



WPSPS INCREDIBLE NEWS



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We have had a lovely week back in school, albeit a bit shorter than usual for the children, with our INSET day on Monday. It has been lovely to see them all enjoying learning again this week. We have another short half term this February / March time, so there is a LOT to cram in! I hope you enjoy reading about it all!

Welcome back to Spring 2!

Weekly Attendance

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

As a TEAM we have managed to achieve 96%.

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

Team DB with 99.2%

Team AF with 98.3%

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

A BIG well done to Team LF and Team LL for being the joint winners in attendance for last half term. They enjoyed having an additional non-uniform day on the first day back as a treat!

School events this week

Multiplication Tables Check Workshop for Parents

A big THANK YOU to Mrs Firth and Mrs Bamforth who organised a maths parent workshop for parents of children in Year 4 this last week. The purpose of this was to raise the awareness of the importance of multiplication knowledge, so as more parents are able to support school and their children in raising standards in this area. Thank you to those parents who were able to come along and have fun learning with their child.

If your child is in Year 4 and comes home with a sticker on their tops with a few times table questions on, please do ask them regularly at home. These are the questions which they are currently struggling to retain OR the ones which the children have picked out as their weaker knowledge questions!

Year 4s will be doing regular table races in school, as well as taking part in other agreed activities to boost their knowledge. This will help them become able and confident mathematicians!

Bike-ability

We have had visitors in school this week, working with Year 5s who selected to do their Bike-ability learning. Unfortunately, there has not been as great an uptake on this as in previous years, which is disappointing given that it is always a popular activity and a life skill for children to be able to ride their bike safely and responsibly.

A BIG well done to those that did partake – the instructors said the children had been fantastic and had taken on board new learning and gained much more awareness of road safety. Well done Year 5!

Young Voices 2024

This week we Mrs Longden, Mrs Stevens, Miss Murray, Mr Fidment and I had the pleasure of taking our Choir to the Young Voices 2024 concert at Sheffield Arena. We had a wonderful afternoon and evening, singing our hearts out and having a boogie! The concert was as fabulous as it always is and there was a packed-out audience watching our boys and girls perform! They did us proud. They had smiles on their face the whole entire time and lost themselves performing together. We then gave them the opportunity to show case their skills to the rest of the school in our Golden Books Assembly on Friday, where they sang a selection of their favourite songs. A big THANK YOU to Mrs Longden and Mrs Dabbs for organising the trip and to Mrs Longden for leading our Choir so passionately, week on week.

Shout out - Of course, a member of staff at another school noticed out three Y6 boys who sat together – Elwood, Logan and Sol. She was so complimentary about their behaviour and engagement with the evening – Park Street assets through and through! They then performed their favourite song ‘Today is Gonna be a Great Day’ to the rest of the school in our Golden Book Assembly this last Friday. What superstars!

For those of you that need an inspiration, please watch the video on the link below. This is an interview and short performance with a young 13-year-old girl called Nandi Bushell. She performed at Young Voices, drumming her heart out. She was such an inspiration to us on the evening...fancy being 13 and being able to do this...what skills! She taught our children they can be anything they want to be! Enjoy watching...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=whq74leguLk>

Sharing Assembly

A big well done to Team CW and Team EO this week for their sharing assemblies. All staff said that the children behaved impeccably well and enjoyed showing off their skills to their special people from home. Thank you to all of you who were able to take the time and attend. It is really important to us that our children have the experiences of performing in front of others...and who better to show support and congratulations that us and you at home! Thank you to staff for putting in the extra effort in ensuring they events went well for the children.

Thinking Differently Workshop

Thank you to those parents who were able to access the ‘Thinking Differently’ workshop which Mr Fidment held in school on Thursday morning. This workshop is designed to support parents in understanding the triggers and difficulties which children with communication and interaction difficulties have on a daily basis and to understand how this makes them feel, so as you can better support them at home. More of these courses are being held in school face to face and online too, out of hours, so if you do suspect your child suffers in these areas, please do watch out for dates and times and try to make sure you attend. Thank you so much to Mr Fidment for putting this on for parents and sharing your knowledge and expertise.

Eco-reps go Bird Watching!

Miss Clementson met with our Eco-Reps this last Friday and they went on a bird watch in and around the school site. They found many a different bird and were able to identify a family of Blue Tits which are in and around the Nature Reserve. Well done guys – they all returned to Assembly with big smiles on their faces!

Team JF visit Wombwell Library

Team JF had a wonderful trip to Wombwell Library this last Friday. Their behaviour was excellent on the trip and they enjoyed being read to and having the chance to explore the library a little more.

Nursery News

As you will be aware, we have been trialling a limited number of 30 hours places in our nursery during this last 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. It is lovely to have our very own full time Nursery class and the children appear to be loving their time in school. I am positive this will be getting the children off to a great start with Miss McGinnes! It is also really supporting Park Street following the COVID pandemic as we have seen a rise in numbers once again, which is fantastic news.

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:

- **Jax in Team CH** – Jax has been showing off his handwriting and phonics knowledge this week. He has visited Year 6s and showed them his 'p' handwriting and definitely knows his 'sh' and 'h' sounds. He got a big round of applause and was very proud of himself!



- **Ivy-Leigh in Team CH** - She has been moved up into a new Gymnastic group and has been presented with a certificate.

She is so very proud of herself and Team CH are too!

- **ISS Voucher winners for the Census Day** – Miller in Team JD and Noah in Team EO won the £10 gift vouchers for our Census Day lunches!
- Thank you boys for supporting the school – enjoy spending!

Well done to both boys and THANK YOU!



- **Pupil Voice 'Park Street Asset'** – Mrs Mason and her clan of children have appointed Mia IN Team JD to be the Park Street Asset this week. Mrs Mason is incredibly proud of Mia and the progress she has made recently. Well done Mia!
- **Team LL** – a BIG well done to Molly, Lena, Logan, Heath, Jacob, Ellis and Jaxon, who have continued to score brilliantly on their Arithmetic papers this week in preparation for their Key Stage 2 SATS in May. Well done AGAIN!
- **Isabella in Team EO** – Isabella is such a clever girl! She comes to me most weeks to show off her amazing skills, whether that be talking, art or her writing. She LOVES learning and we LOVE seeing her learn!

School Notices

Uniform

Just a reminder that we have a uniform policy in school, which requires children to wear specific clothing. Please note that leggings are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn. Also, it is fine for children to wear a sporty jumper to come to school (as a coat, for example), but these should not be worn in school. Your child will be asked to take this off, if they appear in class with it on. Thanks for your co-operation.

Illness and time off school

As a parent, you are always best placed to know if your child is fit enough to be in school. We do always encourage good attendance and if you tell us your child is a little under the weather, then they can still come in to school. We will always look after them and monitor their symptoms, letting you know if they worsen or if we feel that they need to go home.

For example, if your child has a temperature and is feeling a little 'off it' but perks up after some Calpol, for example, then of course let school know but you may send them in for us to monitor (of course temperatures can be more concerning in younger children so this has to be considered that little bit more).

However, if your child has sickness and diarrhoea, we ask that they come in to school 48 hours after the last bout of illness, to help prevent any spread.

INSET Days

The remaining dates for INSET days this academic year are:

Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

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.

