



Peel Park Primary School

Absence and lateness

We continue to monitor attendance closely to ensure that all absences are accounted for. It is parents responsibility to let us know if your child is going to be late and we would ask you now to do this on 01254 231583 and select option 1.

Arbor app

We are now hoping that the Arbor app is working better for you. Emails should now be going into inboxes and I have been working with individual parents to help set up notifications. I have made the company aware about the fact that you have to log in each time, and how frustrating that is, and they are changing this system imminently.

Summer term 1

I wanted to start by saying a big thank you for the wonderful turnout at our Coronation event in school. It was lovely to see so many of you attend and take the opportunity to celebrate with the children. We have lots more events on the horizon which will be communicated with you as soon as possible.

It seems that Arbor is now working better and 95% of you have now accessed it. If you are the remaining 5%, and are struggling, please come to the office and we will support you in setting it up for the first time. If you haven't had a chance to order meals on the app yet, please have a go and let us know how it works for you.

This newsletter details some of the staffing changes that we have coming up. I would like to say thank you to all of the people who are leaving the school at this time- many of which have given considerable years service to the school.

You will have read a lot of things recently about the shrinking budgets in education and Peel Park is no different to any others and balancing the books is an ongoing challenge. Our funding continues to be complex at a point when energy bills, books, materials and equipment increases significantly. It is something that both myself and the Governors continue to discuss in order to secure the best quality of education for the 622 children that come to our school. If you have any questions about this please feel free to ask.

Mr Waites

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility in school and we take this very seriously- keeping your child safe is our primary concern. Our Designated Safeguarding Officer is **David Waites** and the Deputy officers are **Kirsty Goldsmith** and **Michael Kerr**. If you need any more information about this then please do not hesitate to ask.

Departing staff

I would like to say farewell to some valued staff that are leaving us at this point in the school year, many of which have worked at the school for a long period of time and have given wonderful service to the school. **Miss Cleary** is leaving us having started at the school in 2006.

Mrs Holt is also leaving us having been at the school since 2008. **Mrs**

Ogden is leaving Peel Park having started here in the year 2000. **Mrs Williams** is leaving the school and has been working at Peel Park since 2001. **Mrs Martin** is leaving the school having began here in 2005. **Mrs Hughes** is leaving the school having started in 2006. **Mrs Siddiq** is leaving having started in 2009. Also leaving (or recently left) at this point are **Miss Munro, Miss Murray** and **Mr Newsham** who have all given considerable service to the school.

From our welfare team, leaving us are **Mrs Duckett** (started in 1992), **Mrs Tonge** (1990), **Mrs Smith** (2008), **Mrs Noble** (2009), **Mrs Cottar** (2010) and **Mrs Prickett** (2021).

We wish all of our leavers well in their future careers or retirement and both the Governors and I would like to thank all of them for their hard work, commitment and passion that they have shown in their time at the school. Many of these people have given much of their adult lives to the children of Peel Park School and will be very well remembered in the local community. If you would like to share any of happy memories with any of these staff then I am sure that they would love to hear them. Alternatively, they can be passed to the office and we will share them with the person involved directly.



As mentioned previously, **all messages to parents are now sent via the Arbor app and/or email**. After some early hiccups, these emails should now be appearing in inboxes rather than junk- I apologise for the initial issues that we have had with this aspect of the app. If you are still not receiving notifications on your phone, please follow this link to find out how to set it up on both android and apple phones [Parents not receiving push notifications](#)



Within the arbor system, we are now using **Arbor Pay**. This replaced parent pay from the 31st March. **You will receive a message early next week to say that remaining balances from parent-pay can now be collected from the school office. If you are unsure whether you had a positive balance then please ask and we will check our records. Negative balances have now been transferred onto arbor accounts.** Moving forward, all trips/meals/clubs/payments will now be taken through the arbor app and Arbor Pay. More information can be found by clicking [this link](#).

Having taken feedback at one of our parents forum sessions, we are now able to offer all parents the opportunity to **order your child's meals within the arbor app** too. This will be up and running with immediate effect.

Meals must be pre-ordered the week before so that the kitchen can prepare the right numbers of meals. This also means that parents can order meals for Monday, prepare packed lunches on Tuesday and Weds and return to school meals on a Thursday and Friday- a great deal more flexibility than before! You can access this part of arbor on the app and you can pay for those meals in the same place.