



WPSPS INCREDIBLE NEWS



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Our Teams have had an action-packed week this week in school and have had so much fun!

We hope you enjoy reading all about the memories we have been making together...

Weekly Attendance

Our school TEAM have worked hard this week on our attendance, but we have got a low attendance figure this week. This is down to holidays being taken, but also the Norovirus which seems to be impacting on a few families and Teams through school. As always, we have been working with Public Health England to ensure we are taking any necessary steps and will continue to monitor it effectively as we move in to next week. We will keep you informed.

As a TEAM we have managed to achieve 91.5%, 91.7% for compulsory aged children

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

Team JF with 97%

Team DB with 96.9%

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

School events this week

On Monday afternoon, Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit from Andrew Barnaby, Barnsley's Cohesion and Prevent Officer. He visited to talk about the Prevent Strategy, at a child level. Parents were informed about this before-hand. The children enjoyed the presentation from Andrew and learnt lots about how they need to be very careful when online using devices, as this is a key way in which extremists may attempt to radicalise others. They also had the opportunity to run through the age restrictions on various Apps and games. It was staggering to learn how much the children know and understand, but also worrying that a lot of children seemed to be on Apps meant for older boys and girls. Please do try and follow this up with your child at home and ensure they are completely safe online. Should you need any support with this whatsoever, please don't hesitate in contacting Mrs L Firth or Mr A Fidment as Online Safeguarding Leads in school.

On Tuesday morning this week, our Year 4 cohort all went to Barnsley Metrodome to the 'Key Stage 2 Music Festival 2023'. They had an amazing time and enjoyed showing off their singing and Ukulele skills. They have spent the full year learning how to play this instrument, so it was a momentous occasion to show case their skills! On their return, they all had HUGE smiles on their faces and said they had had lots of fun! Mr Davison said that their behaviours had been impeccable! One kind Grandparent emailed in to school to celebrate the following:

"We have attended the wonderful concert at Barnsley Metrodome this morning and listened to children playing in front of an audience. It was joyous. You can be proud of Y4. Needless to say, their behaviour was impeccable.

Please pass on my congratulations to the staff and children."

How lovely to hear that the children represented school so brilliantly and enjoyed their performances! WELL DONE YEAR 4!

On Wednesday Teams AC and Team DB enjoyed a free SHINE Cricket session in school. The boys and girls absolutely LOVED it (as have all year groups) and the visiting coach was very complimentary about our boys and girls and their effort, enthusiasm and behaviours for learning! Well done for shining brightly Team Park Street!



On Wednesday afternoon, our Football Team visited King's Oak to play a football match. They had a great time and were very proud to play in their new football kits for Years 5 and 6! Mr Smith reported that the children were amazing from start to finish and said that every player worked extremely hard. Again, parents were very positive about the boys' hard-working attitudes and talents! They drew 1-1 and made Park Street proud! Behaviour and opportunities such as this go hand in hand at Park Street; excellent behaviours in school means opportunities to proudly represent the school!

HUGE thanks to Mr Smith and Mrs Akyel for organising the event!

On Wednesday afternoon, parents, staff and children enjoyed Team CW and Team EO's Summer Singalong! The children did an amazing job singing their hearts out and had clearly learnt the lyrics and practised hard!! Thank you to parents for the amazing comments afterwards. Our staff Team were incredibly proud of the children and thankful for your support – we managed to raise a whopping £122 which will be spent on enriching resources for the EYFS here at WPSPS! Mrs Watson said:

'I just wanted to say how incredible Team EO and Team CW were in their summer concert. How they used Makaton signs and sung confidently to their audience of parents...we couldn't be prouder of how they performed!'

On Wednesday evening Mrs Longden, Mr Fidment and I had the pleasure of taking our newly formed Choir to Barnsley Metrodome for the Barnsley Vocal Festival 2023! We joined another 5 Choirs from Barnsley Schools. It was our first time at this event, but as always, our Park Streeters did not disappoint. They sang brilliantly, with expression, fantastic tone and volume and had HUGE smiles on their faces. They went on to watch the other Choirs with interest and congratulated the other schools for their performances too. Again, thank you to parents for attending and for your congratulations to the children and staff. Great work TEAM Park Street! Mrs Longden said:

'A huge well done to our amazing choir children who performed so brilliantly at the Barnsley Vocal festival.'

'They made us all incredibly proud - behaviour and singing were both outstanding. Well done!'

On Friday afternoon we really enjoyed our Summer Fayre!

A MASSIVE thank you to our WPSPS Parental Group and Mrs Hitchens (PSA) for all their hard work, dedication and organisation! Thank you also to all of the parent and staff member's families for volunteering to pull off the whole event! We hope you all had a lovely time. We will let you know how much the Park Street Team have raised in due course...early counting showed approximately £1300+ had been made...not a bad effort Park Street in an hour and a half in the middle of an economic crisis!

THANK YOU!



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! This week we celebrate:

- Keira and David in Team CH – this week we celebrate their amazing writing skills! Mr Holmes has been showing them off to other staff all week! Miss McGinnes was super proud of their progress and knowledge! Well done – true examples of our hard-working Park Street children!
- Charlie and Blake in Team LL – Charlie has recently got the ‘Coach’s Player of the Year’ and ‘Player’s Player of the Year’ at his out of school football club and Blake has got the ‘Parent’s Player of the Year’ and ‘Golden Boot’ Award at the same football club! Amazing to hear that our Park Streeters are so successful out of school!
- Eli in Team JF – for working so hard in his swimming lessons outside of school! He was so proud to show off his Stage 4 swimming certificate this week! WELL DONE!
- Eloise in Team LL – for many years, EL has had a real talent for swimming and has truly excelled. Now she is taking on her Lifeguarding training! She has recently achieved her Bronze level in Rookie Lifeguarding! She has shown such passion for this area of learning and it is wonderful to see how much this pays off in terms of what she achieves! She also shared with us her Green Belt achievement in self-defence too! Well done Eli!
- Bronte-Mai in Team LF – in Golden Book Assembly this week, Bronte brought her achievement folder to show us all of her amazing swimming awards! She has many already that she has collected and it was wonderful to see her taking pride in her achievements! Well done!

WELL DONE from Team Park Street!

Nursery at WPSPS

We currently have places available in our wonderful teacher-led nursery provision for an immediate start. We offer free 15-hour sessions through either a morning or afternoon place from the term after your child’s third birthday.

Applications can be made once your child has turned two and they will be added to our waiting list. This is the perfect way to prepare your child for full time school by enabling them to be familiar with the routines, activities, staff and peers and therefore enable a flying start to their learning journey.

If you are interested, please contact Miss McGinnes for further information or to arrange a tour of the setting.

If you are interested in the possibility of 30 hour funded places, please let Miss McGinnes know! We will be starting this on a limited basis from September 2023!

School Notices

New Reading Rewards – as you know, Park Street is very passionate about reading – we want all learners to be super proficient in reading at the earliest stage possible, so that they can become amazing writers and learn all about the world around them, whatever subject this might be in! From September, we will be introducing a new reward system for reading at home called ‘Starbooks’...watch this space for more information! In short:

Children will still continue to have their diaries stamped daily and once they get 10 stamps, they can put a star on their reward card which is kept in class on a display. Then the following rewards:

50 stamps - bookmark and certificate

100 stamps - bronze lapel star pin

150 - biscuits, brew and books reading event

200 - silver lapel star pin

250 - authors, artists and appetisers event

300 - gold lapel star pin

Ice Lollies – many thanks for all of your support with the WPSP Group Ice Lolly sales this June. They have managed to raise a brilliant £300! The children have absolutely LOVED their lollies and it has provided a brilliant opportunity for them to queue, communicate their order and interact with adults! Thank you WPSPS Parental Group for giving up your free time for our ice-lolly munchers!

Prime – I am sure you are all aware of the recent drink craze ‘Prime’, which is promoted by Apps such as TikTok etc. A lot of children in school have been talking about the drink over the previous months. Whilst it is not our role to tell parents how they should parent, we wanted to make sure you were all aware of the drink and have some understanding of what it is. Through Google research, we have found that the drink is not suitable for children under 15 years of age. Whilst it is stated that they do not have caffeine in them, they have a third more Vitamin A than the daily recommended amount for children (too much Vitamin A is toxic for the body) and they have a level of sweetener within them that is likely to cause a laxative effect on children. A number of children have been seen drinking this before and after school, which caused us a little concern given the information above. WPSPS only operates a ‘water bottle’ policy – please ensure Prime is never sent in to school and please avoid using Prime bottles as your child’s actual water bottle.



‘Thinking Differently’ – Mr Fidment (AHT for Inclusion), will be sending out a ‘Thinking Differently’ flier soon, to advertise the parenting course he will be running in the Autumn term. This course is designed for all parents, but especially parents who have children who suffer with communication and interaction difficulties. These children may have a confirmed diagnosis of ASD or ADHD, for example, or you as a family may be on the pathway to gaining a diagnosis. You may be a parent who struggles with your child’s behaviour at home and suspect you struggle as they may have a difficulty in this area. Please watch out for the new dates and let Mr Fidment know if you would like to attend. Mr Fidment follows Barnsley LA’s SCI Team materials for this, but is equally well trained in behaviour management as our SENDCo and Behaviour Lead and may be able to offer some help, advice and knowledge.

Safeguarding

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

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

Mrs C Hitchens (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 Hitchens 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
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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.

