



WPSPS INCREDIBLE NEWS



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Welcome back to another school year at WPSPS!

It has been lovely to see all of our children back in school, learning and having fun! Welcome to our new children who have started school this September! We look forward to working with them and their families!

As a reminder, our Golden Rules in school are as follows:

Do work hard; Do be honest; Do be gentle; Do be kind and helpful; Do listen to others; Do look after property

We have spent time going through these in assembly with the children and have celebrated the children who have been working hard, in their first week back this last Friday!

I hope you enjoy reading about our week in school!

Weekly Attendance

Our school TEAM have worked hard this week to maintain a good attendance!

As a TEAM we have managed to achieve 95.6%

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

Team LL, Team LF and Team JD, all with 100%

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

School events at the end of the last summer term – thank you staff and WPSPS Parental Group!

Whilst these events haven't taken place this week, I wanted to thank all of the staff and parent volunteers which made our last week of the summer term so very special for the children! We had the remainder of our Attendance Awards – with Uncle Les visiting for ice creams, Nerf Gun Wars, water fights and much more! We also had our Awards Ceremony through school and all the children who won for their class were awarded with a certificate for their efforts and enthusiasm – well done for impressing your staff Teams all year round!

We also sent our now Y7s, on their Y6 Bowling trip to celebrate the end of Y6 and they also thoroughly enjoyed the Leavers' Party, which our Parental Group organised and paid for with monies raised during the year! They loved the DJ, danced all evening and also enjoyed dressing up for the photo booth.

We had a crazy, but wonderful 'Park Street's Got Talent' on the last afternoon! Well done to the following children who took part and achieved success!

Team CH – Billy-Bob freestyled to Benny Hill! David Walliams (aka Mrs Longden) was astonished that someone so young could dance so well!

Team EO – Charlie performed magic! He was able to make a match stick disappear and then come back again! Amanda Holden (aka Miss Baxter) said his performance was incredible with so much skill and confidence!

Team CH – Penelope and Rae with beautiful singing to 'Lost Boy'...Simon Cowell (aka Mrs Bamforth) said he was ready to sign them on contract and David thought they were 'out of this world'!

Team JF – Fearne and Sienna-Mae with a dance and gymnastic performance to 'Darkside'...Alesha Dixon (aka Miss Fury) said their performance was outstanding and summarised the performance with one word...'flexible'!

Team AC – Eliza-Rae performed an amazing gymnastic dance with sheer skill. Alesha was particularly impressed with her sass and confidence!

Team CB – Ollie had us in stitches with some very funny jokes in his comedy sketch! Alesha was thankful for a good laugh on a Friday afternoon!

Team JD – Raine performed a wonderful rendition of ‘Tomorrow’ from Annie the Musical. The entire room was silenced with awe. Simon agreed, she is destined for stardom!

Team DB – Tyler, Remi, Max, Josie, Jenson, Isaac all performed a sketch from the popular Karen’s Diner (all appropriate we promise!). The judges wept with laughter! David was unsure he would be booking a table anytime soon, but thought it excellent comedic value!

Team LF – Lola performed a gymnastic dance to ‘Bumpy Ride’! Simon thought this was absolutely fantastic!

Team AF and LL combined – Jacob, Lewis and Billy performed their music and singing sketch to ‘The Scientist’ by Coldplay. Amanda thanked the boys for the most amazing performance ever, what amazing skills.

Staff – Mrs Crossfield entered this year with ‘Cover me in Sunshine’. This was a superb performance and got lots of ‘whoop whoops’ from the Park Street team! She modelled confidence and skill brilliantly!

The winners for PSGT 2023 were...KAREN’S DINER!

School events this week

We had an INSET day in school on Monday – the children had an extra day off! Staff in school received their safeguarding training and also enjoyed putting our amazing learning environment back together after a good deep clean this holiday!

Many children through school have been completing their YARC reading assessment, to assess their accuracy, fluency and comprehension in reading. This will help inform teachers of the right age and stage books to be bringing home and also highlight areas of learning needed in class. Children will be bringing books home soon so they get off to an amazing start!

We will be sending the autumn term dates to parents soon, for you to get some key events on the calendar for your children. Obviously more might well be booked in following the release of these dates, but the majority will be on there. We know this timely communication helps many working parents manage their work / child commitments!

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:

- **Equans’ cleaning team** – our staff wanted to publicly thank our Equans’ cleaning team who have done an epic job in their deep clean of school this year...lovely to walk back in to a school that is clean and fresh!
- **George in Team LF and Millie in Team SG** – both these two showed outstanding community awareness and citizenship in the holidays, completing a litter pick on the very first day of their holidays – please see the picture! They have also completed their reading challenge at Wombwell Library! Excellent achievements!
- **George in team LF again** – I was so happy to talk to another parent this week, who mentioned how thankful she was to George (the same George as above) as she said he always asks her little, younger boy if he is OK and checks in on him at break and lunch times. She said she wasn’t the only parent either who had commented on his friendliness and on his helpful and polite nature. Well done George – I had tears in my eyes! So proud to have him on the Park Street Team!
- **Isaac in Team LL** – as you will know we have a three-week times table challenge for certain year groups in school. On day 2, Isaac brought me his times table race and the progress he made from day 1 was absolutely incredible! He showed me his book too and his presentation was excellent! Keep it up Isaac!
- **Oscar in Team CH** - Oscar has been to me every day this week to show me some of his amazing work! He has brought maths, writing and has also brought his Year 1 words to read and he can read them all ALREADY! What a super star we have!



- **Wilf and Amelia in Team AF** – they have both been to me this week to show me their scores and times for their times table races! WOW! I was so impressed with their resilience and focused attitudes. You will smash the key stage 2 tests if you continue like that guys! Well done!

WELL DONE from Team Park Street!

Nursery at WPSPS

This week our Nursery has started its 20-hour places as well as the usual 15-hour places! This has gone really well and it has been lovely to see our school Nursery that little bit fuller! Following the Pandemic, we have seen a decline in the number of children which have been accessing our Nursery. We believe this is probably because not as many families want children in provisions or are choosing provisions where the children can be in longer, for parental work reasons. So, we have had to think creatively and make a plan work! Our Nursery really is a fantastic provision and Miss McGinnes and Mrs Hart are exceptional EYFS practitioners – please do help spread the word in the community so as we can get our Nursery back full again. Children who access our Nursery are always very well prepared for life further up school!

School Notices

Staff changes:

Our school Team was very sad to see Mrs Convery (Teaching Assistant) retire from WPSPS at the end of the summer term. She had been at Park Street 19 years and we thank her for all of her kindness, effort and enthusiasm over the years. We imagine she is busy enjoying her retirement!

We welcome Miss Groves to our teaching Team this September, who takes over from Miss Baxter, whilst she is off on her maternity leave. She will be teaching Team SG / Year 3.

Over the summer holidays, our famous Mrs Hitchens (Parent Support Advisor) has surprised us all and has got married! She is now Mrs Mason! I am sure you will join us in sending love and congratulations to her and her husband!

Baby News:

Miss Baxter has already begun her maternity leave as she welcomed her second baby boy, baby Arlo, in to the world at the end of August! Both mummy and baby are doing exceptionally well and the whole family has settled in to life as a four! True to form Miss Baxter couldn't keep away and brought him in to school on the INSET day, when he was only a few days old. Miss Baxter is doing well and is loving life with her two little boys! We all enjoyed cuddles. I am sure she will be bringing him in very soon for all of the children to meet him.

Miss Rowson has begun her maternity leave this week too – we will of course keep you updated with her news as soon as we hear anything further! (We can't wait!)

When on the school site...

We want to remind you that children should not be on the play equipment or on the field before and after school. This can present as a health and safety issue and also disrupts learning which staff may well have already set up for the day. We thank you for your co-operation in this.

The school site is also a no smoking site (including e-cigarettes) so please ensure neither are used when on school site.

Dogs are also not permitted to be on site, so please ensure none are brought on to the site for health and safety reasons. This also applies to any animal really as we like to make sure our school site is as safe as possible.

Lunch menus:

We like to encourage the children to eat healthy lunches at WSPS. Our catering company, ISS, work hard at ensuring the meal choices are tasty and proportionate in size. They also welcome parental feedback and use pupil voice to inform their decision makings. We like to ensure that there are no nuts as some children may well have an allergy, so please ensure none are sent in lunch boxes (including peanut butter). Our SMSAs reward good food choices and monitor lunch boxes for unhealthy snacks, such as chocolate and sweets.

Safeguarding:

If you wish for your child to be collected by another child which is under 16, eg a sibling, you are requested to complete a new disclosure form, before this takes place. This MUST be filled in, even if you have completed one beforehand. This is in line with our school's and Trust's Safeguarding Policy.

Fire Safety:

On Monday 11th September, our Year 3 children in Team AC and SG will receive their annual 'Fire Safety' talk from South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Team. They will be joining our Year 3s in school and will be covering learning about the importance of keeping safe around fire and the risks of arson, for example. This is particularly important learning for our Year 3s, given the rising cases of arson in the local area. Please do follow this up with your child afterwards and discuss their learning at home.

Uniform matters:

Please note that children at WSPS are expected to wear their full uniform, each day. Shoes are expected to be black shoes (no colourful trainers or sandals). Children may wear an analogue watch and stood earrings only (which children must be able to take out independently for PE). Children in Year 1 upwards are expected to bring their PE kits on Monday – Friday. The Teams have specific PE days, but sometimes these may change, so to have it in school all of the time is the best plan for the children. This can then be taken home on Fridays to be washed and returned on Monday morning again.

Developing your child's Personal Development:

If you know WSPS, you know that we are all about being good citizens and we are passionate about teaching the children to be the best versions of themselves. We have introduced the following 'character' traits we want to see in our children this week. These include the following and will be a HUGE focus for us this year:

Civic virtue	Intellectual virtue	Moral virtue	Performance virtue
Community awareness Citizenships	Reflection Creativity Curiosity Self-awareness	Honesty Respect Tolerance Compassion Empathy	Communication Perseverance and determination Resilience Confidence Team work Leadership Ambition

Please support us in regularly talking to your child(ren) about what these mean and congratulating them if they use these character traits at home! Any reinforcing of positive behaviours outside of school will help. Please let me know if your child shows any of these so we can further celebrate them and raise the children's awareness of them.

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

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)

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

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, Pupil Premium and National Tutoring Programme

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

