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Key dates

- **Tuesday 1st**—SGO Football event for Year 5/6
- **Friday 4th**—Year 6 STEM day
- **Monday 7th**—Tom Palmer Author visit for Year 6
- **Wednesday 9th**—Cyclo-cross event for Year 5/6
- **Thursday 24th**—Work of the Term for all
- **Friday 25th**—End of the half term
- **Thursday 31st**—Closing date for secondary applications

Class	Attendance
Nursery (Purple)	92%
Reception (Orange)	99%
Year 1 (Red)	96%
Year 2 (Yellow)	98%
Year 3 (Green)	98%
Year 4 (Pink)	96%
Year 5 (Blue)	97%
Year 6 (Turquoise)	96%
Whole school	96%

Huge

congratulations

To our wonderful Miss Chester who is expecting her first child. Miss Chester will be with us until Christmas and we wish her the very best in the months to come. We are busy recruiting to cover Miss Chester's maternity period.

I cannot believe that we are in October already. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know the school, the children and routines better. We have made some changes with the help of the children, whether in student council sessions or speaking to our VIP's. Staff and children have also decided that our school values going forward are: Respect, Kindness, Determination, Trust, Resilience and Teamwork. I know children changing classes and teachers can be daunting but the children have settled well to the high expectations that we have at Parkside.

School gate

Please note that school starts at 8:45 and the school gate will close at 8:55. Anyone arriving after this time will need to please report to the main office.

Readiness for school

As we move into the colder seasons please can you make sure your child is equipped for school with a suitable coat.

Walking home

To help promote independence and help parents, children in Year 5 and 6 can walk to and from school without parents. If this is taking place, please note that it is the parents discretion and teachers need to be informed.

Applications for secondary school

The closing date for our Year 6 pupils to apply for their secondary school place is Thursday 31st October. Year 6 parents please make sure your child's application is submitted in good time to ensure the best chance of obtaining your first choice.

Reception places:

The window to apply for Reception places in 2025 is now open. Nursery parents you have until 15th January 2025 to do this.

ClassDojo

Please note that our Class Dojo system is now up and running. Not only will we be using this as our main way to communicate with parents but we will

also be using it in our rewards system for the children. Please contact your child's class teacher if you cannot access ClassDojo. Absences from school still need to be reported to the school office by phone.

Work of the Term

We look forward to welcoming you to our Work of the Term assembly. A reminder that this will take place on Thursday 24th October. Reception to Year 2 will start at 9, with the KS2 assembly for Year 3 and Year 6 beginning at 2:40 p.m. Further details will be shared on ClassDojo nearer to the time. Please note that we have split our KS1 and KS2 assemblies so there is plenty of room for parents in our assemblies to celebrate the children's achievements.

Harvest collection

From next week (Monday 7th October), we will be collecting items for Barrow Food Bank. Items urgently needed:

Longlife milk/juice Biscuits

Tinned Spaghetti Tinned Potatoes

Sponge puddings Tinned Rice Pudding

Custard Jam

Jars of pasta sauce Nappies

Holidays in term time

Please note that schools are no longer able to grant any leave for holidays taken in term time. However, if you are planning to take your child out of school it is essential that you let us know. Please collect an absence request form from the school office.

PTA

As we look to further develop the school, a functional PTA is vital in ensuring future events have input from both staff and parents. If you are interested in possibly joining a PTA in the future and are able to give up your time/expertise, please contact your child's class teacher on ClassDojo.



Please do contact us by phone if you are reporting any illnesses (01229 828348).