

I can hardly believe that we have come to the end of our school year 2023-24! What a fantastic year it has been for the Park Community Academy family. It was the year that Ofsted visited us and once again judged our school to be **OUTSTANDING!** We enjoyed celebrating this judgement, but since that time, in true PCA style, we haven't stood still.

We have continued to adapt our curriculum offer to ensure that we fully meet the needs of all of our children and young people; we have adapted our learning environments; we have improved our communication with our families through the use of Arbor, Parent Pay and for the younger children, the introduction of Evidence for Learning, as well as increasing the number of coffee mornings, drop ins and training events led by our wonderful family team. This has been a year of many sporting events and successes, amazing Performing Arts events rounded off by our fantastic Summer show 'A Crazy Little Thing Called Rock!' and of course, as always the famous PCA Band has been out and about in the local community, as well as entertaining us in school. We have also been successful in our bids for reaccreditation of our Eco Flag and our National Online Safety award and we continue to work hard to reduce the carbon footprint of our school community through our curriculum, installation of LED lighting across the school, as well as the fantastic work of our Eco Council and Pupil Voice.

Our PCA Sixth Form goes from strength to strength. The Oracle is a fantastic building with a college feel. This really supports our young people's journey towards the next steps of their lives. I had the honour of accompanying some of our sixth formers on their residential to London earlier this term, as well as presenting our sixth form leavers with their certificates on Wednesday. What a credit to their families and to PCA those young people are. They certainly are successful learners, resilient individuals and responsible citizens and we are all very proud of them.

I want to thank all the PCA staff for their hard work and dedication, as they work tirelessly to provide our children and young people with the very best learning experience possible which effectively prepares them for adulthood. I'm sure you will all agree that the PCA staff are an amazing team.

This has also been a year of hellos and goodbyes. We have welcomed 50 new children and young people into PCA and said goodbye to 36. We have also had a number of new staff members join us this year and all have settled into the PCA way extremely successfully. We have a number of new staff joining us in September and I look forward to introducing them to you in our September newsletter. We have also decided to bring forward the Autumn parents evening to Wednesday 11th September and this will be an opportunity to meet the class team and get to know the staff who will be supporting your child across the year. We will be interested in your feedback about the timing of this event.

We are also saying goodbye to a number of staff today.



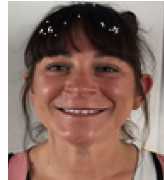
Miss Illingworth and Miss Blunt who have worked as part of our support team are leaving us and we wish them all the very best in their future and thank them for all their hard work during their time at PCA.



Mrs Buckley is retiring after 29 years at PCA. She has touched the lives of many young people at PCA as she has supported them with patience, understanding and a fantastic sense of humour. I know she will be greatly missed by staff and pupils at PCA, but we wish her a long and very happy retirement.



Mrs Smith and Miss Watson have made the difficult decision to leave PCA to take up new position in schools much nearer to home, which will enable them to spend more time with their young families. Both teachers have brought so much to PCA and their dedication, hard work and enthusiasm will be greatly missed. We wish them all the very best as they leave us and know that their new schools are going to feel very lucky to have them.



Miss Heard is also leaving us to take up a promoted post as SENCO at Educational Diversity in Blackpool. Miss Heard has learnt so many skills throughout her time at PC A and now it is time for another setting to benefit from her expertise and enthusiasm. She will be greatly missed at PCA, but I am sure that we will be able to continue to work closely with her as a Blackpool colleague in the future.

Finally I would just like to update you on the building work that will be taking place across the site over the Summer. The sports hall is making excellent progress and work will continue on that.

Alongside this we will be having a new pirate ship and eco classroom located near the forest area.

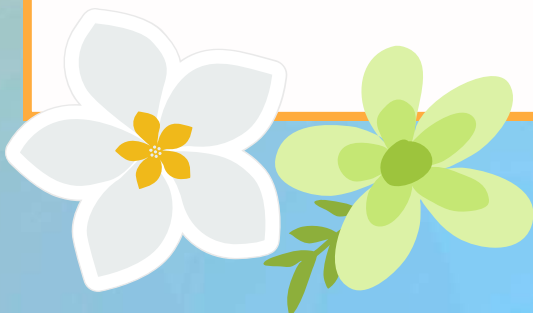


The other significant change is that we are having the school entrance remodeled and refurbished. This should hopefully lead to a much improved reception and waiting area. We are even having a visitor's toilet added to the entrance! Due to all the work taking place on the site, I do need to inform you that the main site will be closed to all from Friday 19th July at 4.30 until Tuesday 27th August at 9am when school will reopen for families to collect uniform. All exam results will be posted out to families on Thursday 22nd August and school will reopen to pupils on Wednesday 4th September.



May I take this opportunity to thank you for the way in which you have worked so closely with us to help us to most effectively meet the needs of your children and young people. Have a lovely Summer holiday and we will look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs Hughes



UPCOMING EVENTS

02.09.24- 03.09.24 - Inset days

04.09.24 - School opens for term

18.09.24-20.09.24 - Year 9 Residential to York

18.10.24 - School closed for Inset Day

19.10.24 - School closes for Half term

28.10.2024 - School opens



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to Mr Storey, Mrs Rowland and Miss Miller who are all celebrating their big birthdays in the school holidays. Happy Birthday to all pupils and staff who have birthdays over the Summer holidays.



Congratulations!

to class 3T
for 100% attendance
this week.
Whole school
attendance is 90.6%

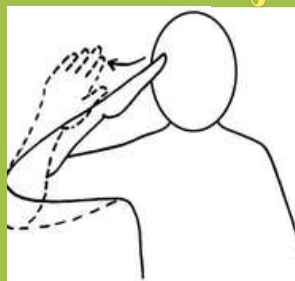
Well done to class 4S with 96.3% attendance for the whole school year. Congratulations to Corey in 1H and Chloe in 3R who both won a £25 gift card for 100% attendance this term.

Well done to Logan in 2M, Khaleesi in 2A, Leo in 3T, Aaron in 3A, Sam and Rory in 3C, Jonathan in 5M and Victoria in 5B, for 100% ATTENANCE ALL SCHOOL YEAR.

Congratulations to Rory in 3C who won the tablet for his 100% attendance



Sign of the Week



This week's sign is 'holiday'. We hope you all have a fantastic Summer holiday and well done for a fantastic year!



Park Community Academy received an award from the Mayor of Blackpool, for our Music Ambassador Status. Only 4 schools out of the 30 that applied got the status. Well done to Anchorsholme, Westminster and Hawes Side who also won the award. A big well done and thank you to Blackpool Music service and the Performing Art's Faculty team at PCA who work tirelessly to give all pupils access to music education all year round.



Classroom News

KS1

KS1 have had an absolutey fantastic year. The progress that all of the children have made has been wonderful to see and be part of. We wish all of the children success in their classes for September. We are so proud of you all.

Mrs Smith & the KS1 team.



KS2



Upper Primary have been enjoying their rewards for following the PCA Way. We have been working hard all year to be respectful, kind, caring, wearing our correct uniform and taking responsibility for our actions. Each class has enjoyed a different reward with some children visiting Blackpool Zoo, Planet Kaos and The Backlot cinema. We had lots of fun and would like to thank school for letting us go.



This week we celebrated a great year in 3A and had a pizza party to celebrate Miss Heard's 10 years at PCA.



Secondary have had a fantastic week this week after an amazing year rounded off with rewards day and sports day. We have been to the Pleasure Beach, Arcade Club, walking with alpacas, visited the zoo and been for a tour around Bloomfield road. The pupils have excelled themselves in a range of sporting challenges testing their agility, balance, co-ordination and endurance which a selection of wheelchair rugby, archery and football tasks. What a fantastic week well done everyone. Here's to a great summer!

KS4



KS5

GOOD LUCK!

Good Bye!

As the academic year comes to an end this week, we took the opportunity to say 'Goodbye and Good Luck' to our 18 Sixth Form Leavers. Memories were shared with peers and staff, as we looked back at every thing they have achieved!





Park Community Academy School Uniform.



School Uniform

Our Uniform for Primary and Secondary Pupils consists of a

- Navy Jumper or Cardigan with PCA logo,
- Navy or white polo with PCA logo or without,
- Black or dark grey trousers, skirt or shorts (Optional for Summer)

It is very useful to have a bag and PCA logo book bags are available to buy from school if your child would like one.

In Year 7 pupils also have the option to wear a black blazer with PCA logo, white shirt and a green and blue tie.

In Year 11 pupils wear a maroon jumper or cardigan.

Sixth Form pupils can wear their own clothes.

Jumpers, cardigans, polos, ties, book bags, and blazer badges can be purchased from the school office. All payments are to be made on Parent pay.

PCA also operate a Uniform Swap Shop where good quality second hand items can be purchased for £1 an item .

Children are expected to wear full school uniform every day. Full PE kits should be in school on PE days. Please check with your child's class teacher when their PE day is.



Shoes

Healthy feet are very important, therefore all children should wear safe, sensible and weather appropriate black shoes. No trainers are to be worn unless it is for a PE lesson. Shoes must be ALL black.



PE Kits

The PE kit consists of

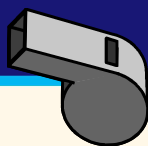
- A pair of black shorts,
- A red polo shirt with PCA logo,
- A pair of sport socks,
- Black pumps or trainers.

Jewellery

Our PCA policy on jewellery is that pupils may wear one single stud in each ear. Necklaces, rings etc should not be worn. Pupils may wear a wristwatch however NOT apple/smart watches which are linked to a mobile device.

Labeling clothes

Please ensure all items of uniform are marked with your child's name, using a waterproof pen or sewn-on labels. This is so they can be easily identified.



Swimming

If your child is having swimming lesson or at swimming club they will need a one-piece swimming costume and towel in a named bag.



Important Update – Changes to Education-related Penalty Notices Information for Parents

You may be aware that the Department for Education has recently announced national changes to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absence in term time. These changes will come into effect on **19 August 2024**.

The changes to be aware of are:

- Penalty notices issued for offences that take place after 19 August 2024 will be charged at a new rate of £160 per parent per child. This can be paid at £80 if paid within 21 days.
- Any second penalty notice issued to the same parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160 to be paid within 28 days with no option for a discounted rate.
- The threshold at which a penalty notice must be considered is set at 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10-school week period¹. This may include absences as a result of arriving late after the register closes. The 10 school weeks may span different terms or school years.
- A maximum of 2 penalty notices may be issued to a parent for the same child within a rolling 3-year period, so at the 3rd (or subsequent) offence(s) another course of action will need to be considered (such as prosecution).
- Only penalty notices issued for absences taking place after 19 August 2024 will count towards the above thresholds.

Absences can have a lasting effect on learning

Missing a week of school means your child will miss around 25 hours of learning
This creates gaps in their knowledge and could mean they will not meet their full potential

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.

95%	=	47 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 9.5 days or 1 week & 4.5 days of learning missed
90%	=	95 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 19 days or 3 weeks & 4 days of learning missed
85%	=	143 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 28.5 days or 5 weeks & 3.5 days of learning missed
80%	=	190 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 38 days or 7 weeks & 3 days of learning missed
75%	=	237.5 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 47.5 days or 9 weeks & 2.5 days of learning missed

EVERY
DAY
MATTERS!

WHAT DO YOUR
ATTENDANCE
FIGURES ACTUALLY
MEAN?

PERCENTAGES BASED ON 190
ACADEMIC DAYS



SUMMER

2024



Boat House Youth
(Ages 5-13)
01253 804904

Blackpool Football Club STARS
Camp (Ages 7-18)
01253 348691

Polar Bears
Swimming Club
01253 751076 or
07948208765



Active Blackpool
07788353498

Sam's Place (Age 15+)
07391604394

or


07948208765



Tramshed
Theatre
07852498427



Aiming Higher
01253 206448



Check out the FYi Directory online for
more activities



Useful General Contacts



Citizens Advice
Bureau Mon-Sat
drop in sessions
308401

Blackpool
Transport
476795
Lancashire
Transport
01772 685504

Discretionary support
scheme
You can apply for a
Short Term Advance or
a Budgeting loan
online or by calling
0800 169 0140

Carers Centre
(Managing Challenging
Behaviours course)
393748

Blackpool Children's
Social care
477299
Blackpool Adult's
Social care
477592

Aiming Higher (variety
of support for families
of children with SEN
including
trips/activities/
counselling)
206448

SEN team
476592
/
476577

Lancashire
Social Care
0300 1236720

SENDIASS 477083

FYI Directory
(search for activities or
services)
<https://www.fyidirectory.co.uk/>

Universal
Credit
Helpline
08003285644

Family Hubs: Central
(Gorton Street) 951190
North (Dingle Avenue)
476480
South (Palatine Leisure
Centre) 798016

Useful Health Contacts

CASHER
(out of hours emergency
mental health support)
07810696565

Paediatrics
01253 951623
or
01253 953357

Primary Mental
Health Worker
CAMHS
0800 1217762

Paediatrics Epilepsy
Team
01253 955545

Learning
Disabilities Team
01253 951995

National Sleep Helpline
03303 530541

Continence Team
01253 953042

School Nurses
01253 951740

Emergency Dentist
01253 955200
or
0300 1234010

Paediatrics Diabetes Team
07717667421

Neurodevelopmental
Pathway Team
01253 952852
or
01253 952503





SUMMER SESSIONS

Do you have concerns about a young persons mental Health ?

Do you need guidance on services available to support a young persons, mental health ?

Would you like support regarding transition to high school ?

Do you have have, feelings of worry & Panic ?

If the answer is **YES** then please come to one of the Summer Sessions to discuss your worries, and get some support hints and tips off our practitioners



Blackpool Family Hubs

Wednesday 31 July 09.00 -12 Noon

North Family Hub
31 Dingle Ave,
Blackpool FY3 7NX

Wednesday 7th August 1.00pm-3.00pm

Central Family Hub
Gorton Street
Blackpool FY1 3JW

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Wednesday 14th August

09.00 -12 Noon

Central Family Hub
Gorton Street
Blackpool FY1 3JW

Wednesday 21st August

09.00 -12 Noon

North Family Hub

31 Dingle Ave,
Blackpool FY3 7NX

1.00pm-3.00pm

South Family Hub

Palatine Leisure CTR
Blackpool FY4 2AP

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Wednesday 28th August

9.00-12 Noon

North Family Hub

31 Dingle Ave,
Blackpool FY3 7NX

1.00pm-3.00pm

South Family Hub

Palatine Leisure CTR
Blackpool FY4 2AP

Get in touch

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact us directly and one of our team will respond to you.

Did you know you can follow us on social media?



cyp_primarymentalhealthservice

CYP_pmhs

0800 121 7762 (Option 4)

bfwh.cyppmhs.blackpool.nhs.net