



Dates for your Diary

May 2013

27th - Break up for Half Term

June 2013

3rd - School re-opens

5th - ProKick Challenge Assembly

7th - Swimming Gala Yrs. 5 & 6

12th - School Photographs
& Return Uniform Orders

14th - ProKick Challenge

17th - Year 1 Phonics Screening

18th - Year 6 Girls & Mrs Rodgers visit
to JCB Academy

23rd - Parwich Open Gardens

25th - KS1 Mini Olympics at QEGS

27th - KS2 Trip to Manchester Museum

Busy Bee

School has been a hive of activity this term with a range of events taking place. As part of The Dove Valley Schools Sport Partnership children have been able to compete in: TriGolf, Tennis and Tag Rugby tournaments. A huge thank you to all the children that represented school and to the staff for organising and supporting these events.

Eco-Committee

The team of volunteers under the careful eye of Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Wood and Mrs Warner have been extremely busy this term, preparing the gardens, organising Fairtrade events and ensuring school is eco-friendly. We are looking forward to 'Open Gardens' and showcasing the difference the committee make to our school setting.



Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to everyone who helped support the Fairtrade Coffee Afternoon on Tuesday 21st May. Representatives from the

Eco-Committee worked very hard all afternoon and are delighted to announce they raised an incredible £231.00.

The money raised will help fund future projects.

Your Support

As a staff we'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuing help and support with school life. Through newsletters and emails we do try to keep you as informed and up to date as possible. Inevitably with such a small staff and busy schedule information can be missed or forgotten.

To ensure daily contact we operate the Meet and Greet system as well as an 'Open Door' Policy - please speak to a member of the team who will do their best to help, support and advise you should you have a query or suggestion regarding school life.

If you prefer you can always email Mrs Rodgers directly at:
headteacher@parwich.derbyshire.sch.uk

Travel Smart

The 'Walking Bus' took place each morning this week from the bottom of the village. Thank you to all who supported this event.



Peak District



We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful part of the Peak District and this term we have certainly made best use of the village thanks to the Peak Park.



Both classes spent half a day developing their knowledge and understanding of the outdoor environment and how our local area can enrich learning.

New Starters and QEGS

As this academic starts to draw to a close we begin preparing for September.

Miss Pendrigh and Mrs Wilkinson have completed the 'Home Visits' and thoroughly enjoyed meeting our new

September starter children and their families.

Mrs Orlando from QEGS has visited school and formally been introduced to our Year 6 children in preparation for their 'taster' day in June.



French Club

KS1 & KS2 French Clubs both start again on Wednesday 5th June and run for 5 weeks.

For more information or to join one of these clubs:

KS1 - Sue Hughes
Tel: 390334

KS2 - Kim Peatfield
Tel: 07966478781

Lunch / Fruit Money

For parents who wish to pay for their child's lunches for the next half term the amount is £1.90 a day for 35 days at a total of **£66.50**, cheques payable to Derbyshire County Council.

(If you are in credit/arrears you will receive a note home)



Could all fruit money (Junior class only) please be paid half-termly, at a total of **£3.50** (35 days x 10p), cheques payable to Parwich Primary School,
Thank you.

Maternity Cover

As announced in a previous newsletter Mrs Jones is pregnant and will begin her maternity leave after the October half term. Therefore Parwich Primary School's Governing Body is seeking to recruit a teacher to temporarily cover Mrs Jones' teaching commitment.

The advert, job description and person specification will be available with further information at www.derbyshire.gov.uk from next week. The closing date for applications will be Sunday 16th June 2013 and interviews will be held on Monday 15th July 2013.

I will keep you fully informed and up to date with developments with regards the interview process nearer the time.

Free School Meals



Children of families receiving certain benefits could be entitled to free school meals and other education benefits. 16-18 year olds receiving these benefits in their own right are also entitled to free school meals.

If your family lives in Derbyshire and has a low income, you may be able to get help with the cost of full-time education for your child.

You may be able to get:

- Free school meals
- Help with travel costs
- Help with music fees
- Help with cycle training

In order to get financial help you need to be receiving **one of the following benefits:**

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, with a taxable income of no more than £16,190 and not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit - payable at a rate higher than the family element i.e. £545.34 (this is £1,095.00 if you also have a child under one year old).
- Working Tax Credit, Housing Benefit or Council Tax Benefit (not including second adult rebate)
- Working tax credit during the four week period immediately after employment finished or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week

To make the application process as easy as possible the application form for free school meals is now on the Derbyshire website - www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals.

Parents can still apply by asking for a form from their school, or by phoning the free school meals team on 01629 536481.