



Newsletter



November 2019

Message from Mrs Lawson

What a fast first half term we have had at Park Street this year! Time has flown by, probably because we have all been incredibly busy, having fun and learning lots! The children have made a great start to the 2019-20 academic year and it has been a pleasure to spend time with them! We have had lots of highlights, which I hope you enjoy reading more about in the newsletter.

Mrs Petitt has a baby girl!

To start with some very exciting news, Mrs Petitt, one of our Reception class teachers, has welcomed a baby girl in to the world! Both mum and baby girl are doing well, enjoying fun times together with the family. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Petitt and her family lots of love and good wishes for the future.

Staffing

As you know, Mr Wall left Park Street in September to pursue his own business venture in coaching sports to young children. We have been very busy as a school team interviewing potential sports coaches through September and we are very pleased to warmly welcome Mr Ryan Smith to our team. He started at Park Street on Monday 4th November. I am sure he will be an absolute asset to the team and will continue to drive PE standards through school. I would also like to share with you that one of our SMSAs, Miss Percival, has now left Park Street to further her career. We wish her lots of good luck in her new role and thank her for all of her hard work. She will be sadly missed!

French Day

Staff and children enjoyed a French Day in school in the last week of term, where each class studied particular aspects all associated with our modern foreign language of study, French! The children really enjoyed their French breads and patisseries at break time—a treat we all wished we could have every day!

School Peer review from the ECM Trust

Our school recently enjoyed a positive review of the school, completed by the staff of the ECM Trust. This annual review of the school was well received by staff, as the Trust continues to help our school aim high for the children and families within our care, who we care very deeply about. Lessons were observed and the children were complimented for the happy and chatty conversations they had about their lovely school; teachers and children were proud of our school. Well done TEAM Park Street!

The sad death of one of our school Governors—Mr Ian Rodwell

It is with sadness I inform you of one of our very dedicated school Governors, Mr Ian Rodwell. Ian very sadly passed away in September, following a very short battle with Cancer. Ian was one of the most friendly, supportive and passionate men you could have the pleasure of working alongside. Staff and myself are incredibly sorry and will miss his constant support of us and the school. Our love and thoughts go to Ian's family and friends at this very sad time. We will be purchasing a plaque to celebrate Ian's life and dedication towards the school.

Students in school

Our school team is very dedicated to developing others and takes pride in the continued success we have in this area. As normal, we have quite a few students in school at the moment and will throughout this year. Please rest assured that these trainees are from local colleges and Universities and have valid DBS checks to ensure they are safe to work within education. Students provide a lot of capacity for us as a school as it is an extra pair of hands to support the children and teachers. Our staff team also find it really rewarding to develop others so they are successful in their careers. If you have any questions regarding adults working in class, please do not hesitate to contact class teachers or the Leadership Team in school.

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National tests for Years 1, 2, 4 and 6 2019-20—IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE!

Already staff and children are working hard to ensure they are preparing for their end of year statutory tests in Years 1, 2, 4 and 6. I would like to explain what each of these tests are and when they will be taking place.

Firstly, many of you will be aware that Year 2 and Year 6 children nationally have to sit their 'Statutory Assessment Tests', commonly known as SATs in May each year—this applies to our current Year 2 and Year 6 children in Teams AC, CT and LL.

The dates for these assessments are set by the Government and therefore have to be rigidly stuck to. We ask that if your child is in these two year groups then you **MUST** ensure 100% attendance during these testing times:

Year 2 children: will be sitting their SATs throughout the month of May.

Year 6 children: will be sitting their SATs throughout the week commencing **Monday 11th May 2020** (Monday—Thursday inclusive).

Secondly, our Year 1 children also have to sit their 'Phonics Screening Check' (PSC) at the end of Year 1. This will take place during the week commencing **Monday 8th June 2020**. The dates for this assessment are set by the Government also and therefore have to be rigidly stuck to. We ask that if your child is in Year 1 then you **MUST** ensure 100% attendance during these testing times.

This also applies to children who are currently in Year 2, who did not pass their Phonics Screening Check when they were in Year 1, as they will be re-sitting the Check.

Thirdly, our Year 4 children will now be required to take their 'Multiplication Tables Check', a new initiative introduced by the Government. This will take place during a **three week window from Monday 8th June 2020**. The dates for these assessments are set by the Government and therefore have to be rigidly stuck to. We ask that if your child is in Year 4 then you **MUST** ensure 100% attendance during these three weeks of testing times.

Should you have already booked any holidays / absences from school during these times then please begin to liaise with school regarding the dates your child will be away from school, so as teachers may be able to plan for this and ensure their tests are administered at convenient times to school and yourselves, within the testing windows. This would be an absolute last resort; it is important that your child's testing periods are as calm as possible for them so as they can do the best for themselves and our school.

More information regarding the tests and what they entail can be found at the following web address:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/key-stage-1-and-key-stage-2-test-dates#academic-year-1>

Parking, Council and a request for a School Crossing Control Warden

As always, parking at Park Street remains an issue. We have received a number of comments and emails regarding the varied parking issues we have and I have assured members of our school and local community that I would express their thoughts and opinions and encourage everyone to think carefully about where they park.

Poplar Road and Hallam Close: residents continue to find parking at drop off and pick up an issue on this small road. The Council have provided advice and in the past the Police have also issued letters regarding this. Please try to find an alternative place to park, or at least park with due care and attention to those who live there e.g. don't double park, don't park over drives or make it a challenge for residents to get off their property.

Parking at the bottom of the drive: please note that there should be NO VEHICLES parked up at the bottom of the school drive at any time, especially at drop off and pick up times. Road markings confirm this, but also please show acknowledgement to the fact that parking here causes serious concerns to parents who have children walking down the drive. It makes the risk to children and their families far too great—**SAFEGUARDING THEM MATTERS!**

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Open Door Policy

As you know, our school has an open door policy, a policy which has been running very successfully now since 2011. We very much welcome parents to come in to school and discuss any questions, queries, concerns or positive comments about our school, staff and children that they may have. Please do note though that our Leadership Team, including myself, now all teach from 9am in the morning. Open door includes the offer of arranging a convenient date / time to meet myself or a requested member of staff. We would always do everything we could to see you when you drop in to school, but please note that this might not always be possible and you may be referred to discuss matters initially with Mrs Hitchens (PSA) or Mrs Turner (Office Manager), so they can begin to explore the best and earliest options for your convenience. Many thanks for your understanding.

I wish the school a happy and successful second half term and look forwards to the Christmas celebrations in school...it is always the best experience!

Many thanks for your ongoing support, it is massively appreciated.



Mrs C Lawson (Headteacher)



Help us Get Over £600 Worth Of Free Books For Our School

The Sun has teamed up with HarperCollins to provide primary schools across England, Wales and Northern Ireland a free pack of 106 books, worth more than £600!

We need to collect 3,500. These tokens will be printed in The Sun every day from Saturday 23rd November 2019 until Saturday 18th January 2020.

From early phonic development to fluent reading, Collins Big Cat is a whole-school reading programme that provides complete support for primary reading. The free books included within the packs cover a diverse range of subjects from fairy tales to football, from camping to crocodiles and from wild cats to worms - there is really something for all ages and abilities.

Please send tokens into the school office and wish us luck!

Forthcoming Events

Here are the important dates for your diaries...full details of these events will be sent by letter.

Date	Event
Monday 4th November 2019	Back to School
Thursday 7th November 2019	Harvest Assembly
Thursday 7th November 2019	Parents Evening—Reception to Year 6
Monday 11th November 2019	Flu Immunisations—Reception to Year 6
Monday 11th November 2019	Parents Evening—Nursery to Year 6
Tuesday 12th November 2019	Parents Evening—Nursery
Friday 15th November 2019	Children in Need—Letter to follow
Tuesday 19th November 2019	SY Fire & Rescue Services—Year 3 Educational Workshop
Thursday 21st November 2019	Individual & Family Photographs—Letter to follow
Friday 22nd November 2019	Christmas Coffee Morning—Letter to follow
Friday 29th November 2019	Nursery Trip to Chatsworth—Letter to follow
Wednesday 4th December 2019	Christmas Dinner—Letter to follow
Wednesday 4th December 2019	Wear a Christmas Outfit Day—Letter to follow
Wednesday 11th December 2019	Team CB—Christmas Celebration with Parents 9.00am—Letter to follow
Wednesday 11th December 2019	Nursery Christmas Crafts Stay and Play—Details to follow
Thursday 12th December 2019	Reception Christmas Crafts Stay and Play—Details to follow
Thursday 12th December 2019	Team JF—Christmas Celebration with Parents 9.00am—Letter to follow
Thursday 12th December 2019	Phonics Workshop for parents at 1.30pm—Letter to follow
Friday 13th December 2019	Team GG—Christmas celebration with Parents—9.00am—Letter to follow
Friday 13th December 2019	Pupils in Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Monday 16th December 2019	Team CT—Christmas Celebration with Parents—9.00am—Letter to follow
Monday 16th December 2019	Pupils in Year 3 & 4 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17th December 2019	Team AC—Christmas Celebration with Parents—9.00am—Letter to follow
Tuesday 17th December 2019	Pupils in Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th December 2019	Team AF—Christmas Celebration with Parents—9.00am—Letter to follow
Wednesday 18th December 2019	Reception Classes Christmas Party PM
Wednesday 18th December 2019	Nursery Christmas Party PM—morning nursery closed, all attend in the afternoon—Details to follow
Thursday 19th December 2019	Reception—Christmas Celebration with parents—9.00am—Letter to follow
Thursday 19th December 2019	Year 5 & 6—Carol Service at St. Marys Church at 1.30pm—Letter to follow
Friday 20th December 2019	Pantomime for Year 1—6—Letter to follow
Friday 20th December 2019	Break up for Christmas Holidays
Have a fantastic Christmas!	

New Leave of Absence Policy

Leave of absence for holidays taken during term time are unauthorised by school unless there are 'exceptional circumstances'. (Each case is processed on an individual case by case basis). Parents need to complete a leave of absence form at least two weeks in advance of the holiday and applications are then processed and may result in a Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

Parents are informed of a revised Code of Conduct for the issuing of Penalty Notices resulting from a leave of absence. The following criteria are **no longer** taken into account:

- previous or current percentage attendance
- previous periods of leave of absence
- leave of absences taken in the first term
- exams and assessments
- Employer's letter(s)
- school attendance target

Where possible, holidays should be taken during school holiday periods and not term time to avoid missed education. Following an unauthorised holiday, parents will also receive a letter from school informing of the impact of the holiday on the child's percentage attendance.

Under the new Code, Penalty Notices can be issued if **any** of the following three conditions applies:

- A pupil has accrued five or more consecutive days of unauthorised leave of absence (holiday in term time)
- If issued due to sporadic unauthorised absences, then, other than in specific circumstances, the liable parent/carer will receive a formal warning of the possibility of a Penalty Notice being issued and be given a maximum of 15 school days to effect an improvement. If there are further absences within the 15 day monitoring period then a Penalty Notice may be issued
- An excluded pupil present in a public place without justification, during the school hours of the school day where the pupil is on roll, during the first five days of each fixed period or permanent exclusion.

The appropriate paperwork will be completed to send to the Local Authority for processing. This may result in a £60 fine per child if paid within 21 days. Payment after this but within 28 days is £120. Payment does not come to school.

End of School Day Arrangements

We would like to reiterate the importance of giving your child 'going home instructions' before they come into school and inform teachers/school office of any variations to the normal collection arrangements at the **START** of the day.

We appreciate that on occasions you will need to contact school during the school day to amend these arrangements and we are more than happy to pass these on, unfortunately these requests are becoming more frequent and this is causing classes to have unnecessary disruptions during learning time.

In order for us to communicate any changes with staff and pupils we need you to contact school as early as possible in order that the message can be passed on in time for us to safeguard your child before they are dismissed at 3.15pm.

Webster Stratton

Any parents or carers who are interested in attending Webster Stratton: this is a positive parenting group, to support parents and carers with positive strategies to improve their child's behaviour. The sessions are held on Tuesday mornings between 9.30am-11.30am, and they will begin in January. For further information please contact Mrs Hitchens.

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs are always very popular with our pupils, so we have limited places to offer and we politely request that if your child is given a place in a club, that they attend regularly. If your child cannot attend for any reason a parent or carer MUST contact school and inform us of a reason why, we cannot accept notification from pupils. Failure to inform school could lead to safeguarding issues and we will not let the children leave school unless collected by an adult.

School Meals

Pupils from Reception to Year 2 will continue to receive 'universal free school meals'. Pupils from Years 3-6 who are not entitled to 'free school meals' are required to pay in advance for any meals ordered from school through the 'School Gateway'. These are priced at £2.01 per day.

Any queries please contact the school office.

Drop in Coffee Morning

We would like to invite all parents, grandparents and carers to our drop in coffee mornings at Park Street each Friday morning at 8.50-10.30am. We discuss all aspects of school life and how best we can support our children through fund raising.



Thanks Mrs Hitchens—PSA

Stationery Shop

Each Monday, Tuesday & Thursday at morning playtime, Year 6 pupils run a stationery shop which sells items priced up to £1 each. Children from Year 1 upwards are able to buy items. Please note - children must be responsible for their own monies and should only buy things for themselves.



Christmas Coffee Morning

After a fun packed Autumn term we are now turning our attention to our Christmas activities. We are holding our annual Christmas Coffee Morning on Friday 22nd November, and would be grateful of any tombola items/unwanted gifts/raffle prizes, that you could donate for us to use on the day, please contact Mrs Clark in the school office if you can help.—Thank you

Flu Immunisations

The Immunisation Team will be in school on Monday 11th November. They will be using nasal sprays to vaccinate all pupils for which they have received consent for. For your information, they are offering the flu vaccine to all year groups this year from Reception through to and inclusive of Year 6. We sent out consent forms on behalf of the Immunisation Team in September this year. Thank you if you have already returned your child's form, these were/directed on to the team. If you have not returned your child's form, its not too late to return it or please contact the school office, as we have a small number of spare forms or complete their e-consent using the link below:

<https://www.southwestyorkshire.nhs.uk/flu-form/>

Alternatively give the team a call on:

01226 438826/27/28/29

School Gates / Access to School

For safeguarding reasons, the school's main gates at the bottom of the drive are locked at **8.20am and re-open again at 8.50am**. They are also locked from **2.30pm until 3.30pm**. Only authorised users with the code are permitted to pass through these gates and travel up the drive during these times. We ask that the code be kept confidential and not be disclosed to anyone including members of family or children. This is very important for us to keep our pupils safe! If anyone is aware of unauthorised use please inform the office.

INSET DAYS 2019-2020

Our remaining Inset Days for this academic year are listed below.

Monday 24th February 2020

Friday 22nd May 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Team LG—Whitby Trip

On Friday 27th September, Team LG took a trip to Whitby as part of their Geography topic.

The children and staff took a boat ride on Captain Cook's Bark Endeavour, walked up the iconic 199 steps and headed to Whitby Abbey itself for an educational workshop led by the Abbey staff.



The children experienced what it was like to be a monk by dressing up in costumes and handled archaic items such as keys, coins, pots and writing books.



Unfortunately, the tide was out whilst in Whitby, which meant we didn't get chance for a spot of crabbing.

However, it did mean we had the time to visit John Freeman's art gallery instead. The children even got the chance to meet him and ask questions!

Harvest Assembly

Thank you for all of the donations which we have already received, there is still time to donate items before our Harvest Assembly on Thursday 7th November. Our donations will be collected by the Salvation Army who work with the Barnsley Foodbank to provide food for hard pressed families and individuals.

Further information regarding our local Foodbanks can be found on the following website:

<https://barnsley.foodbank.org.uk/>

We would appreciate any donations of the following – non-perishable items please:

- Breakfast cereals
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned beans/meat/vegetables/fruit
- Tea/coffee/sugar
- Biscuits/snacks

Donations may be sent into school at any time before this date or donated throughout the year at Tesco on Wombwell Lane, Barnsley.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued generosity.

100% Attendance Reward Trip



We want to say a MASSIVE WELL DONE to all of our pupils who achieved a totally amazing 100% attendance for 2018-2019.

The pupils were treated to a special trip out for lunch to Frankie & Benny's. All of the children had a fantastic time and all behaved outstandingly.

We hope that we will be taking even more children with us next year!

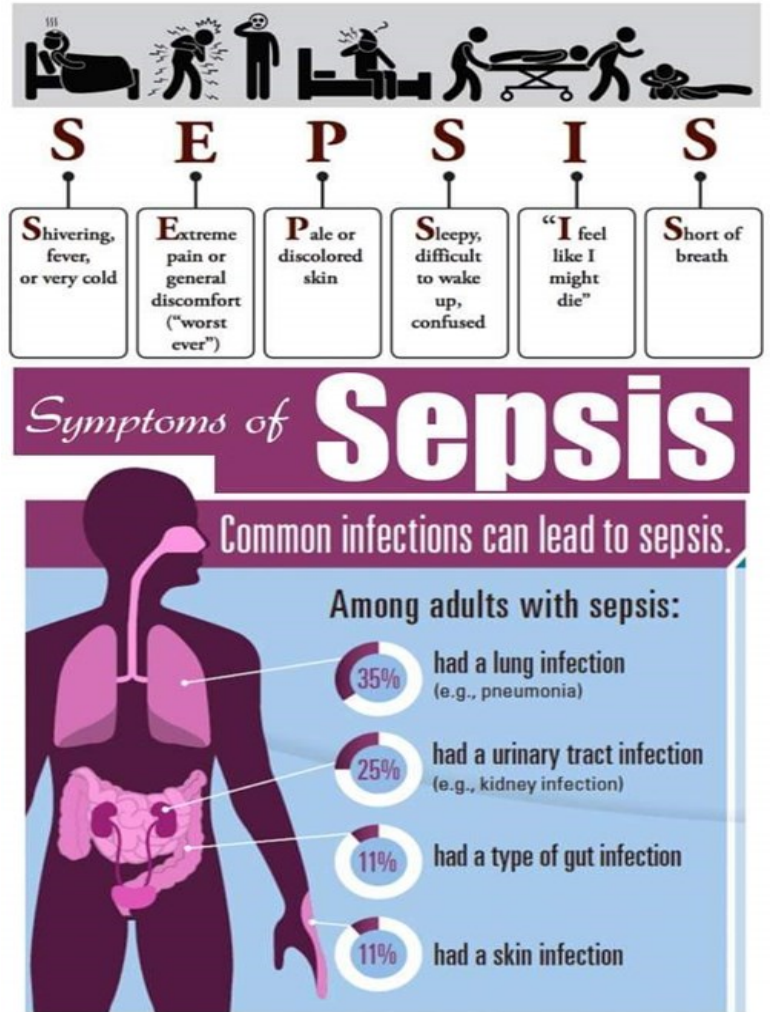
Keep up the amazing attendance!

Mrs Turner & Mrs Hitchens

World Sepsis Day

During September we held a non-uniform day and bake sale to raise money and awareness of Sepsis. On the day we raised £324.46. Thank you to everyone who brought in buns and a donation for wearing non-uniform.

This was a cause that is very close to the hearts of the Park Street team as one of our staff members' family have personally been very deeply affected by this during this last year. The husband of Mrs Jane Hinds, one of our Year 6 Teaching Assistants, was very sadly taken in to hospital with Sepsis last December. Gary Hinds fought for his life in Barnsley Hospital for months, which was a horrendous time for the family, their friends and us as Jane's friends and colleagues. After numerous operations, much care, unbelievable dedication and love from his family, Gary is now pulling through and beginning to enjoy life again. Many thanks for your kind support on this matter and for working as a TEAM to support families who are affected by Sepsis. The Hinds family themselves are overwhelmed by our school's support and send their love and thanks.



The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

During the week commencing 4th November, we will be selling poppies and other items to raise money in support of this year's appeal.



BBC Children In Need—Friday 15th November



Our School Council are busy organising a fun packed day of fundraising for Children In Need. We will be sending out full details asap.

School Fundraising

We hope all of our children enjoyed our recent Autumn Discos, our staff certainly did! Everyone looked amazing! The total money raised was £680! The money raised will be used to purchase Maths resources throughout school. Thank you to all staff who gave up their time to enable the discos to take place.

The sale of Iced lollies during the summer term, was a massive hit with our children, thank you to Miss Garratt and Mr Fidment for organising and selling. We made a fabulous £630, which is being used to fund new Maths resources throughout school also.

Thank you each and every one of you for your continued support.

Healthy Tuck Shop

We are lucky to have a healthy tuck shop which takes place during the morning break on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, which is prepared and sold by some of our volunteer parents. Children from Year 1 upwards are allowed to buy items on each of these days. Toast is also available to these classes on specific days. We would love to extend the days in which we run the tuck shop. If you could spare an hour between 10.00am & 11.00am on Tuesdays or Thursdays, please speak to the school office. Thank you

Price List

Juice 50p
Toast 30p
Fruit 30p
Fruit pots 30p
Orange Slices 10p
Raisins 20p
Bread Sticks 40p

Tuck Shop Toast Days

Monday

Team AF
Team AC
Team CT

Wednesday

Team GG
Team JF
Team CB

Friday

Team LG
Team LL

Sleep Clinics

Does your child experience difficulties with getting to sleep or staying asleep? Do you struggle to keep your child in their own bed at night?

We would like to invite you to attend our sleep clinic, which is run by Sian Vaughton & Carol Hitchens (trained sleep practitioners). You will be offered a 30 minute appointment in which you can discuss your child's sleep difficulties privately and Sian or Carol will aim to offer advice and strategies to ensure you and your child get a good night's sleep.

The clinic will take place in school on Wednesday 11th December.

You will need to book your appointment in advance by contacting school and speaking to Lesley Dodson (Assistant to SENDCO).

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is very important at Park Street.

If you have any concerns/issues please contact us to speak with:

Mrs Lawson or Mrs Longden
(Designated Safeguarding Leads)

Mrs Hitchens or Miss McGinnes
(Deputy Safeguarding Leads)

Also available to speak to regarding welfare and wellbeing issues are

Mrs Vaughton (Lead SENCo) or Mrs Turner
(Office Manager & Attendance Officer)

Names in New Clothing

Please ensure all items of property and clothing are clearly marked with your child's full name. We are saddened by the amount of clothing we keep having to dispose of because we can't find out who the items belong to.

Each class have lost property baskets and we have a unit in reception which has lost property clearly labelled with types.

Any items we currently have, which aren't claimed by Monday 11th November, will be sent to charity.

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