



We have had a fun week in school this week.
All of the children have continued to work hard with their learning and have had fun too, especially on Friday, all dressed up as Rockstars!
They are enjoying playing with the lunch equipment too!
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 93.4% which is well below our usual attendance and last year's attendance!

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

Team AF with 100%

Team LF and Team JF with 97.9%

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

School events this week

Assembly time to develop your child:

This Monday's 'Significant Person' assembly was all about: **Thomas Barnardo.**

The children watched a short video, where an actor talked through Thomas' life, as him. The children were really engaged with the video and listened incredibly well. They learnt about his early life and what shaped him to be less selfish and focus on helping others, particularly children, by setting up schools and homes. We reflected on this and the charitable organisation of 'Barnardos' and how this has continued to help people in our day and age in a tremendous way. We also reflected on the fact that he would fit in to Park Street so well, showing the character traits of our civic and morale virtues below...

Civic virtue

Community awareness
Citizenships

Moral virtue

Honesty
Respect
Tolerance
Compassion
Empathy



Should you want to read more about this with your child, the following website could be useful:

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/>

In our class collective worship time this last Tuesday, we celebrated our Prefects, Head Boy / Girl and Deputy Head Boy/Girl by giving them their certificates and their badges for them to wear with pride. Good luck!

On Wednesday Mr Fidment spoke about Homelessness as part of our Homelessness Awareness Day. During the Assembly Mr Fidment spoke about what homelessness actually means, the different types of homelessness and what that looks like in our society today. He also spoke about how we do not discriminate against homeless people. The children had lots of good ideas about how they should treat people as equals, no matter their circumstances, as part of our wider work on the protected characteristics.



Music Assembly:



On Thursday Mrs Longden spoke about Mozart.

The children listened intently, learning about him, his life and his achievements, but also had the opportunity to listen to some of his music.

What an amazingly accomplished musician!

Golden Book Assembly:

We finished handing out all of our special jobs through school in Friday's Golden Book, celebrating our School Council and Playground Leaders!

We can't wait to start our pupil voice sessions now with these groups of children who help to make fun plans for the school community and help shape our school's successes!

If your child has a special badge or lanyard to wear as a result of gaining one of these roles then please encourage them to wear it daily as part of their uniform (and look after it too)!

Times Table Rockstars Day:



All children were invited to come to school on Friday 13th October 2023 dressed as Rockstars for the day! The dress code was phenomenal and I am unsure who enjoyed it more – staff or the children!

The children loved dressing up, but understood the reasons why! At WSPS, as you know, we love to read. This is massively important! However, so is our mathematics knowledge and understanding too! We really want all of our children to improve their multiplication / times table knowledge this year as this will help them in practically every area of the maths curriculum. This day was to relaunch the school's

commitment to Times Table Rockstars, engaging the children in plenty of online battles between groups, to see who has the best times table knowledge – as well as speed and accuracy!

Please do try and support the work of the school and encourage your child to practise their times tables at home, using Times Table Rockstars, as much as possible! This really helps learners with their confidence too – I have seen this with my own child at home who has gone from a reluctant mathematician to a confident problem solver because of this!

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:

- **Winter and Heath in Team LL** – once again I have been blown away with the level of writing from our Years 6s, so early on in the year! They had planned, written and refined their letters as part of their literacy work. Their handwriting was so neat and tidy and the tone of their writing superb! I love that you LOVE to write.
- **Hunter, Ruby and Paisley in Team CH** – our Year 1 children also surprised me this week with their writing. Their letter formation and size were excellent and they are trying so hard to make sure their basics are 100% accurate! They had HUGE smiles on their faces too, when they shared their books. Well done!
- **100% Attendees for 2022-23** – we celebrated our amazing 100% attendees this week in Golden Book Assembly. Mrs Green (Attendance Officer) and Mrs Mason (PSA) came to our Assembly to celebrate the children who had been at school each and every day last academic year! We were thrilled to announce that we have more than doubled the amount we had for the previous year (which was 8 children), exemplifying the children's hard-working attitudes and the school's tenacious approach to attendance too! Well done to the following **18** boys and girls:

Layla, Charlie, Layton-John, Ellis, Tyler, Thomas, Lewis, Amber, Charlotte, James, Chloe-Louise, George, Filip, Keira, Trafford, Lola, Heath and Logan

All children will be visiting Pizza Hut for lunch on Friday this next week, to celebrate with their members of staff! Well done and a BIG thank you to the families too for ensuring your child was in school every single day. We know attendance is a life skill, so thank you for supporting the children.

School Notices

Equality Objectives:



'Protected' Characteristics

At WSPS, we do **not** discriminate against anyone...**everyone** is **EQUAL**.

It doesn't matter if you are:

Married or not married

Whether you are male or female

Pregnant or on maternity leave

Whether you are growing up as a boy or a girl

Young or old...age

Where you are from...race

Whether you have a disability

What your religion or belief is

Whether you love boys, girls or both

Our Equality Objectives in school are really important to us as a staff team, because we truly believe in equality. They are also very important for our ever changing and growing diverse local community. If you think you would be able to help with any of the objectives below, please do drop an email in to parkstreet@ecmtrust.co.uk as we would welcome your help and support, plus any ideas you might have that could encourage developments in the areas below.

Thank you! ☺

Objective 1	To further develop the accessibility of information relating to school life for parents/carers with difficulties accessing written language (e.g. parents/carers with English as an Additional Language, Speech and Language difficulties etc).
Objective 2	To further develop opportunities for children to engage with people from different ethnic/religious/cultural backgrounds in order to raise children's awareness of the multicultural world in which they live.
Objective 3	To raise aspirations among children and parents/carers and raise awareness of career options for all children, challenging gender stereotypes.
Objective 4	Improve the provision and achievement for identified groups of pupils to close any gaps between them and their peers: Disadvantaged, EAL, SEN and any other group identified as with a protected characteristic.

Contact with school:

As you are aware, we pride ourselves with a very open-door policy/approach and staff are available daily to deal with your queries and concerns. With this in mind I would like to re-iterate our lines of communications in school:

- School staff are available every morning and afternoon, either on the school drive or at the classroom doors to help you with any issues/ concerns or to give us your positive feedback.
- You can speak to a member of our Admin team between 8am and 4pm via the telephone or face to face and they will be happy to help.
- You can phone or email school for any messages to be passed on or to request a call back from ANY member of staff.
- You can message in via Seesaw – these are checked as and when, but all teachers and TAs have access to this for their class.

The **TWO** and only options for emailing in to school are:

- parkstreet@ecmtrust.co.uk for ALL enquiries. We will aim for you to receive a response within 48 working hours.
- WPSSendco@ecmtrust.co.uk for specific SEND related enquiries. *Please be aware that this mailbox is managed on a weekly basis during staff leadership time. This is a busy inbox with only one member of staff checking it, who teaches on a full-time basis, so if you feel your email may have been missed, because we are all human, please just give the school a ring or resend. Any emergencies should be dealt with in another way.*

In addition, we can arrange a meeting with you specifically if required in addition to the termly Parental Meetings and the additional termly SEND meetings that are available.

NO OTHER FORMAL LINES OF COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE USED and unfortunately emails sent to staff's individual email addresses will not be responded to.

EVERYBODY'S mental wellbeing and health matters and we recognise that our hardworking staff need to be able to relax and rest in their own time and have a cut-off point from their workload, in order to have the resilience to come to work each and every day and be the best they can be for the children!

Thankyou in anticipation of your support and understanding.

Mutual Respect:

I have been saddened recently to hear of the manner in which a very small selection of parents is speaking to members of our staff team.

Our school focuses such a lot of time and effort in to developing children personally, that it is a shame the children are having to witness and hear a lack of respect shown by parents to staff. We are all adults and should be modelling

positive relationships, kind words and RESPECT! Not shouting, swearing and being disrespectful. This applies to online behaviours too.

Please can we all work together to model absolute positive respect to each other, especially when in front of children. Any further concerning behaviour will be dealt with in line with policy, because we are professionals and we work hard to cater for all of the children's and parental needs.

No school is perfect, but our team is a very hard working one and really cares. Please do help us in exemplifying what TEAM actually does mean to the children.

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.

