grey trousers/skirt/dress and black shoes, not trainers. Thank you.

School Day:

The school gates open at 08:30 and the school lessons start at 08:50. Please set your alarms and make sure you are at school on time. School finishes at 15:15 and children should be collected from their classroom.

ParentMail:

If you have not already done so, can you please register on ParentMail. We communicate all important messages from the school using ParentMail. Registration is easy, you just need to give the school office your email address.

Term dates:

The term dates for 2019/20 can be found on our [website](#). We break up on Friday 18th October for half term and return to school on Monday 28 October 2019

Attendance Congratulations

Classes with 96% and above:

None, let's try harder next week!

Celebrating Punctuality

Lowest number of late marks

KS1 – 1DG and 2ML

KS2 – 5AA

Parent/carer questionnaire:

We value the thoughts and opinions of all our parents and carers and want to make sure you and your children are happy. We sent out a questionnaire on ParentMail which we strongly encourage you to fill in so your voice is heard in the school.

Year 5 swimming:

All Year 5 children will have the opportunity to have swimming lessons this term at the Regional Pool in Peterborough. These will take place every Wednesday from the 18 September from 2pm-3pm. We will be sending consent letters out shortly with more information.

School Choir:

Mrs Slade will be holding a KS2 Choir after school every Tuesday (starting 17th September), from 3.30-4.30pm in 4SS. There are no auditions - everyone is welcome. Consent letters were sent out on ParentMail.

Walking home alone:

In year 5 and 6, with your permission, children are permitted to leave the school premises by themselves at the end of the school day (15:15). Permission letters were sent out on ParentMail, which **must** be completed if you would like your child to go home without an adult at the end of the school day.

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Leave of absence and attendance:

Once your child is registered at school, you are legally responsible for making sure they attend regularly. If you know your child is going to be absent, you must notify the school in advance (at least 2 days) with full details by completing the school's leave of absence request form. The school will then consider the request. Only the school can authorise absences. If you choose to take your child out of school (e.g. for a holiday) without permission from school, and there are no exceptional circumstances for the absence, it will be recorded as a period of unauthorised absence. This means you are at risk of being issued with a penalty fine or being prosecuted in court. We take attendance seriously and will be monitoring it closely throughout the year.

More information is available in our school [attendance policy](#) and at <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/attendance/>

Recording an absence:

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please call the school office in the morning to update them.

Breakfast and Afterschool club:

During term time, we run a breakfast club every morning from 07:45 which is available to all children at a cost of £3 per session.

Breakfast items are provided for the children. We also run an afterschool club from 15:15 to 17:45 at a cost of £6 per day (£3 for any additional siblings). Children are given a light tea of sandwiches, snacks, fruit and drinks. If you would like your child to attend, please collect a registration form from the school office.

Updating your information:

Please update the office if you have changed your home address or your telephone number.

Lost Property:

Please label your child's uniform with their name. We are unable to return lost property to the correct children if it is not labelled.

Upcoming events:

20 Sept	Jeans for Genes Day
27 Sept	Macmillan Coffee morning
18th Oct	Wear it Pink for Breast Cancer

School dinners/packed lunches:

We are excited to launch a new school dinner menu on Monday 16 September which has been developed in line with feedback we received from our parents/carers. The menu will rotate on a 4-week basis, starting with week 1 on the 16 September. The new menu can be viewed on our [website](#), or a paper copy can be collected from the office. If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure it is healthy, with no fizzy drinks and we ask you to avoid crisps and chocolate. Do not pack any nut products for health and safety reasons. Children should come to school with a drinks bottle which they are able to fill up with water throughout the day.

Snacks and milk:

Children may bring a healthy snack to be eaten at break time. Fruit is provided by the school in KS1. The school is part of the Cool Milk for Schools scheme and all children receive free milk until the child's 5th birthday. You will need to register your child to receive milk daily by applying directly to [Cool Milk](#). Alternatively, you can ask for a form at the school office.