



Friday 6 September 2019

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

It has been wonderful welcoming all the pupils back to school and I have to say they have all returned in fine spirits! Yesterday in assembly I spoke about all the exciting opportunities a new year brings and the need to persevere when at first challenges seem insurmountable. Over the holidays the school has been alive with holiday clubs and maintenance crews. You may have noticed that the new skylights (and associated changing room refurbishment) at the front of Lyncombe House is not quite complete. This will be done over the next couple of weeks and was due to a delay in the manufacturing process. Squirrels has successfully moved into its new home and the additional Year 5 classroom is looking resplendent with its new, very modern looking furniture. Various areas of the school have received a lick of paint and the usual repairs to the precious stonework have been undertaken.

There have been several new staff joining us this term, so just in case you missed the announcements:

Mrs Sam Millard – Year 3 teacher

Mrs Rachel Hammonds – Year 4 teacher

Dr Marina Southern – IT teacher in the Prep Department

Mr Joe Garlington – PGCE student and games coach

Miss Sophie Fortune – IT technician

Finally, just a gentle reminder that the weekly Bulletin contains all the pertinent information required for the week(s) ahead, so do please read it carefully!

Have a lovely weekend,

Andrew Harvey



Paragon News & Notices

TRAFFIC AND PARKING

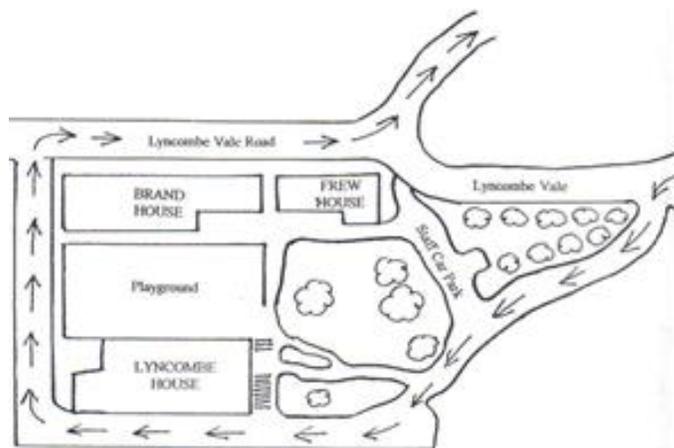
Please take note of the one-way system in and out of the school and the *unofficial* one-way system for the surrounding roads. All vehicles using Lyncombe Vale are requested to observe this traffic code in the interests of improving traffic flow and preserving road safety. This system operates from 8.00 - 9.00am and 3.00 - 4.30pm.

If parked in one of the three parking spaces to the left inside the entrance gate, please exit the school following the one-way system, rather than leaving via the entrance gate.

PLEASE NOTE: This is an unofficial one-way system and cannot be imposed on our neighbours or other drivers.

Other points to remember:

- Drive slowly when approaching and leaving the school, looking out for pedestrians and driving with courtesy for our neighbours; eg. letting them out of their drives when there is a flow of traffic to/from The Paragon.
- Avoid driving on pavements, which is illegal.
- Have consideration for our neighbours when parking near the school.
- Cars must not be left in the drop off point to the left of the front door of Lyncombe House.
- Only parents of Pre-Prep children should park at drop off. Parents of Prep children (Years 3-6) are requested to make use of the drop off bays. Please do not leave your car unattended in these bays.
- We ask everyone to use the zebra crossing and not cross at any other point of the drive. Please do not park on the crossing.
- Do not walk up/down drive – either use the gate on the right-hand side just inside the main entrance gate and walk along the path through the dell, or use the middle gate at the bottom of the staff car park (code available from reception).
- Please walk to school where possible or use the complimentary shuttle bus services from the Prior Park College (8.15am) and Prior Park Garden Centre (8.30am). Please book with Receptionists. reception.paragon@priorparkschools.com



HURRICANE DORIAN APPEAL

This is an appeal for anyone who may be able to help the residents of the Bahamas, in the wake of Hurricane Dorian. The winds and the news headlines are fading from public consciousness but the need for help is only beginning.

- It made landfall on 1 September, 2019, at Elbow Cay, on the Abaco Islands in the Bahamas.
- Hurricane Dorian was the strongest hurricane on record to hit the Bahamas. Once it made landfall, it hovered over the country – sometimes moving at just 1 mph – for more than 48 hours.
- As of writing the death toll has risen to 20 people, with more expected in the coming days, many areas are simply inaccessible at this time.



- The British Navy has recognised the scale of the disaster, is sending supplies and ships, and co-ordinating with other international relief efforts.

All residents of Abaco and Grand Bahama need help and support, but our personal attention is with the people of Hope Town, in Elbow Cay, where the storm first made Landfall with winds gusting to over 200 Miles an hour, and the storm surge that washed many houses clean away.

Details of the impact of the storm, and the resilience and can do spirit of the islanders can be found in the links below, along with a link for Hope Town specific donations. For wider donations there are additional links to UK based international organisations.

Hope Town Specific information and aid : <https://www.hopetownsailingclub.com/>

International Red Cross : The Hurricane Dorian campaign in the Bahamas [here](#).

Salvation Army : Hurricane Dorian Bahamas disaster fund [here](#).



COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS TO 'SQUIRREL' AT THE EGG THEATRE, 7 AND 14 DECEMBER

In an exciting collaboration between The Paragon and The Egg Theatre, parents and children are invited to the theatre's main Early Years Christmas production of 'Squirrel' this December. Children in Squirrels nursery have been key to the research and development of the production and so this will be a very special occasion for those who were involved in the sessions.

'Squirrel' is suitable for children aged 3-6 years, and babies are welcome but will also need a ticket. We have an allocation of 50 tickets for each date. Please email: ehughes@priorparkschools.com if you would like to come along, stating the date and number of tickets that you require.



MUSIC NOTICES

The music department warmly welcomes all our students back to school.

Instrument lessons

These resume on Monday. Please take the time to look at the music timetable and make sure your child has instrument and books at the ready. If you'd like your child to have a free taster session with any of our teachers then please let me know.

Sarah Kettleby
Director of Music

SPORTS NOTICES

Please note that there won't be any Year 5/6 sports clubs after school on Friday 13 September due to the Monkton Cross-Country.

CLASSIFIEDS

A link to our classifieds can be found [here](#).



LOST PROPERTY

In order to help us reduce the amount of lost property and return it to its owner, we ask parents to:

- ensure all uniform is named
- remove redundant name tags from second-hand uniform
- avoid naming uniform using ink which will wash out



- remind your child to collect any uniform which has been discarded after dismissal

Please check your children's uniform to make sure they have brought the correct items home this weekend. If you would like to report any lost property, please email reception. **Please also let us know when you have found an item so we can remove it from the list.**

reception.paragon@priorparkschools.com



Bibi G in 3B has lost her named blazer (might be named E van Dam)

Holiday Clubs



SUPERPIRATES

For more information please go to: <http://www.superpirates.co.uk/paragon>

Class Updates

Squirrels

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Squirrels! We have had a wonderful two days this week getting to know the children and we have been very proud of how they have settled in, exploring their surroundings and everything on offer. When you collect your child from Squirrels, please do take time to look at the 'Squirrels Snapshot' board on display outside the classroom. Here we display photos from the day or a piece of artwork. These are all linked to The Paragon Way wheel.



Next week, you will be able to sign up against a slot for a 'getting to know you' meeting throughout September. This is in no way compulsory but an opportunity for us to meet you and to go through any extra information about Squirrels Pre-school and your child that you may wish us to know. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend,
The Nursery Team

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Reception

Dear Parents,
Welcome to Reception! We have had a wonderful couple of days getting to know the children and learning some new routines. Our topic to begin with is all about 'Ourselves'. If you could bring in a photograph of your family, the children will enjoy talking about it with their friends. Please note that we have our Curriculum Meeting next Wednesday 11 September, 2.30pm in 6I. Have a great weekend!
Mrs James and Mrs Taylor
The Reception Team

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Year 1

Dear Parents,
Welcome to Year 1. We hope you've all managed to have a restful and fun-filled summer holiday. The children seemed relaxed, happy and eager to get started with their learning which has been wonderful to see. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the forthcoming year group meeting next week. It is at 2.30pm on Thursday 12 September in 1G. The Year 1 handbook can be accessed here; <https://www.paragonschool.co.uk/current-parents/useful-information>
Ms Hucks would be grateful for any interesting, clean plastic that the children can use in their 'eco oceans' art project this term and don't forget the painting apron ready for Monday! We plan to be out and about, using the beautiful grounds we have here, so don't forget to send a pair of wellies into school ready to use next week. Have a great weekend,
The Year 1 Team

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Year 2

Dear Parents,
We hope that your children are happy and are enjoying being in Year 2. They all seem to be settling into their new classes and are pleased to see their friends again. We have had lots of fun this week exploring magical homes in the woods and creating our own. We thought about who they were for and where they could be found, and we described them. We have also revised addition and subtraction.



Next week we will start our topic on Space so if you have any artefacts, books etc. at home, please allow your child bring them to school.

Please make sure that every item of clothing is clearly named. It really does make our lives easier and your bank balances healthier if ALL items are named, as one navy jumper is the same as another!

Our curriculum meeting is on Tuesday at 2.30pm in 2GV classroom. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Please remember that if you wish to discuss anything with us, we are happy to chat to you at a mutually convenient time. Please be aware that after 8.20am we are busy settling the children.

Please note that 2GV will need to come in Games kit on a Tuesday and Thursday and 2M will need to come in kit on a Monday and Thursday.

Here are some links that may prove useful to you for some more information about the coming year.

<https://www.paragonschool.co.uk/current-parents/useful-information>

<https://monsterphonics.com/free-resources/fun-ways-to-help-children-learn-phonics-spelling/>

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs van Gerwen, Miss Murphy and Mrs Grinyer

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Year 3

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome to all Year 3 parents. It is lovely getting to know the children and hearing all about their holidays! They have all settled in brilliantly and embraced all aspects of Year 3 life with great ease in these first few days. It promises to be an exciting and successful year ahead and the children are clearly refreshed and ready to go!

Notices

- **3B** has **Swainswick** on **Wednesday 11 September**. Please can pupils come dressed in outdoor clothing.
- Our **Curriculum Meeting** will take place on **Thursday 12 September at 5pm in 3B**.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Miss Barnes and Mrs Millard

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Year 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school and welcome to Year 4. We hope you had a great summer, the children all seem refreshed and raring to go!

Not much in this bulletin, except to remind you of two important things. Firstly, the Year 4 Curriculum Meeting will be at 5.00pm in the 4H classroom (opposite Mrs Braithwaite's office) on Monday 9th next week. It never takes too long but it would be great if you could attend.

Secondly, the whole of Year 4 will have a swimming assessment on Wednesday 11th. They should arrive in normal school clothes and bring their kit in a bag, as usual.

The children have had great fun settling in.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Hinde and Mrs Hammonds

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Year 5

Dear Parents,

Our Year 5 pupils have had a great start to the term and it has been a pleasure getting to know the children throughout the week; it certainly sounds like everyone had a very enjoyable summer! The children have quickly settled into the daily routine and have already, in just two days, embraced many aspects of Year 5. The children enjoyed their first Year 5 trip, a topic outing to Alexandra Park, where they observed the panoramic view of Bath to identify land use in the city.

Please find [attached](#) the PowerPoint from our Curriculum Meeting.

We hope that you have an enjoyable weekend.

Miss Scott, Mr Millar and Mr Guest

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Year 6

Dear Parents,

After a relaxing summer break, all the children and staff have returned refreshed and excited about the new term.

We have given the children new prefect roles and would appreciate it if every effort could be made to get the early morning prefects to school by 8.25am so they can perform their duties.

This will be a very busy term in Year 6 and the children have begun in such a positive way. This should help with self-motivation in the future and prepare them for the important ongoing lesson of independence.

The children have settled into their maths groups and we will monitor these carefully over the term and rearrange them as necessary in order to give them the support and challenge they need to reach their full potential.

It was lovely to meet so many of you at the Curriculum Meeting on Thursday this week; we hope you found the event useful and informative. The Year 6 Parent Handbook and Maths Booklet are both available on the school website.

<https://www.paragonschool.co.uk/current-parents/useful-information>

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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