



PARENT BULLETIN

22 July - 26 July 2019: Week 1



Whole School Messages

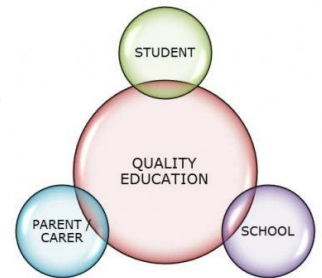
Dear parents and carers,

In order to best support children through high school, we are of the firm opinion that the relationship between parents/carers and school is of paramount importance. When we work hand-in-hand, your children receive a good, holistic education in a nurturing environment. At times, however, things can go wrong, but the home-school relationship must remain strong in order to secure improvements. This relationship must be based on mutual respect and understanding, and I am really pleased that the overwhelming majority of our home-school relationships are exactly like this – mutually supportive and respectful.

Unfortunately, I have noticed a recent spike in disrespectful, aggressive and rude communication (primarily emails) received by my colleagues or me, which have resulted in a temporary communication ban for the parents/carers with school. Whilst this is deeply regrettable and is certainly not in the child's best interests, my staff and I do not deserve to be treated in such a way. We have a number of ways for parents/carers to raise legitimate concerns, which will be dealt with in a respectful and courteous manner. I am sure all parents/carers expect professional, courteous dialogue from school staff, but school staff have the same expectations of parents/carers.

We need your full support in order to ensure your child is as best prepared as they can be to meet the demands of life after Parklands.

Mr S Mitchell
Headteacher



Are you interested in joining our Parent Forum? It's an opportunity to meet with senior staff and discuss any issues you have or items for which we require parental feedback. Please email Mrs Haslam if you would like to attend our next forum (shaslam@parklandsacademy.co.uk).

Next week is our final school week of the academic year. Full attendance is expected.

Monday - lessons as normal

Tuesday - Reward Trip to Blackpool Pleasure Beach, with lessons for those remaining in school

Wednesday - lessons as normal

Thursday - lessons as normal in the morning with the Big Picnic from 1pm

Friday - school finishes at 1pm following the House Shield Assembly. Will Africa win again? Scores have been kept secret for a few weeks to build up momentum and anticipation! Attendance on Friday is the final contributing factor to the House Shield.

Temperatures next week are due to hit the mid twenties; pupils may therefore choose to wear either full uniform or full Parklands PE kit. No other sporting clothes allowed. On Friday we would like pupils to come to school wearing a top in their House colour for the House Shield Assembly but there is no obligation to do so.



Chorley Council

FREE

MAKING IT HAPPEN IN Chorley

Summer Playday

Wednesday 7 August
Coronation Recreation Ground, Chorley PR7 2DJ
11am - 3pm

BIGGER and better!

Come and take part in a variety of free and fun family activities including a magician, bouncy castle/inflatable slide, penalty shootouts, crafts and play activities! There will also be lots of information about children and young people's activities around the borough.

Please note from September all school ties bought via the school office will be charged at £7 in line with the charges at NU uniform.

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Please download the new school app, Edulink One, which will be used for all school contact from 3rd June 2019. The app is available on [Android](#) and [iOS](#) from your usual app store.

The information can also be accessed via PC or laptop at <https://www.edulinkone.com>

You should have received your log in details during w/c 20/05/19; the school id is **parklands**.

Please email me at lpilkington@parklandsacademy.co.uk if you have any problems.



Please download our new school app

Edulink One is our new school communication system, and allows you to view and monitor your child's:

- Trackers and BfL reports
- Attendance
- Catering balance and purchase history
- Exam entries
- Timetable
- Detentions and sanctions
- Rewards

You will also be able to

- Receive and send messages from staff
- Update contact information
- Complete consent and medical forms
- Report absences

From June 3rd all school communication will be made via the app

Search 'Edulink One' in your app store

School id: parklands

You will receive a log in code via email during w/c 20th May

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

You can use the following links to download the app

[Edulink One for PC or laptop https://www.edulinkone.com](https://www.edulinkone.com)

[Edulink One on Google Play](#)

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.overnetdata.edulinkone&hl=en_GB

[Edulink One on iOS https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/edulink-one/id1188809029?mt=8](https://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/edulink-one/id1188809029?mt=8)

You should have received login details by email from Edulink. If you have not yet received these, please **check your junk email**. Hotmail in particular seem to be filtering these messages as junk mail. If you still have not received your details, please contact our Network Manager, Alan Dowsing, at adowsing@parklandsacademy.co.uk

Eco Appeal: Our Eco Group is currently in the process of creating a wildlife garden here at school as an extra resource and space for pupils to learn and socialise in. To help make this happen, we're asking you to search your sheds, garages and garden corners for:

- A drainpipe water butt
- A petrol strimmer (even a broken one)
- An old shed
- A green house you want to get rid of
- Any old garden equipment
- Any offshoot, suckers, seeds or unwanted saplings of native wildflowers or trees/shrubs.

If you think you can help in anyway, please get in touch with Mr Cunningham

(acunningham@parklandsacademy.co.uk) or Miss Dewhurst (kdewhurst@parklandsacademy.co.uk).

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Help the Lancashire SEND Partnership improve services for children and young people with additional needs by completing a POET survey. The survey takes less than 10 minutes to complete and has the potential to significantly shape the future of SEND services across Lancashire. You do not need to give any personal details and there will be no way of identifying individuals. Click [here](#) for the link. We will use the results to identify where we can make further improvements to our services. The information you give us will also be used in a national report to help improve service in other areas of England. The SEND Partnership Board will publish the results and our action plan on the Local Offer later this year.

Thank you for helping us in this very important piece of work.

Kind regards

Gareth Jenkins

Engagement Lead

Lancashire SEND Partnership

LEARNING CHALLENGE WEEK has been fantastic and we are delighted with the commitment and effort shown by our students. They will have had to develop essential skills such as teamwork, time management, communication skills, negotiation skills amongst others. We pride ourselves at Parklands at providing such amazing opportunities for our students through which they develop the soft skills demanded by the world of work. Please ensure you check our Facebook page which will give you a flavour of what's been going on all week.

Holiday Hunger - Packed lunches for families in the school holidays

Food for lunches (funded by Asda Chorley) will be given out to families who need them at the Home-Start building on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 10am-12.00**. Families should let us know by **phoning on 01257 241636 before 10am on the day they want to collect food**. For more information please phone Home-Start on 01257 241636. Eunice Weller (Secretary)

Year 7 Messages

None this week.

Year 8 Messages

Congratulations go to Ashton Cooper, who has qualified to represent Great Britain in the UCI BMX World Championship in Zolder, Belgium.

Year 9 Messages

Review Day takes place on Monday. Those students who have received a perfect 3 all year will be recognised in next week's bulletin.

Year 10 Messages

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School photographs for Year 11 will take place on Thursday 5th September 2019. Students will have individual photos and there will be a year group photo too to mark your child's final year at Parklands.

Huge congratulations go to Josh Boyden, who has been selected to play for the North of England cricket team!

Work Experience feedback. Here are some quotes we have received from employers - they highlight how fantastic our students are, especially when they find the right placement for them and are fully committed. We have received lots of outstanding verbal feedback too during the visits we've undertaken. #ProudToBeParklands

I cannot believe Sophie is only 15, her written work is fantastic!! It's so good and I'm massively impressed with that and her communication skills, positive energy, work ethic, punctuality and confidence. She's been a fabulous addition to the team this week and I wish we could keep her!! Her work is amazing, she has such a natural ability to pick up tasks, listen, use her initiative and just crack on with things. She's been a huge help to us this week, helping with admin, the database, networking contacts, script writing and shredding. I'm not sure what we will do without her!!

(Laura Leyland, Director at Fresh Perspectives and our Enterprise Advisor)

Oliver has been great! He has produced some very strong design work for a project we are launching in August working with those who are unemployed, focusing on health and well-being. We managed to get a site visit in at Salford Red Devils Rugby League club, with Oliver spending the day with one of our PE teachers. Feedback from all staff has been positive so far. *(Edd Draper, MD at Onside Education)*

We currently have Poppy with us and I would just like to pass on what a lovely young lady she is. Poppy has been interacting with the children and staff in a really positive way and she has shown great enthusiasm, she even stays behind longer because she is enjoying her time with our children so much. The children are really enjoying spending time with Poppy as are my staff and I feel she has approached this placement in a very mature way.

I would appreciate it if my comments could be passed on to Poppy's parents and school mentor. *(Louise McNamara, Playdor Nursery)*

Feedback for Alex: what a nice young man, very interested in what we are showing him, very engaged and asking loads of questions, well behaved, polite and a good all round egg!

(Richard Taffs, NIS Ltd)

More quotes on next page. Please continue reading!

Year 10 Messages

Holly has sat in with the Practice Nurse whilst she did her Chronic Disease clinic which included patients with asthma, diabetes and COPD. Holly then observed minor surgery with a GP. She has been out on home visits with our Frail Elderly Nursing Team visiting the elderly in Nursing Homes and doing a ward round with a GP and Community Matron. Holly has sat with the Health Care Assistant and has taken blood pressure readings and helped with ECGs. She has also spent time in the Treatment Room where we dress wounds and administer injections. She has been very enthusiastic throughout, she has maintained a professional manner and has communicated well with all the team.

(Annette Addison, Practice Manager, Sabden & Whalley Medical Group)

The three students have been great and been involved in all three key stages: EYFS, KS1 and KS2. They have all settled well in school, been professional and smiley.

(Nick Ward, Headteacher, Euxton CE Primary)

In terms of feedback, Thomas has exhibited some excellent people, team and organisational skills this week and has demonstrated a mature and confident attitude to work experience at Utiligroup. Thomas has gone beyond the scope of the projects he was given by joining team activities and conducting web design work for our company intranet. Example WEX activities he has completed so far include:

1. Researching, designing and presenting the 'Software Development Lifecycle' to a senior manager.
2. Attending planning, estimation and progress meetings with a professional software development team.
3. Observing software professionals including business analysts, software engineers, test analysts, UX designers and project managers.
4. Designing a team page on the company intranet.
5. Designing a logo for the company software teams' page, which is now live.
6. Writing daily notes/diary of questions and observations, that is discussed with his manager at the end of each day.

He has been punctual, conscientious and curious, asking lots of good questions and demonstrating a keen interest to learn and understand a professional software development environment. Of course, being his dad and his manager may exhibit some bias, but I am genuinely delighted with Thomas's achievements and attitude this week, within my company environment.

(Antony Grinyer, Head of Software Delivery, Utiligroup)

Careers

This week's Career of the Week can be found [here](#).