

Dear Parents and Friends of Paisley Primary School

Summer is here at last! Well, OK it's still spring officially and the weather doesn't seem to know it yet but the Summer Term has started.

As ever, this is a busy term with lots of activities and school visits and of course the all-important SATs for children in Years 2 and 6 and end-of-year assessments and reports for all the children.

Your efforts to support the annual Sponsored Spelling event has once again resulted in over £2000 being added to the Educational Visits and Activities Fund which means that many visits can be subsidized or even free so the children and staff would like to thank you for that. It will of course still be necessary to ask for contributions to the cost of most visits as usual as without these we can not afford to run them and we thank you again in advance for your support in this.

We thank you for your continued support of our efforts to provide a high standard of education and care for the children of Paisley. Lets hope it's a great Summer!

R. Petch



School Travel Plan

We had a great response to our survey of the journey to school, with 107 parents responding, representing 143 children. There were three key concerns raised by many parents: the difficulties and dangers crossing Albert Avenue, the speed of traffic and the blind corner on Lowther Street and the dangers of manoeuvring cars and parents parked on the yellow zig-zags in Paisley Street. The Travel Plan has now been passed on to the relevant people and hopefully we will eventually see some action taken. We also hope to have news of the size of the grant we will receive to begin our part of the work before the end of the term.

Eco School Award – Grounds Development

We will soon see some exciting new artwork and sculptures on the fence at the back of the school which will brighten up that area no end! Tables and seating have also been ordered to create a pleasant, shaded seating area under the trees at the end of the large playground and the adventure playgrounds will have the edges repaired and new bark added shortly. Watch for opportunities to help with our grounds development including basic DIY, painting and planting – we can achieve so much more with help!

Breakfast Club – Games and Toys needed!

Please send any unwanted toys, games and books, so many children stay now we need more!

We hope you will also agree to support our new Breakfast Fund to make the experience even more enjoyable. We ask that children staying make a contribution of 10p each week so that we can make sure that we always have new games and activities. There will be a collecting tin near the hall doors.

The Healthy Snacks Award

Jamie Oliver is not the first to champion the cause of healthy eating! As you know, Paisley is part of Hull's important campaign to improve diet and ensure that children make healthy choices. The next part of this, and our work to achieve the Positive Health in Schools Award, is to make sure that packed lunches are healthy too. You will receive more information during this term but as a start, please remember that packed lunches should not contain fizzy drinks or packets of sweets. We will soon be giving out special stickers and certificates to children with the healthiest packed lunches.

"5-a-day" Free Fruit and Vegetables

Although there are still one or two children who have never developed a taste for particular pieces of fruit or vegetable, everyone in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 now enjoys the opportunity to have a healthy snack at break time. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will

Walk to School Week and the Park and Stride Scheme

The week of 23rd May to 27th May is the annual "Walk to School Week." This is a great opportunity to promote the healthy benefits of walking at least part of the way, and fits in well with the aims of the School Travel Plan and Positive Health in Schools. Many people have expressed concern about the minority of parents who persist in parking on the yellow zig-zag lines but also about the traffic in the area generally.

As a result, there will be various consultations and campaigns to improve the situation, including promotion of the Park and Stride using Albert Avenue Baths car park. Also, **action will be taken to solve the illegal and dangerous parking in particular** and we ask all parents to help us keep the children safe by **NEVER** parking on the yellow zig-zags and not using the school staff car park.

Term-time holidays

As, you know, school attendance legislation suggests that parents avoid taking holidays in term time and only allows headteachers to authorise a maximum of 10 days each school year. Holidays can only be authorised where attendance/achievement is at least satisfactory Our target is 95% and so children whose attendance is below 90% may not be authorised and those below 80% almost certainly would not be.