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Headteachers Newsletter

I am very pleased to welcome you all back after the Summer break. I am also delighted to be taking over the role of Acting Headteacher of Parkgate Infants and Nursery.

Parkgate Infants and Nursery has been successful since it opened in 1984, which is largely as a result of the hard work and commitment of Miss Lawrence who sadly retired at the end of last year. I am looking forward to ensuring that the school continues to be a success in the next year. My aim is for Parkgate Infants and Nursery to be an outstanding school!

From my experience of being a teacher and deputy headteacher for 13 years but also being the father of 2 boys, I know that a successful and happy school depends on us working together. I will be around in the playground each morning before school and afternoon after school so if you would like to share a strength or weakness of the school then please feel free to approach me. I am always happy to meet with parents and if you wish to do so then speak to the office staff who will be happy to arrange a meeting.

Summer Reading Challenge

I hope that many of you have had the chance to complete the Summer Reading Challenge. From personal experience it is a really beneficial way of engaging children in reading. If any children would like to bring their reading challenge certificates into school, I would love to see them- they may even get a reward!

Pupil Premium

I would like to remind all parents that if you're in receipt of certain benefits then as a school we receive extra money in our budget to support your children. Please let us know if you think you may be eligible. Children who we receive pupil premium funding for also get a set of uniform paid for them.

Meet the Teacher

I would encourage you to come to these sessions as they are a really valuable way of finding out about the school routines. They are held on the following dates:

Year 1: Tuesday 5th September at 2.40

Year 2: Wednesday 6th September at 2.40

Reception: Thursday 14th September at 2.40.

Sharing Assemblies

This term we are trying holding our sharing assemblies to 9am. This is to make it a little easier for parents to attend.

Helpers

Parkgate Infants would not function without the support of so many parent helpers. Government policy has recently changed and now states that all helpers must have a barred list check completed. If we have completed a dbs check and put you down as an unsupervised helper then this will have been completed otherwise we will need to complete a barred list check. A member of the office staff will be in touch to arrange a date for you to come in and do this!

Parent Governors

The governing body at Parkgate Infants and Nursery play an important part in setting the strategic direction of our school. We are looking to appoint two new parent governors. If you would be interested and would like more information, then please speak to myself and collect a nomination form from the school office which should be completed and handed back to the school office by Wednesday 13th September.

I hope that Headteachers newsletters will become a regular fixture alongside the usual newsletters (which give more general information and come out from the office).

Regards,

Mr Gwyn Pritchard
Acting Headteacher