



Newsletter WB 18.12.23

We had a wonderful last week in school before our Christmas holidays.

Our classes continued to enjoy their Team performances for parents and all parents and carers left school with a little bit of extra Christmas cheer!

The children enjoyed their Christmas lunch menu, which led in to their party afternoon!

We all had lots of fun on the last day too, with 'toy day' and a special, annual Christmas performance from our support staff, who never fail to disappoint!



Weekly Attendance

Our school TEAM have worked hard this week to maintain a positive attendance:

As a TEAM we have managed to achieve 94%.

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

Team AF with 97.7%

Team LL with 97.8%

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

School events this week

Christmas Craft event for EYFS

Thank you to all of the parents / carers who were able to come along to the EYFS Christmas Craft event on Monday of the last week of term. Mrs Watson was really pleased with the event and felt that everyone had had a lovely time! Thank you for attending with your child.

Mrs Watson's Christmas enterprise

A BIG thank you to Mrs Watson and her Early Years 'elves' who helped to co-ordinate the Christmas enterprise for Early Years again this year. There was a hive of activity on the lead up to the last week, with staff members all preparing packages for home that parents had ordered. Thank you for your support with this – we hope the children enjoyed their gifts. We will let you know how much money was raised for Early Years and what the team intend to spend it on for the children of Park Street!

Christmas Performances

Our children (and staff) have done an amazing job this Christmas time with the Team performances for parents and carers. We had such lovely feedback from all of the special people from home who came to watch! The children sang, read, acted out and performed brilliantly. We were all so proud of them! It really is not an easy thing for so many of us to stand up in front of large audiences – even when we are adults it is daunting, but the children were so very brave and performed with smiles on their faces! We had an eclectic mix, as always, with classical nativities, to 'Top of the Pops', to Ant and Dec presenting and performances from dancers and musicians alike! What a creative bunch we have! Well-done to everyone involved! Thank you, parents, for taking the time out to support your children, especially at such a busy time of year!

Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Party menu and Christmas parties!

Our children had a lovely day on Wednesday of the last week. They enjoyed dressing up in their Christmas jumpers, enjoyed the Christmas party food provided by *ISS Catering* and loved their party afternoons altogether in their Teams!

Year 6 visit St Mary's Church

Our Year 6 Teams visited St Mary's Church on the Thursday of the last week, for their Team performances. They sang beautifully and told the story of Jesus, with classical readings hymns, with some brave children performing small group or solo tunes. They finished with a poem from Isaac, right at the end. Isaac had a little bit of stage fright, understandably standing up in front of a whole Church is hard work. We were all blown away by the love, care, support and compassion shown by Eli in Team AF. He held Isaac's hand, walked him to the front and showed him all was OK. There was not a dry eye in the Church! What a pair of Park Streeters! Well-done Year 6! It was a lovely treat to have Park Street at St Mary's for Christmas once again after COVID! You did us and yourselves proud!

Support Staff 'rock' Christmas at Park Street!



For those of you who have known Park Street for a long time, you will know it is a well-established tradition for our support staff to put on a little production for the Park Street team! They never fail to make us smile and laugh! They performed popular songs, acting, singing and dancing, all dressed up! The children loved it and the staff cried with laughter! I think the visit from Elsa from *Frozen* was a particular favourite of ours – the snowball throwing was outstanding! Thank you support staff and well-done Mrs Fitchett for co-ordinating! It really got us all fully in the spirit of Christmas! Here are some pictures to show you the fun that was had...thank you also to our little Dorothy stand in (due to staff absence!). YOU WERE ACE!



Nursery News

As you will be aware, we have been trialling a limited number of 30 hours places in our nursery during this 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.

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.

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:

- **Eli in Team AF** – Eli finds himself being ‘shouted about’ once again in our Newsletter! Last week he was in for being incredible and again this week too. As mentioned already, Eli was such a good sport at the Church helping his Year 6 friend. What a superstar he is – well done Eli!
- **Logan in Team JF** – Logan visited the Senior Leadership room a lot in the last week of term, bringing his writing to show us. It is so amazing and we are so proud of you for the progress you are making! Well-done Logan!
- **Staff ‘shout out’** – well done to all of our staff who have helped get the children organised ready for their Christmas productions. These performances do not just happen overnight, they take lots of preparation, script writing, music finding, prop requests and generally LOTS of organising. As always, our staff team show real dedication as they know how much the children enjoy performing for parents. It is also a big focus in terms of school improvement this year, to have more planned opportunities for parents to come in to school and look at their child’s learning through assemblies and performances, so well-done staff on an excellent start to this!

School Notices

Dates for the spring term

The dates for the spring term will be out on email by Monday 15th January 2024, so you have as much warning of events in school. This will include information about aspects we will be covering in assemblies and collective worship opportunities, should you wish to follow up any discussion and learning at home. This will also include dates of the next Parental Evening for the full school and SEND Parental Evening drop in for your child’s School Support Plans to be shared with you and their small step progress to also be shown.

‘Positive Parenting and Sleep Course’ with Mrs Mason (PSA) and ‘Thinking Differently’ with Mr Fidment (AHT for Inclusion)

Just before Christmas, fliers went out for the two courses above. Please make sure that you take advantage of such courses if you need any parenting support (especially around sleep) and / or if you need any support in understanding your child’s behaviours, especially if you suspect they may have a language and communication difficulty eg ASD or ADHD. We always get positive feedback from parents who have attended in previous terms – we look forward to seeing you there!

A reminder about interactions with school staff for the new year...

Over the past 12 years our Senior Leaders and staff team have worked incredibly hard to improve relationships and communications between school and home. I would like to think that our staff are always professional and always model appropriate behaviours. With this in mind, please could all parents adopt the same approach too. I know, 99.9% of parents recognise this and always do, but I am hearing more and more that staff have been approached in a manner that could be taken as rude and aggressive. We don’t tolerate this kind of interaction at Park Street. It models the incorrect messages that we work tirelessly to achieve amongst our children. As always, we have an open-door policy and will always support parents if there is a problem (we accept no school is perfect), but please can we all try to handle this in a measured way, which does not upset children, staff and other parents. Your support in this is most appreciated by myself, our staff team and other parents too who are noticing similar when out on the playground. Let’s all continue to work together for the greater good that is the children of Park Street!

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

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.

