



School Matters

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"Working together to raise achievement"

Dear Parents and Friends of Paisley Primary School

As I write this, our new-look website is about to go on-line. Our thanks go to Mr. Arrowsmith-Cooper, the new Webmaster for all his hard work and also to Mr. Witham who developed and maintained the original site for so many years. Keep visiting for news, links, events, activities and new developments.

This edition of School Matters takes Community Links as its theme and highlights our commitment to working with the local community, providing activities and services which are needed and encouraging our children to be good citizens. If you have any ideas how we could take this further, please let us know.

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Working with the Community

As you would expect, the children are our first priority but to provide the very best for them, we need to work closely not just with parents, but also the wider community. We need to help look after our environment and develop links with other schools and nurseries, sports clubs, health and social services, adult education and business and industry. We already do a lot but would like to do more.

Read on to discover what we can offer, what else we hope to do and how you can get involved.

Every Child Matters

As explained in our School Matters 6, the Government's aim is for every child to have the support they need to:

- Be healthy
- Stay safe
- Enjoy and achieve
- Make a positive contribution
- Achieve economic well-being

Everything we do in school is now linked to these 5 objectives and more information is



Eating

Now, encouraging children to develop healthy eating habits at an early age is as easy but very important. Recent research has shown that more and more children are unfit, overweight or even suffering heart conditions. This is also affecting their ability to learn.

Paisley is recognised as a leading school in trying to tackle this and has featured in the local media and on Radio 5 Live and Talk Radio, as well as Hull City Council videos and leaflets. We hope you are beginning to notice a growing understanding and change in attitudes towards healthy eating in your children and that you will gradually find it easier to achieve the same at home!

Breakfast Club – Free healthy breakfast for all children! Open every school day! No need to register, just turn up between 8am and 8:15. Very popular with working parents, this is a great way to make sure that the children get a good breakfast and also a chance to meet and talk or play with friends.

Free Healthy Lunch – All full-time children are now entitled to a free meal every day

We want the children to enjoy their PE and Games lessons and join in more active games at playtimes and lunchtimes. That is why we are spending more on developing the playground and on new equipment. It is important that children always have suitable PE and Games kit and are not allowed to miss lessons without very good reason.

We are also developing links with sports clubs and coaches, including Hull FC and Hull City, Grassroots Football and others to help us provide, or link with, more activities during the school day and afterwards. Some will be free, others will need a small charge to be made and your replies to our survey show many of you would pay 50p to £1 a session for such activities. New activities will continue to be developed.



Community Recycling

Glass, plastic, steel and aluminium, printer ink and toner cartridges

Not only do we help our children to understand that it is important to look after our environment but we provide facilities for the local community. If you support these, you are not only helping to look after our planet, but also raising money for school through “green credits” and discounts on computer printer ink cartridges. Please use the facilities and support our Eco-School activities.

Leave ink cartridges in the box near the office, everything else in the recycling centre near the car-park.



SureStart run a “Talk with Me” session for parents and under 3s between 10am and 11am every Thursday morning in our Community Room. There are stories and activities designed to be fun and it’s a great way to meet other parents and their children in a friendly environment. Why not try it!



The “**Learning Truck**”, has begun visiting Paisley and we would like to offer a range of short courses and information to the local community on site. Drop in for a drink and a chat and let the staff know what you would like to do. Fire safety, home security, first aid, literacy, numeracy, ICT, child care, helping with homework, something else? Almost anything is possible if we know what you would like!.



We have also established a partnership with **Creative Minds** based at The Deep. They are part of the **Learn Direct** service and can offer a range of great courses at their training centre. They will make a donation to the

Dates for your diary

Easter Holiday Saturday 8th April to Monday 24th April 2006 (inclusive – the 24th is a training day)

KS2 SATs Week – Monday 8th May to Friday 12th May (KS1 SATs take place throughout May)

Half Term – Saturday 27th May to Monday 5th June 2006 (inclusive – the 5th is a training day)

Summer Holiday – Saturday 22nd July 2006 to Monday 4th September 2006 (inclusive – the 4th is a training day)

school for everyone who enrolls and a leaflet will be available soon to inform you of their services.

STOP PRESS – Attempted burglary on the night of 1st March. Mr Ellenton was attacked but fortunately not badly injured and 4 classrooms were damaged as well as computer equipment. We hope that the criminals will soon be caught and that anyone hearing or seeing anything, or offered cheap ICT equipment, will let us or the police know. This is an attack on our community

Feedback - Is there anything you'd like to tell us? Can we tell you something?

You are welcome to drop in any time. Have you any concerns? Have you had a good idea? Would you like to make a suggestion? Do you or your child need some support? Has your address or phone number changed?

Would you like to get more involved in school activities and your child's learning?

You can often see us immediately for a minute or two before or after school but longer meetings will usually need an appointment. Contact the office or your child's teacher and we will arrange the earliest possible meeting. **Every**

Child Matters. Phone 355984, email admin@paisley.hull.sch.uk or drop a note in the Comments Box.

school, *people like this should not be tolerated.*