

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! One highlight for us all has been our transition day this Thursday. All of the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and loved meeting their new special grownups in school. The children completed amazing transition work all around our chosen book – 'The Planet in a Pickle Jar' by Martin Staney!



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 and have managed to improve it from last week, now that the Norovirus spread has calmed a little. Well done TEAM Park Street!

As a TEAM we have managed to achieve 94.2%, 94.5% for compulsory aged children

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

Team AF with 99.2% Team LL with 97.6%

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

School events this week

On Monday our Year 6 teams had a wonderful enrichment day – Chocolate Day! They enjoyed making their Chocolate boxes which they have been designing recently and loved making their actual chocolates to go in it with Mrs Fitchett! The boxes were incredibly well designed and the chocolates were yummy – thanks Year 6 for my little pressie!



On Monday evening, our Year 6 team and I had the pleasure of hosting our annual Year 6 Leavers' Awards Evening in school. Parents were invited from 5pm to enjoy a celebratory glass of non-alcoholic bubbles and mingle together! At 5.30pm, our Team AF and Team LL entered the Hall to a massive round of applause and then we had a wonderful time talking about our amazing Year 6s, handing them Awards for their efforts, talents and achievements over the years and sending our love and best wishes for their bright futures. Fortunately, we still have our Year 6s for a little bit longer to enjoy! A lovely evening was had by all! Thank you to Miss Bates and Miss Rowson for all their amazing organisation to pull the evening off!

On Wednesday Team CB and Team LF enjoyed their free Shine Cricket experience. The weather was good so they enjoyed the field space! The coach was so complimentary again about our Park Streeters and said all the children had been so AMAZING – listening well, putting lots of effort and enthusiasm in to their learning and she also said that a lot of our children had real strengths and talents! She plays cricket with one of our ex-pupils...look what can be achieved! Thank you to Mrs Firth for organising the events for our Park Streeters!

On Wednesday too, our Year 5 cohort all enjoyed their 'Ramp Up' free bike / scooting session! It was so much fun and brilliant to see the smiles on the children's faces! Remi was heard shouting at the top of her voice 'this is so much fun' as she wheelied around on the scooter and Evie had the biggest smile on her face I have ever seen! Again, staff were super complimentary about our Park Streeters and their behaviours and attitudes. What amazing children we have! Thank you to Mrs Firth for organising the event!





On Wednesday to Friday the vast majority of our Year 6s visited Netherwood for their transition days. It was really quiet without them but we can't wait to hear all about their visit, on their return!

On Thursday we held our own Transition day in school. This was an opportunity to meet new teachers and TAs and begin their work for the next academic year. We also enjoyed welcoming our new Reception starters to school for a 'Meet and Greet' on the school field! This gave parents and children the opportunity to meet the staff and other children / parents and

experience a bit of Park Street! Miss McGinnes also held an additional meeting to explain what learning is like in EYFS at WPSPS. It was lovely to see a few parents in school on Wednesday evening too as Year 1 – 6 staff held their transition meetings for parents! We also welcomed Miss S Groves to our school TEAM on Thursday – she will be covering Miss Baxter's maternity leave next academic year and will be joining the Year 3 team. I am sure you will join me in welcoming her to Park Street.



On Friday Team EO enjoyed a special trip out to Wombwell Library! They had lots of fun and loved looking around our local library! The dates for the Library visits are all planned in for next academic year as the children have simply LOVED the experience provided by the Library staff! Thank you to Miss Baxter for organising this for the school!

On Friday, Daniel Wall from The Activ Club was in school to talk to the children about his summer camps which he will be hosting at Park Street. Please see the flier which has been sent out this week to advertise it.

Governors have been in school this week meeting curriculum Leaders and looking at the progress which has been made over the year. Once again it has been lovely to have them in school working with staff for the greater good. We thank Governors for their ongoing support and contributions to school life.

'Park Street's Got Talent' rehearsals and Year 6 Performance rehearsals have been underway this week! The children are putting so much effort in to really personalise their performances! We look forward to seeing their achievements over the next few weeks!



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:

 Aliza and Zunaira in Team AF – these two lovely ladies are all about their out of school enrichment! They love to get involved in anything they can and quite rightly so!

They have recently taken part in a 'Junior run' and have enjoyed great success!





• Aliza in Team AF – has been awarded with her out of school football club's player's 'Player of the Season'. What a fantastic achievement and incredibly well deserved!

We are so proud of you!

- Our 'Reading Together' parents for 2022-23 a note from Miss McGinnes: Thank you to all the many parents and other family members who have joined our 'Reading Together' sessions this year. It has been wonderful to see so many children enjoying reading with their special grown-ups in school. I have also loved seeing the joy on the faces of those children who have been lucky enough to win a book to keep I hope you have enjoyed reading them at home. Reading Together sessions have now finished for this year but will definitely be continuing in the new school year. Please look out for communication about when they are starting again in September.
- New Reception parents for 2023 a note from Miss McGinnes: It was wonderful to meet all the lovely new families who will be joining our school in September at our "EYFS Meet and Greet" event on the transition day. Our new Reception starters visited with their parents and spent time meeting their new staff, making new friends and having fun in our learning areas. The early years team are really excited to share in their learning journey and see the wonderful progress they are all going to make.
- Billy in Team CW a super well done for brilliant mark making this week. Billy was so proud of himself and rightly so!
- Wilf, Amelia and Layton in the new Team AF for Year 6 all three children were brought to me this week for their amazing efforts in their YEAR 6 Arithmetic papers which they completed on transition! The three of them really focused hard, tried their best and showed HUGE resilience. Well done, what a great start to Year 6!

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

Parental Behaviour on school site – can I please remind everyone that inappropriate behaviour eg raised voices, swearing, violence and aggression on school site will never ever be tolerated, whether this is from parents to staff or parent to parent. There is no place for this in front of the children who will always be on school site. We spend all day, every day, with the children, trying to improve the children's levels of tolerance, respect and positive friendship. Please model this approach when you are on school site.

Field at the beginning / end of the day – please can I remind parents (and children) that they are not allowed on the school field or in the trees before school or at the end of the school day. Few staff are out on the school site at this time responsible for the children and quite often Equan's tree/grass cutting services are present on site too, especially at this time of year. I would hate for any nasty accidents to happen. Please be mindful of this and ensure all children are on the playgrounds. Please also ensure no children are playing on school equipment at such times, as previously mentioned.

School site rules – just a reminder too that dogs are not allowed on school site. Also, it is a no smoking site, which includes the use of e-cigarettes. All members of the school community should adhere to these rules for health and safety reasons.

Thinking Differently – please watch out for the new dates circulated for autumn term and contact Mr Fidment in school if you would like a place! This is for parents of children with diagnosed or suspected social, communication or interaction concerns.

Summer fun – please find below some information on where children can eat free during the summer holidays – hope this is useful!



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!

Ketamine use – DSLs in school have recently received training on the use of the synthetic medicine Ketamine. Please watch out for further information regarding the risks of this and the staggering increase in the use of it amongst Barnsley's young people. Nationally a staggering 3% of young people aged 16-24 are actively taking Ketamine. Please watch out for this information and use it to talk to your KS2 children about the disadvantages of such synthetic medication use.

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 giver he 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.

