



# WPSPS INCREDIBLE NEWS



Newsletter WB 15.04.24



We have had a lovely, calm week in school this week.

The children have had fun and have all been adorable, as always!

We hope you enjoy reading about our week in school!



## Weekly Attendance

Our school TEAM have worked hard this week to achieve a good standard:

**As a TEAM we have managed to achieve 94.1%**

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

**Team CW with 97.5%**

**Team AF with 97.7%**

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

## School events this week

### Staff Meeting at Wentworth Woodhouse to launch 'Arts Week'

This week, we had one of the best Staff Meetings we have ever had! Thanks to the external work which Mrs Longden does with Barnsley Museums and Art groups, she was able to organise for staff to have some time at Wentworth Woodhouse. Their Educational officer showed our staff around the house and they had the opportunity to plan a school trip for our Park Streeters! Our staff had a wonderful time looking round and sharing ideas of what the children could do on their trip there. We have some dates pencilled in and are hoping that we can secure coaches to get us to the house. What a wonderful staff meeting – thank you Mrs Longden!



If you have never been, it is definitely worth a trip! Here were some highlights...



### **Adult Learning (Maths and emotional support for SATs) for Year 5 parents**

On Thursday this week, Sally from Adult Learning came in to school to meet with Year 5 parents. She provided some training on maths, which included potential barriers to maths, specific ways in which maths can be taught informally at home eg when shopping and baking, for example and also showed parents past KS2 SATS maths tests so they had a better idea as to what maths standards were expected in Year 6. Over the course of the next three weeks, we will be covering specific maths in more detail, including written methods, as well as strategies and games to play with the children, to support their emotions etc.

Parents were able to find out more information about how the school organises SATS week too and the tremendous emotional support which is put in place. Thank you to the four parents who were able to attend. I will be making notes of top tips throughout the programme and will be sharing these at the end as we understand not all parents will be able to attend the course provided by Adult Learning.

### **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:

- **Team LL and Team AF** – both classes have been working really hard this week on their practise SATS papers. They have handled them well, put lots of effort in and given their all. Not long left now guys! Keep going and pushing hard! An extra special well done to Jake in Team AF who has taken them really seriously and focused so very hard!
- **Park Street Asset 'staff shout out'** – this week, Mrs Mason and her pupil voice crew chose Miss Rowson from Team AF, for being kind, understanding, helpful and for always having a BIG smile on her face! I agree, we could not do this without her, she is a massive support to me too in Team AF on a Thursday when I teach in there – thank you Miss Rowson!
- **Park Street Asset 'child shout out'** – this week, Mrs Mason and her pupil voice crew chose AJ and Edie in Team DB, for all of their help and hard work. These two happy and smiley children have been selected to do a very important job for our Admin team. Each day, AJ and Edie take any younger children (who are late), down the

corridor to class and help them with their bags and coats and settle them in to class. You are so helpful guys; we don't know what we would do without your reliability! THANK YOU.

- **SLT's staff 'shout out'** – a MASSIVE thank you to Mrs Longden for organising the best staff meeting we have ever had this week! We all enjoyed our trip to Wentworth Woodhouse and we were all buzzing with excitement at the prospect of taking our Park Streeters on a potential trip there. THANK YOU!
- **Jax in Team CH** – Jax enjoyed coming in to our Golden Book Assembly this last Friday to show off his writing. He is now writing in sentences and using full stops! What a superstar! The whole entire school gave him a big round of applause, he was super proud!

## School Notices

### TESCO 'Stronger Starts' Project

I wanted to give you a little reminder about WSPS being part of TESCO's 'Stronger Starts' project. In nearby TESCO stores, we are on display and the local community are voting for our project, to help support our children with their mental and physical fitness. We would obviously LOVE to come first, but we need the votes! Please tell your family and friends to get voting for us and pop their blue tokens in our box!

### Holidays taken in term time

As a school, we follow our Trust Attendance Policy at all times. This helps us ensure that we have robust systems in place in line with Trust and LA advice. With this in mind, please can families ensure that any leave of absence / holiday which is being taken during school term time, is applied for at least 7 days prior to the holiday taken place. Your support in this is appreciated.

### 'Stick to the right' rule

During the pandemic, the school adopted a 'stick to the right' rule for using the school site, to support social distancing. This worked really well and is now one of those 'gems' we have continued to keep post pandemic. Please can you ensure your child and family members try to stick to the right on the paths / driveways in and around the school site. This allows for people to have enough personal space to walk, without collision, up, down and around the school site.

### Scooters and Bikes

As you know we welcome children to bring their scooter or bike to school as we believe an energetic start to the day boosts the children and gives them the energy needed for learning; we know physical exercise has many a benefit. However, please can parents with children who use their bike / scooter ensure that they do not ride them on school site. KS2 children walk down the drive with their teacher and they will ensure none ride their equipment down. Your support in this is appreciated as it really does help for a calmer start / finish to the school day and prevents people from being hurt.

### Notification of out of school celebrations

I know many of you know this and do this regularly, but just a reminder that at Park Street we love to celebrate out of school achievements too, as well as those in school! If your child achieves something outside of school and both you and them would like to celebrate it in school, by all means either send a copy of a certificate in to school and ask the class teacher to share in class (or in Golden Book on a Friday) or email a picture in to [parkstreet@ecmtrust.co.uk](mailto:parkstreet@ecmtrust.co.uk) .

## INSET Days

The remaining dates for INSET days this academic year are:

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.



**PLEASE NOTE:** Mr Fidment is class based in Year 6 and as such any SEND emails will be prioritised throughout the week and if non-urgent will be responded to in his management time, which is usually on a Thursday and Friday. Anything urgent would require a phone call to be made to school FAO Mr Fidment (urgent).