



# WPSPS INCREDIBLE NEWS



Newsletter WB 11.03.24

We have had lots of fun in school this week, as always!

Everything is getting very 'Eastery', with Easter crafts and cards and our Easter Coffee Morning too this last Thursday!

We hope you have a lovely time reading about the other things we have been doing in school...



## Weekly Attendance

Our school TEAM have worked hard this week to maintain a positive attendance, despite the horrible cough and cold virus doing the rounds:

**As a TEAM we have managed to achieve 93.5%.**

The top TEAMS who will receive their £5 rewards were:

**Team JF with 96.1%**

**Team AF with 99.5%**

Well-done to the two Teams! You have £5 each to go towards your end of year treat!

## School events this week

### Ramadan

Our school community joined in with Ramadan on Monday this last week, giving up their usual school jumper, to mark and represent the feeling of giving things up. Days like this help the children to understand the bigger concepts about religion, which we teach ongoing. Thank you to those who joined in.

### Science and Technology Week

This week in school, staff have been tasked with covering additional aspects of Science and Technology. Miss Fury (Science Leader) and Mr Davison (DT Leader) started the week off with an epic Assembly, to remind the children of key learning which they do in these areas through school.

### Book Fair

We have had our annual Book Fair in school this week. A BIG thank you to Miss McGinnes for organising this and working in it throughout the week! The children had a lovely time reviewing the books and it was beautiful to see how many children were eager to spend their money! Every child a READER!

### Governors in school

It has been lovely to see our Governors in school this week (and they are planned in for next week too). They have been visiting school to talk to their link subject Leader in school, reviewing progress made and sharing and discussing their next steps. It is so useful that Governors can give their time to come to school and contribute to the dedicated leadership. Thank you, Governors, – the children all enjoyed seeing you in school too!

### **Easter Coffee Morning**

A HUGE well done to our small Parental Group, who organised the spring term Easter Coffee Morning this last week, what a SUPERB job you all did! The group work tirelessly with Mrs Mason (PSA) in school, to think of creative ideas to fund raise for the benefit of the children! The Coffee Morning had a number of stalls including crafts, cards and handmade ornaments etc, as well as stalls with gadgets for children, a bottle tombola, 'Selfies with the Easter Bunny' (I wonder who that could have been!?) and delicious food and coffee too. The event was packed out, but all of the children had a wonderful time. A special-mentions to our Prefects in Year 6, who spoke to parents using excellent manners and went to get their children from classes. You were AMAZING boys and girls in Team AF and LL!

All in all, we managed to make just over £600 for the Parent's Group and school. We will be looking to purchase a new fridge freezer for the group so as they can continue with the much-loved tradition of ice lolly sales this summer term, as well as some much-needed maths resources for Y2 upwards. This will hopefully drive teaching and learning standards in the area of multiplication, so we have more and more children attaining 25/25 on their 'Multiplication Tables Check' in Year 4! THANK YOU SO MUCH PARENTS for attending and for your generous contributions! - We couldn't do it without you!

### **Red Nose Day 2024**

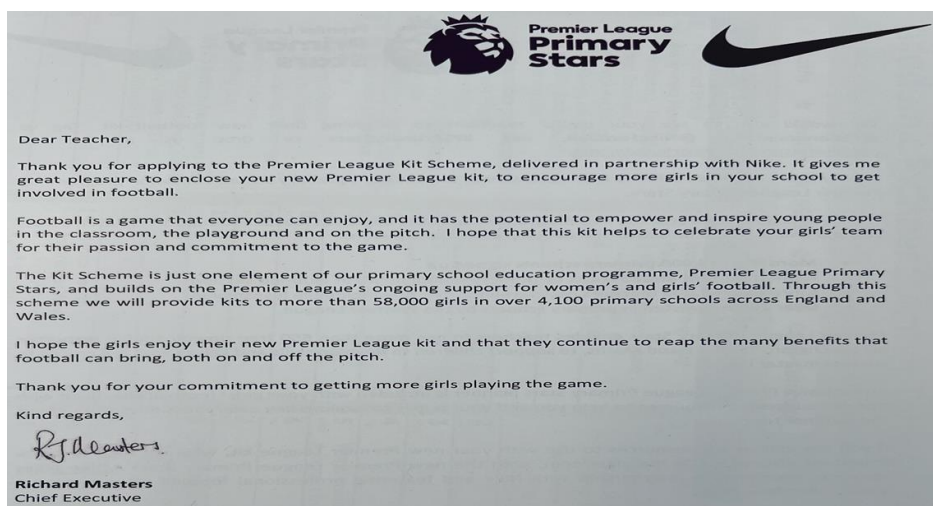
The children enjoyed celebrating RND 2024 this last Friday. They all joined in, wearing something red and enjoyed a range of activities in school to learn more about the day and why we work as a TEAM to raise funds for this worthy cause. The children enjoyed buying their buns at break time (thank you parents and staff for your generous donations) and also LOVED soaking Mr Smith (Sports Coach) and Mr Davison (Year 4 teacher) in the morning, where they could pay to throw very wet sponges at them! Well done everyone and a special thank you to Mrs Firth and the School Council for organising the day of fun!

### **Fire Drill**

We had our statutory termly fire drill this last week in school. As always, the children were impeccably well behaved on their exit from school, recognising the severity of the drill and the need to be silent, so as adults can communicate effectively and keep everyone as safe as possible. They walked very sensibly to their designated spaces and LOVED to celebrate together when they knew it was a practise – well done TEAM! Such a quick exit too!

### **New Girls' Football Kit!**

Thanks to the tenacious work which Mrs Firth and Mr Smith do as PE Leaders in school, we have been fortunate enough to receive a full girls' football kit, for our girls' football team to use! Please see the letter below congratulating us! Well done leaders!



## Nursery News

As you will be aware, we have been trialling a limited number of 30 hours places in our nursery during this last Autumn term. This has proved to be very popular and has been a great success so we will be continuing with the current arrangements going forward. It is lovely to have our very own full time Nursery class and the children appear to be loving their time in school. I am positive this will be getting the children off to a great start with Miss McGinnes! It is also really supporting Park Street following the COVID pandemic as we have seen a rise in numbers once again, which is fantastic news.

If any families have a child who is two years old, you can apply for a nursery place the school term following their second birthday. If you are interested in a 30 hours place for the next academic year (from September 2024) please contact Miss McGinnes for further information, to have a tour of the setting or to add your child's name to our 30 hours waiting list. Please also spread the word within the local community - we are always happy to show people around and answer any questions. We still also offer our morning or afternoon places for 15 hours per week for all families.

### Nursery Crafts Stay and Play

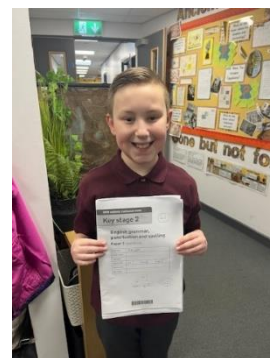
Miss McGinnes reported that it was amazing to see how many parents joined Nursery in their Easter crafts 'stay and play' session this last week. It is always great when parents join their children in school. The children LOVE to show you round their environment and play and learn with you, but it is also often useful for you to see the progress your child makes in the school. Thank you to all involved!

## Park Street Shout-outs!

I LOVE having children sent to me for all the right reasons! Our staff enjoy showing off their amazing children who achieve well because of their hard-working attitudes. I also LOVE having information sent from parents to celebrate successes outside of school – these are also very important! This week we celebrate:

- **Heath in Team LL** – Heath always works hard, so it was exceptionally pleasing to see him (and his fellow class friends) with AMAZING marks on their recent SPaG paper. Here Heath is with **TOP MARK IN THE YEAR!** It is such a pleasure to see hard work, focus and conscientious attitudes pay off!

A HUGE well done to Molly, Lola, Alexa, Jaxon and Elwood too for all scoring a greater depth standard in the same SPaG paper!



- **Wilf in Team AF** – Wilf has put in amazing effort this week as Year 6s have been doing their assessments! He focused hard and succeeded, completing his maths paper with a smile and being honest about what else he needed to learn about. **OUTSTANDING!**



- **Willow in Team SG** – a huge well done to our Willow!

She has mastered the art of Ski-ing in just 6 short lessons and is now all ready for the slopes!

As always, she looks the full part too in her awesome outfit!

What an astonishing achievement Willow – see you at the winter Olympics – maybe 2034! Really proud of you for learning and enjoying a new skill outside of school!

- **Pupil Voice 'Park Street Asset' staff shout out** – Miss Overton of Team EO was the winner this week, for always having a smiley face in and around school and for working so hard!
- **Pupil Voice 'Park Street Asset' child shout out** – Freya in Team JD for being an awesome friend and supportive partner to all the Park Street boys and girls! Where would we be without her!
- **Miss Fury** – our Senior Leadership Team wanted to congratulate and thank Miss Fury this week, for all of her hard work and dedication in supporting staff in school but also in the wider Trust team too. Well done, you are greatly appreciated and we all think you are FAB!

## School Notices

### **Mrs Firth goes on maternity leave this Easter...**

A BIG congratulations to Mrs Firth (teacher in Team LF – Y4/5), who has made it to the Easter holidays! Mrs Firth will be commencing her maternity leave straight after the Easter holidays. She will be really missed but I am sure you will all join me in wishing her a healthy and happy maternity leave, when her family's bundle of joy decides to join the world! We will keep you up to date with any developments as soon as we hear! No doubt baby Firth will be in Park Street very soon to meet the TEAM (especially Mrs Firth's beloved Team LF)!

With Mrs Firth leaving for a year, we are pleased to confirm that for the foreseeable, a lady called Miss A Robertson will be joining the Park Street team to cover her in class. I am sure you will all join me in warmly welcoming her to the Team. Mrs Greenhalgh and Mrs Sykes will remain in Team LF as well. Miss Robertson is in school this week working with Mrs Firth on Wednesday afternoon as part of her transition and we will also be making appointments in the first weeks back to ensure we have everything in place for specific children and their families.

Mrs Firth being on maternity leave means we have a LOT of leadership responsibilities to cover too:

- Miss E Overton will take over as PE Leader and work alongside Mr Smith (Sports Coach)
- Mrs D Bamforth will continue as Maths Leader (a role which she has alongside Mrs Firth), but Mr Holmes will also be stepping up as Maths Lead in Mrs Firth's absence
- Mr Davison will continue as Computing Leader (a role which he has alongside Mrs Firth)
- Mr Davison will also be taking on the role of School Council Leader in Mrs Firth's absence.

### **New Teaching Assistant joins Team AF and JF**

This Monday (18<sup>th</sup> March) we welcome Miss P Exley to the staff team! She will be working predominantly as Teaching Assistant in Team AF and also work within Team JF to provide additional support and intervention for the boys and girls in KS1. I am sure you will all join me in warmly welcoming her to the staff team.

### **Miss Rowson – Cover Supervisor**

Miss Rowson has recently been appointed as internal Cover Supervisor. She will continue to be based in Team AF, with Miss Exley above. She will cover Mr Fidment when he is out of class on his AHT Inclusion (SENDCo) role.

I have also begun teaching in Team AF on a Thursday, to provide additional time for Mr Fidment to complete his SENDCo role. Please note that SEND meetings will need to be on these days predominantly, so school and parents will have to work together to make these happen as best we can.

### **Social Media**

I hear that social media is a great tool for keeping in contact with friends and family and for sharing good, positive news. However, this last week I have been disheartened that we have boys and girls, specifically in KS2, who have been subject to inappropriate content whilst using Apps such as WhatsApp and Snap Chat. Please can the school community ensure that if their children are on such Apps, then they are supervised and that their phones are checked regularly.

Could I please re-iterate, if you are upset with any school matters, as a parent, please can I ask that you follow the correct procedures and either phone the school, catch a member of SLT on the drive or make use of our drop ins, to discuss any unrest. Sharing such information on social media, unfortunately, displays inaccurate information and can often scaremonger other parents. I would much prefer for parents to have accurate details and perceive the school in the correct light – which is nothing other than supportive – ever. It is disheartening and can impact on staff morale when incorrect and unjustified comments are made about the school and against the staff who work so hard to make it a caring, supportive and lovely place to attend. It would be dreadful to lose amazing staff members because of parents being perceived as bad-mouthing individuals and their action – this is not fair.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

As a school, you know we are always keen for our children to attend well and be here on time, every single day. This is a life skill and we truly believe that if the children learn to take this seriously now, then this will only ever help them in their futures when in Secondary School (where there is zero tolerance of such), in further education or in their place of work.

Children's attendance is reviewed weekly by our Attendance Lead, Mrs Green in liaison with Mrs Dabbs who processes daily attendance. Every week she liaises with Mrs Mason (PSA) to discuss each of their case-loads, as quite often than not, their roles can overlap. Every other week, I monitor attendance with Mrs Green too. Our school Governor, Mrs Chavan, is also involved, as well as our EWO, David Scarth. As you can read, a whole attendance team works tenaciously to make sure this is a priority for the school community. I know a lot of parents, who always get their child to school on time and every single day, are really thankful for this approach. It also contributes to robust safeguarding procedures.

As part of these internal opportunities to monitor attendance and punctuality, we review each child and their attendance, discuss any concerns and reasons for absence and decide on a way forward for the child and family. This could be:

- no further action, as reasons for absence / odd lateness is understandable and there is a good enough reason for it. These would be shared, discussed and understood.
- in other circumstances, attendance may be strong, but punctuality really not so strong, so we would need to explore reasons for this, to see if we could help to improve matters for the child / family.
- in others, both attendance and punctuality may need addressing.

For the latter two, we would always try to communicate our concerns either in a phone call, a letter home or an invitation for parents to come in to school for an 'Internal School Attendance Panel' meeting and discuss the situation and support with next steps. The idea is to arrive at a positive outcome for the child, the family and the school. We always intervene with conversations and letters as a first port of call, to make you aware of our concerns and then a meeting if there is no improvement (or things continue).

Our whole ethos, as a staff team, is to discuss and offer support where we can. I am a big believer that NO school is perfect, but we ALWAYS TRY as a school. If you have seen the school portrayed negatively for our tenacious approach to ensuring good attendance and punctuality, I hope this helps to clear matters up! We follow our Trust's policies well and receive positive feedback from the wider Trust team for our efforts and results and we hope these efforts prepare our children for a bright future.

### **INSET Days**

The remaining dates for INSET days this academic year are:

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**

## Safeguarding

### The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) in school are as follows:

Mrs C Lawson (Headteacher) and Mrs L Longden (Deputy Headteacher) – DSLs

Mrs C Mason (PSA) and Miss C McGinnes (AHT EYFS/KS1 and Reading Lead) – Deputy DSLs

Supported by Mrs E Oliver (Safeguarding Link Governor and Chair of Governors)

### Staff who are trained to DSL standard, who you could talk to if you have any concerns:

Mrs C Turner (School Business Manager)

Mr A Fidment (AHT Inclusion)

Mrs L Fitchett (HLTA, Art Therapist, DSL for trips)

Mr R Smith (Sports Coach and DSL for sports trips)

Mrs E Green (Business Support and Attendance Lead)

**Should you have any concerns regarding the welfare of any of Park Street's children, please do not hesitate in speaking to a member of the team above. Safeguarding is our priority!**

## School Matters and Support



Mrs Mason is our school's Parent Support Advisor. Should you need any support with parenting, behaviour at home, clothing, food, money, bereavement or housing, for example, please do give her a call at school or see her on the drive daily!



Mr Fidment is our school's Assistant Head for SEND and Inclusion. Should you need any support and advice, or just want to touch base with Mr Fidment, he is on the playground each Monday morning drop off time and can be reached by emailing [WPSSendco@ecmtrust.co.uk](mailto:WPSSendco@ecmtrust.co.uk)

Should you have any questions, queries or concerns, then your child's class teacher should be your first port of call.

Following this, you should consult a member of the Senior Leadership in School:

Mrs C Turner – School Business and H&S

Mr A Fidment – AHT for Inclusion, Behaviour and Transition

Miss C McGinnes – AHT for Reading, EYFS and KS1

Mrs L Longden – Curriculum and Pupil Premium

Mrs C Lawson – all school matters, safeguarding (including Child Protection and LAC), staffing and teaching and learning.

