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Dear Parents / Carers,

Newsletter – Autumn 2



I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas time and a happy new year too. I hope you have all enjoyed a bit of a rest and relaxation time with your children, family and friends – we were all very ready for it at Park Street!

What a busy half term it has been in autumn 2, with some amazing events for the children and opportunities for parents to get back involved in school life. I hope you enjoy reading about them below!

COVID-19

Thank you for your continued support of the school in recent months. The autumn term generally has been very settled, with only a small number of children testing positive for COVID-19. Instead, we have seen lots of sickness bugs, cold viruses, Tonsillitis and a few Scarlett Fever cases resurfacing.

Whilst the guidance is now incredibly limited regarding COVID-19, we appreciate **parents and families that continue to remain vigilant and follow the Government guidance which Park Street continues to adopt**. This means if your child tests positive for COVID-19 then we ask that they self-isolate for three days or until they are well enough to come to school. THANK YOU.

Should you have any queries or doubts in your mind then please phone school and discuss your situation with the Admin team. They will refer in to the Senior Leadership Team for advice and support.

Should you yourself as parent have to self-isolate, there is always the option to drop off / pick up later at the top of the drive, to limit your contact with others, if this helps.

Attendance Policy

As you will be aware, we continue to be proactive and adopt a policy which promotes excellent attendance and punctuality. Park Street continues to work as part of a wider Trust team to continue its excellent progress in improving attendance, so all children can thrive and achieve their best.

Obviously if your child develops COVID-19 and has to self-isolate for the 3 days, there is nothing that can be done about it and the priority is that the child (and your family) are keeping as safe and well as possible.

We also know, from time to time, your child may become unwell with other things too. Whatever your child's illness we ask that you let school know at your earliest convenience and **keep us informed each day of their absence**. Should you wish to discuss any illnesses then the school's Admin team or our Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Hitchens, will be able to help and advise. Our school works hard to ensure three-day absence visits are completed by our SLT / PSA for safeguarding reasons and to support families.

Your child should always be at school for 8.40am and should report to the main school entrance if they arrive later than 8.45am, when the playground gates close. We do still have a very small handful of families who continue to drop their children off a little later than expected, however, these are picked up on immediately and school are already working hard with such families through initial reminder letters, contact with the Attendance Team / EWO and further Individual School Attendance Panel Meetings (ISAPs). Lateness has a clear detrimental impact on the children as they miss learning when they are at their most alert!

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Our Attendance Lead, Mrs Green, continues to work with Mrs Julie Marsh, our Education Welfare Officer. They liaise on a two-weekly basis regarding families which are causing concern and provide early intervention. This may involve a phone call from either of them to discuss a fall or concern in attendance / punctuality, a letter or a home visit if there is further discussion needed. If matters do not improve, then families will be asked to meet with the Attendance Team and SLT in school, sometimes alongside Mrs Chavan (School Governor responsible for Attendance). We hope this reassures families and shows the school's tenacious approach. If matters improve, we of course thank and congratulate families and children too!

Thank you to the families who always make sure their child attends school and arrives at school on time.

We are seeing a massive increase in holidays taken again in term time. Can I take this opportunity to remind you that these will **not** be authorised unless there are extra special reasons – holidays being postponed and re-arranged in term time due to COVID-19 will **not** be authorised. Schooling has been disrupted far too much and we are having a real surge on teaching and learning to help the children 'catch up' – please support us in this. We will provide any families who go on unauthorised holidays with a follow up letter to demonstrate the impact of the holiday on their child's education. We understand desperately the impact that the last few years has had on everyone's mental health and wellbeing, but our policy remains tight and robust and it is the law that children attend school regularly.

Please can I also remind parents that:

- if your child is attending a funeral, then a 'Leave of Absence' form still needs to be completed
- if you need to fill a 'Leave of Absence' form in, then please put as much information as possible so as the best decision can be made by the Attendance Team.

As you know, each week we continue to celebrate winning Teams for their collective attendance – the class successes have been as follows this half term. The top two classes each week earn £5 which they collect over the year. In the last term they count their money up and organise a team celebration. This could be anything from a McDonald's treat for the class, the ice cream van visiting school or books for the children in class, for example. Team work makes the dream work!

Week in Autumn 2	Top two weekly classes for attendance winning £5 each!		Overall School attendance
Week 1	Team JD – 98.3%	Team AF – 99.2%	95.6%
Week 2	Team CB – 97.9%	Team HG – 99.1%	96.1%
Week 3	Team CM (PM) – 96%	Team AC – 100%	94%
Week 4	Team AC – 96.4%	Team DB – 97.2%	90.6%
Week 5	Team AC – 97.9%	Team AF – 98.3%	93.2%
Week 6	Team CH – 97.4%	Team JD – 99%	94.3%
Week 7	Team JD – 99.7%	Team HG – 98.3%	95.1%

The Team with the **most** success and best attendance in autumn 2 was **Team AC** and therefore they have been invited to come to school in non-uniform on their first day back – **03.01.23** as a class reward! Keep it up children!

The Team's overall successes for autumn 2 are as follows:

Team	% Attendance
Team CM (AM)	84.4%
Team CM (PM)	83.8%
Team CW	90.2%
Team EO	92%
Team CH	95.1%
Team JF	92.8%
Team AC	96.8%
Team CB	95.1%
Team JD	95.6%
Team DB	95.5%
Team HG	96%
Team AF	94.4%
Team LL	94.7%
Whole school	94.1%

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We have enjoyed much more positive attendance figures this term, which is fantastic! We still all need to keep working as a TEAM though to improve this. I know a lot of children have had lots of horrible coughs and colds this half term and there has been signs of Hand, Foot and Mouth, as well as Scarlett Fever making a bit of a resurgence. These can be nasty illnesses. We will always monitor such outbreaks and act accordingly in line with Public Health advice etc. Hopefully the Christmas break will have helped in stopping further potential spreads of autumn/winter illnesses.

As many of you will know, we have recently sent out the Trust's attendance letters to any families whose attendance is causing a little concern. This is purely for your attention at this stage. Hopefully we will be able to work together to improve this in the new year. We do have an obligation to let any families know where attendance needs to show signs of improvement, so as it does not have a negative impact on children in school.

We are also working really hard, to improve the punctuality of certain families and are monitoring this closely, reporting in to our Trust central team who are also monitoring this. We are very passionate about learning starting straight away, as soon as children walk through the door, so even if they are a few minutes late, they will miss out. Plus, being on time is a life skill...we don't often get away with it in the work place, so it is important we teach the children this skill early in life, to prepare them fully for their future.

Uniform Policy

If any families are in need of support with school uniform then please simply mention this to Mrs C Hitchens (PSA). She has been working hard with some of our school Governors and Parental Group this half term and has created a stock of uniform down at The Salvation Army site, which parents in need can access.

Please note the following important points:

- **Leggings are not part of the school uniform so please ensure these are avoided.**
- **Children also should not wear makeup for school, or false nails.**
- **Children should not be coming to school wearing items of jewellery eg bracelets / necklaces.**
- **PE:** your child's team has set PE days when they complete their PE lessons. However, some weeks due to staff absence, school trips, school events etc, these lessons may be moved around. So, we always suggest that your child brings their PE kit to school on a Monday morning, leaves it in school for the duration of the week on their coat peg and then takes it home on a Friday afternoon to be washed over the weekend (and back again for Monday morning)!

Lost property

Items of clothing are sometimes misplaced by children especially outdoor coats. Could you please ensure items are clearly marked/labelled up with your child's name - this will make it easier to locate any missing items and re-unite them with their owner.

On warmer days, children often take their coats off outside at lunch time and leave them in the designated areas. Our Playground Leaders run around towards the end of the lunch time to collect these and return any back to their rightful owner (if they are clearly labelled). The remaining jackets get put in the lost property boxes as we do not condone older children walking around classes in learning time to relocate property. This is also a conscious effort to encourage children to be more independent. Please do always encourage your child to place their coat safely and collect at the end of the play time, as staff in school do.

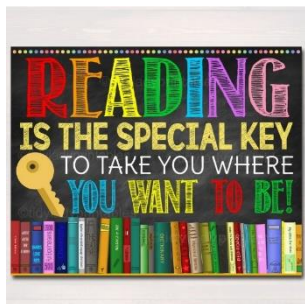


Lost property is placed in the baskets in the entrance of school, should you need to try to locate a piece of uniform.

PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Reading expectations at Park Street

As you know, at Park Street we love reading and value the importance of this on a child's academic attainment, progress and love of school life. After all, if you can read, you can do anything!



Please note that if your child attends Park Street, we have the following high expectations:

- **Your child should take their reading book and reading record home each evening and read for up to 10 minutes. This can be done independently, if your child is able to.**
- **An adult from home should initial / sign each day, to let staff know that their child has read.**
- **Books and records should be returned each morning for staff to track and check and celebrate daily readers on classroom displays.**
- **Teachers will let parents know if books have not been returned, through consistent notes home.**

Your support in this is massively appreciated! We must always keep encouraging our children to read. It opens doors to all areas of learning and adds such fun to their lives. If your child is a reluctant reader, then please do speak to your child's class teacher about ideas which they use to engage children in class.

Governors attend Park Street for Governor Development sessions

Our school Governors have once again been in to school to visit this last term, meeting with the subject leader teachers in school. They have supported Leaders brilliantly in the next steps for each subject area and have enjoyed visiting classes, talking to children and staff alike.

Reading Together continues each Tuesday!

Many thanks to Miss McGinnes, our Reading Leader in school, who has continued to organise for the EYFS and Year 1 'Reading Together' sessions to continue this autumn term. Miss McGinnes and myself have been blown away by your support; it was amazing to see so many parents turn up each Tuesday, to read with their child. Don't forget, any parent who attends naturally enters a competition for their child to win a book, each week!

This is an excellent opportunity for parents and children and is open to parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 at the moment – Teams CM (AM and PM); CW, EO and CH. Session times are:

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2.45pm until 3.15pm

NB: for morning Nursery children, this will be at 10.45am until 11.15am

No booking, just turn up and enjoy! We ask for only one adult per child to attend. The event is held in the school's main Hall, which you can access through the main Reception area.

For those parents who continually attend – thank you! It is making a huge impact on your child's reading progress!

Rotary Art Competition Art work from Park Street exhibited



The following children have produced such good Art work recently, that their work has been submitted to the Rotary Club Art competition and therefore has been displayed at the Metrodome gallery on Friday 18th November 4pm - 7pm and Saturday 19th November 10am - 5pm.

Samuel in Team DB	Wilf in Team HG	Lily-Mae in Team HG	William in Team CB
Alfie in Team LL	David in Team CH	Riley in Team AF	Alex in Team JF
Lily in Team JF	Louie in Team CH	Xander in Team HG	Well done everyone!

Although we didn't have any 'overall winners' this year, it is a delight to see Park Street once again at the forefront of Art competitions! What a privilege! Well done to the children above!

My Child's Art – now live!

A big thank you to Mrs Fitchett who has once again given the children the opportunity to design their own Christmas card, for parents to buy. Your purchases as parents supported the school massively by fundraising **£154.27!** Thank you very much to all of the parents who were able to make a purchase!

Thank you too for the great designs, I received a few for Christmas and was blown away by your skills boys and girls!

Responsible Jobs for children through school help empower the children and provide them with opportunities to develop their co-operation and leadership skills...

All of our 'responsible jobs' through school have been established once again this term and the children are doing a fantastic job in taking their roles very seriously. Such responsible jobs certainly help the staff team out tremendously, but they also give the children a sense of pride, purpose and ownership too. Park Streeters LOVE doing jobs as they love the satisfaction that helping others brings. The 'responsible jobs' through school are as follows, just in case your child(ren) ever mention what we get up to when you are not there!

Playground Leaders: such children help the SMSAs at lunch time on the Reception - Year 3 playground. They wear special tabards so as children and staff can easily see them and they set up the games equipment at lunch time, for the others to use. They then play with the younger children, engaging them in physical and competitive sports and games, as well as colouring and reading with them in the other areas. They support the SMSA team also, looking after any younger children who may have had an accident, for example.

School Council: such children meet every two weeks with Miss Baxter, to help organise special, upcoming events and to discuss aspects of the school, which the children would like to support in improving. Our School Council provides a lot of pupil voice to help us as Leaders, make the school as great as it possibly can be! They have had lots of success already this term, by speaking to ISS Catering about lunch options and also planning Children In Need Day!

Junior Reader Leaders: our Readers are led by Miss Baxter and again this group meet every other week to discuss reading and how our school can encourage more reading and a love of reading, through school. They aim to raise the profile of the importance of reading by running competitions and thinking of exciting opportunities which the remaining children would enjoy! They also work hard on a rota basis through school, at 1pm each day, where they visit other classes and listen to other children read, who might find it a challenge or who might not have quality reading opportunities outside of school. They are a credit to Miss Baxter and our school!

Arts Council: our Art Council are led by Mrs Longden and they meet every other week, to plan exciting art opportunities for the children through school. They have launched both art and poetry competitions so far this year and have an action-packed calendar for moving forwards too!

Eco-Warriors: these are children especially chosen for their skills and willingness to look after the environment and our local community. They work alongside Miss Clementson and think of ways to keep costs down for school, research the ways in which we can best recycle in school and also partake in events eg litter picking and bird box building, to help look after our local community for its residents.

Digital Leaders: our Digital Leaders in school look after the Computer Suite, laptops and i-Pads and offer digital support and advice to children and teachers through school. They help keep the Computer Suite in good condition and promote online safety. They work alongside Mr Fidment and Mr Davison as Computing Leads.

Prefects and Head Boy / Girl: our Prefects are those Year 6s considered to be practically perfect in every way! They show excellent behaviour and model expectations to the younger children in school. They help support our Leadership team in events and also show prospective children and parents around school. They are real ambassadors for our school! Each year a Head Boy / Girl is also elected and this honour is given for continued hard work, effort, enthusiasm and impeccable high standards throughout all of their journey at Park Street.

All 'responsible job' holders will be presented with their cap / tabard or badge to wear with pride in and around school soon!

Famous People Assembly Studies and DR TIM...

As you know, this year we have started our 'Famous People' assembly studies each week, using the excellent book series called 'Little People; Big Dreams'. Further information regarding these quality books can be found using the following link: <https://littlepeoplebigdreams.com/>

This half term we have focused on:

Florence Nightingale; Marcus Rashford; Aretha Franklin

Focusing on such significant people has allowed us to explore some big themes, including:

Working hard to achieve success; helping and supporting others; discovering our talents and using these to help others, as well as diversity and uniqueness.

We have also launched DR TIM through school, to help the children understand the important British Values, which we aim to teach the children about in all areas of learning. These are:

D - Democracy

R – Rule of law

T – Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

I – Individual Liberty

M – Mutual Respect

Please do talk to your children about these core values too and how every day life should be lived according to such principles. This will really help reinforce what we teach the children at school. If you hear the children mention DR TIM – you know who he is and why he is important!

Workshops for Parents

This half term, we have really enjoyed welcoming more parents back in to school on a face to face basis, to help teach them about how we teach aspects of learning. It has been lovely to see so many parents involved in aspects such as Reading Together, Reading workshops for parents; Read, Write, Inc workshops for Parents, KS2 SATS workshops for Parents.

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We have a number going ahead following the Christmas break too, in to the spring term. We are holding Creative Writing Workshops for parents, Reading Workshops for Parents of KS2 children, Webster Stratton (positive parenting group) with Mrs Hitchens and Mr Fidment is also hoping to hold some SEND and behaviour coffee meet ups for parents.

All of these are aimed at supporting you, so as you can better support your children with their learning at home. Should you have any ideas or suggestions of other support workshops which we could run, please do discuss these with a member of the Leadership team and we shall factor these in to the calendar for you.

Raine in Team JD makes it to the West End!



Many of you will know that we have a very talented young performer in school – Raine in Team JD! She works incredibly hard on this natural talent she has and constantly strives for success.

We were therefore overwhelmed with joy for her just recently, as she auditioned for a West End show and managed to successfully gain a place on it!

As a result, at the beginning of December, Raine performed in the show 'West End Does: Christmas 2022'!

This show is a fantastic mix of traditional and contemporary Christmas carols and songs sung by the best in the West End.

Here she is below finding out her special news!

Trips and Visitors – important information for parents to note

Our staff are busy trying to ensure that each term, our Teams have an enrichment through a special event, visitors to school or visits outside of school. Naturally, a lot of these come at an extra cost to school, which we ask for a voluntary contribution from parents towards.

School staff work hard to try and get the best experiences for the most reduced price through getting quotes from different coaches and companies, as well as varied places which could offer experiences. Signs of the times are that these costs are on the rise, as are most things in everyday life. School can only ever ask for a 'voluntary contribution' by law, but please note that unless we have significant contribution to the take up of trips, the school budget simply cannot cater for trips to go, so alternative experiences would have to replace these eg by an enrichment day in school, which obviously is far less effective than an actual trip out, for example. School cannot, not allow children to go on school trips, despite non-payment, but if there is significant non-payment, then school will be left with no other option than to cancel.

Please can parents be aware of this so as they are not disappointed. Our recent trip to Murton Park nearly had to be cancelled due to hundreds of pounds in non-contribution. Fortunately, we managed to successfully ensure the trip went ahead and no children or staff were left disappointed – thank you.

Whilst we totally understand that everyone is challenged by the rising costs of everything at the moment, we want to respond equally to parental questionnaire wishes where parents identify that they would like school trips to once again commence. We thank families for all of their hard work and willingness to work with school on this matter. Schools and families alike will all be faced with the financial hardships to come. Please do know though that school will always do everything they can to reduce costs.

Year 6 Visit Netherwood for transition afternoon – 03.11.22

Our Year 6 Teams were invited to Netherwood to begin their 'secondary transition' at the beginning of November. This was for all Year 6 children to go on, whether they intend on transitioning to Netherwood or elsewhere. The trip gave them an insight in to life in a secondary school.

The children had a great visit – some came back excited, some a little daunted, but none were worried which is great.

Thanks to Netherwood for putting on this earlier transition package for primaries in the local area!

Zunaira makes it in to Barnsley National and Regional Competitions – 04.11.22



Following the Schoolgirl District Football Trials, our very own Zunaira in Team AF was selected to represent her school district in the National and Regional competitions and has had the accolade of receiving her coveted tie, to be worn when representing her town!

Therefore, Mr Gates, once again, has been in to school to present Zunaira with her red tie. What an honour this is for Zunaira and for the school. We now have Jacob in Team HG and Zunaira with their red ties!

As a school we are so proud of their out of school achievements. We know they have excellent talents and it is wonderful that they are recognised outside of school, to such a high standard too!

Mr Smith said 'a fantastic achievement for a fabulous pupil'



Well done Zunaira – we are so very proud!

Year 6 Visit Crucial Crew – 04.11.22

The Year 6 team thoroughly enjoyed their trip recently to Crucial Crew. This is always a favourite trip of the children's as it is very 'hands on' and acknowledges that the children in Year 6 are growing up. It helps prepare them for life as they move on to secondary school, by putting them in potential situations and allows them to see the potential dangers, giving them scenarios and support in looking for the best way out of tricky situations. It really does give them excellent 'life skill' knowledge and understanding.

Mrs Longden and Mr Fidment reported that the Year 6 team had had a brilliant day and that our Year 6s had put all of their efforts in to joining in, having fun but very importantly, they listened attentively to everything that was said and showed outstanding behaviours for learning. They showed tremendous respect towards the adults at Crucial Crew! Well done Year 6!

Road Safety Week WB 07.11.22

Children enjoyed learning about aspects of road safety and discussed how best to keep themselves and others safe when using the very busy roads in our local areas. They enjoyed making posters to display in and around school and our key stage 2 children enjoyed sharing their own experiences and top tips for helping others.

The children have asked if I could remind all parents to ensure their children do not run down the main school path at the end of the school day as they worry about the children's safety, especially when they get to the main road at the bottom of the school drive.

Remembrance Assembly – 11.11.22

As always, we held a Remembrance Day assembly in school, to show a mark of respect to those fallen in war. Mr Fidment held an assembly and taught the children about the significance of the Poppy and why we use it to show respect and thanks for everything that war heroes have given us. We held a 2-minute silence through school too.

Mrs Fitchett held an Art competition and the beautiful entries have been displayed in the school Hall for the remainder of this term.

'Word Day' to raise the profile of Reading through school – 11.11.22

This last November we had an amazing day celebrating 'Word Day'. Children and staff were invited in to 'wear' their favourite word! We had some absolutely amazing words brought in to school and such creative, thoughtful designs too! The children loved sharing their favourite word and enjoyed listening to others explain what their word was and what it meant. It created lots of interesting discussion and the children learnt lots of new words, which of course they will remember well thanks to the epic costumes people wore to celebrate!

I myself chose 'rainbow' as I love rainbows - they always make me smile and they remind me of special people. In and around school I loved 'ambivalent' from Ellwood; 'vibrant' from Lola, 'fragile' from Charlie - possibly the most creative costume ever!; 'artistic' from Bronte-Mai; 'cool' from Melissa and 'feelings' from Maddi.

Miss Baxter's was hilarious as she dressed for winter with the word 'baltic'! None of us were very impressed with Mr Fidment who came as 'legend' and claimed to be himself! We'll have to help him next year Park Street!

Thank you to all who took part and also thank you to our Literacy Leads for organising the fun, yet purposeful day!

Anti-Bullying Week WB 14.11.22

We launched 'Anti-Bullying Week' this year by celebrating Odd Sock Monday.



This is always a fun day in school, where all children and staff are invited to attend school wearing the oddest socks possible!

This special day was to raise the awareness amongst our school community that we are all unique and diverse and no two of us are exactly the same.

This day celebrates our school's diversity and really helps to support children's understanding that being different is good! It develops children's skills in acceptance, tolerance and understanding.

During the week, the children were reminded of our school's **ZERO TOLERANCE** to bullying, whether this be in school, out of school or on line. Our children know that our staff team will always strive to make them happy and safe and will always deal with allegations of bullying.

If any parents ever felt that their child was being repeatedly targeted, they should speak to the Senior Leadership Team in school for them to investigate this.



Children In Need Day – 18.11.22

Park Street had a great 'Children In Need Day' this year, which was action packed and full of exciting opportunities to encourage children in raising money for others less fortunate – another important life skills for the children to learn. Such days always develop the children's skills in empathy and wanting to do their best to help others when they are in need.

We held a non-uniform day and our School Council sold wristbands in the days leading up to the special day. We had a bi 'bun sale' and a 'Scavenger Hunt for spots' was held on the school playground for each Team. The children really enjoyed the 'On the Spot' challenges which School Councillors organised too and competitions such as 'Guess the amount of Smarties in a Jar'!

Mrs Fitchett also organised an Art Competition. The winners of the decorate Pudsey competition were announced in Fridays assembly in week 4. They each received a prize and chocolates and the runners up also received a selection pack! Mrs Fitchett said it was difficult to choose a winner as the entries were so creative!



Well done to:

Bronte-Mai – Team HG; Holly – Team AC; Jacob - Team JF and Hunter – Team EO

The 2 runners up were:

Jenson - Team DB and Amelia – Team LL

I would like to express a massive thank you to our School Councillors for working so brilliantly with their leader, Miss Baxter and for organising an action packed day which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. The amount of money we raised was phenomenal. Thank you too to parents, your generosity towards the event was amazing, as always!

We managed to raise the grand total of: £617.34

Murton Park Trip – Team AC and CB – 21.11.22

Team AC and CB thoroughly enjoyed their November visit to Murton Park! They had a wonderful time learning about their history topics together and had a brilliant time in the 'hands-on' learning opportunities. The weather was freezing, but they didn't let this bother them, putting 100% in to every bit of learning!

Once again I was so pleased to hear that the children's behaviours were outstanding and they represented the school tremendously well!

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Disco Fundraiser – 23.11.22

Thank you to our Parental Group and Mrs Hitchens (PSA) for organising the Disco fundraisers, this autumn term! The children had a brilliant time and loved the singing, dancing and sweets!



Thank you too to all of the parents who met the deadline for ordering tickets. This was really important to us so as we could organise staffing and ensure safeguarding measures were in place.

We raised a total of **£376.57** to go in to school funds and we have used this to order resources for the 'Incredible Me!' room in school, which we use to support children with their mental health and wellbeing.
THANK YOU!

Eco-Rep Litter Pick with TWIGGS – 24.11.22

Our Eco-Reps through school completed yet another litter pick with Twiggs and our school Governor, Sabeena Chavan. It went brilliantly and once again Miss Clementson was very positive about the children's achievements and behaviours whilst out in the local community, representing school.

The Eco-Rep group has exciting events planned for bird watching and making bird feeders in the New Year!

Year 5 continue their 'Mini Police' programme in session 2 – 01.12.22

Our 10 Year 5 Mini Police have enjoyed their second session recently, with South Yorkshire Police. They were very excited to once again be working with such Professionals and learning all about the role of a Police person. Equally so, the SYP representatives were excited to be back at Park Street, working alongside our inquisitive and hard-working children!



This session, the children looked at what they thought Anti-Social Behaviour meant in our local community. They discussed different examples and scenarios that might happen in our local community and had to give in-depth answers as to what the impact of these could be. Mrs Akyel reported that the children were all fabulous, and gave brilliant examples, including setting fires, graffiti, fly-tipping and dog fouling!

The team are excited to be showing the children how to use their radios soon and are looking forward to the final event in the summer term, where they will be invited to celebrate their success with other Mini Police in the region!

Nursery Christmas Crafts 'Stay and Play' – 01.12.22

Miss McGinnes was overwhelmed by the amount of parents who came forwards to support their children and experience Christmas crafting in Nursery's 'Stay and Play' sessions this December! Thank you so much to all parents who were able to support their children.

Everyone had a lovely time and produced some beautiful crafts! Well done Nursery!

Christmas Coffee Morning – 02.12.22

A HUGE well done to the Parental Group for their recent efforts in organising the Christmas Coffee Morning. We had school stalls as well as external school stalls, a raffle, and people enjoyed a coffee and a cake! Our brilliant school Choir also showcased their skills too. All of this contributed to us making a whopping **£826.84, for school funds!** Some of this will be used to fund resources for the 'Incredible Me!' room also.

Many thanks to parents for your overwhelming support of the children and school! It was a very busy Hall, but the children loved spending time with you and it certainly got Park Street in to the Christmas spirit!

Christmas Performances – WB 05.12.22

This Christmas time, the children chose to do TEAM celebrations and performances for their parents and special people from home. Each and every performance was unique and showcased the many skills which our amazing Park Street children have. It was so lovely to see the children's confidence blossoming, with songs, poems, readings, drama sketches, musical instrument performances and much more!

We hope you enjoyed them as much as the children loved putting the performances together for you. I am sure you will agree, the smiles on their faces were very evident! I would also like to say how proud I was of the children as it is not

always easy standing up in front of so many adults, but they worked so hard on their confidence and gave it all a go! Well done Park Street, what an entertaining week!

EYFS Christmas fundraising!

Message from Mrs Watson:

Thank you to everyone who placed orders for the EYFS fundraising. We managed to raise **£299.22** and the money will be spent on the EYFS outdoor area.

Thank you also to the Parental Group, in particularly Judy Milner and Louise Hall, for giving up their time to help put the packs together.

Sporting Trips with Mr Smith

24.11.22 – 9 of our Y4 / 5 Girls had the opportunity to visit Horizon College to take part in a Football Development Competition. The weather was atrocious but they represented the school brilliantly and Mr Smith commented how proud he was of them all, especially in those conditions as it did not stop raining from beginning to end! They enjoyed three games before the cold and wet weather stopped their play! They had two draws and a loss, but kept on going and going, working hard, right up until the end! Well done girls!

Feel Good Fridays

The remaining 'Feel Good Fridays' for this term are as follows:

JANUARY	13 th January 2023 27 th January 2023
FEBRUARY	10 th February 2023
MARCH	3 rd March 2023 17 th March 2023 31 st March 2023
APRIL	28 th April 2023

Statutory Tests for this academic year 2022-23

Please, once again, note the following dates for the statutory assessment dates for 2022-23. Hopefully this will help families ensure their children are in school for these very important times. I am sure you will agree that the children are encouraged to work hard during the course of the year and it would be a shame for them not to experience success in such opportunities. Such assessments prepare the children well for later in life and also help the school in progressing and moving forward to greater success.

The dates for 2022-23 are as follows:

- If your child will be in Year 1 during 2022-23, their Phonics Screen Check will be during the week commencing Monday 12th June 2023.
- If your child will be in Year 2 during 2022-23, their Key Stage 1 tests will be during the month of May 2023.
- If your child will be in Year 4 during 2022-23, their Multiplication tables check will be during the two-week window, week commencing Monday 5th June 2023.
- If your child will be in Year 6 during 2022-23, their Key Stage 2 tests will be during the week commencing Monday 8th May 2023 and will be organised in line with national requirements:

Tuesday 9th May – English Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Papers 1 and 2

Wednesday 10th May – English Reading Paper

Thursday 11th May – Mathematics Paper 1 and 2

Friday 12th May – Mathematics Paper 3

NB these dates have been amended due to the Government's decision to place a bank holiday for the King's coronation on Monday 8th May 2023.

Should you wish to note any dates beyond the next academic year, please visit the following address for all of the relevant information, which is available to anyone:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/primary-assessments-future-dates#academic-year-1>

SEN Information

As many of you will know, Mr Fidment is our school's Special Educational Needs & Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCo). To ensure optimum communication with parents of children with SEND needs, he is often out on the school site at the top of the drive every day possible (staffing dependent). If you would like to speak to him face to face then this is a

good opportunity, even if it is to simply ask for a call back. As well as this, an email address has been organised for parents of children with SEND needs to email in to school directly about their child.

This email address is: WPSSendco@ecmtrust.co.uk

Please could you use this email address and not Mr Fidment's personal work email. This email inbox will be checked even more regularly and will be the **only** point of contact for issues relating to SEND.

If you feel that your child would benefit from school support, then the above email is also the correct one to email, to enquire.

PSA Information



As many of you will know, Mrs Hitchens is our school's Parent Support Advisor (PSA). Her role is to support parents, by providing support, advice and training, so as you are able to fully meet the needs of your child(ren). Mrs Hitchens has had lots of training in areas such as positive parenting, bereavement, attendance, ASD/ADHD and 'getting back in to work'. Mrs Hitchens wears many hats through school and supports the safeguarding and attendance teams alike. She also works with our Parental Group and holds regular coffee mornings.

Starting on **Tuesday 10th January 2023** Mrs Hitchens will begin a Webster Stratton positive parenting course for any parents who would like to attend. The information is as follows – if you would like to join the group, please let her know ASAP:



Webster Stratton at Park Street!

What?

Webster Stratton Positive Parenting
Programme

Who?

Organised and facilitated by Carol Hitchens
(Parent Support Advisor)

Where?

Community Room at
Wombwell Park Street Primary School

When?

Tuesday 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st January 2023
Tuesday 7th, 21st February 2023

Why?

Because we care and want to support you and
your child!

If you would like a place, contact Carol Hitchens on 01226 752029 beforehand!

Starting on **Tuesday 10th January 2023** Mrs Hitchens will begin a Coffee Afternoon for any Park Street parents, who would like to attend. This will be held at **The Salvation Army** centre in Wombwell and will run every Tuesday from 2-3pm. There will also be the opportunity for any parents to visit who are in need of any school uniform, as this is where Park Street's Uniform stock is now based. All are welcome!

Mrs Hitchens also wants to thank all of the parents who kindly donated food to school at the end of the autumn term. There were a number of families who benefitted massively from this, as hampers and bags were made up and dropped off to families in need. We have also stocked up our food store in school so if any families need continued support in this area, please let Mrs Hitchens know and we will be happy to help.

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Equality and Diversity School Objectives

Please find below the equality objectives for Wombwell Park Street Primary School. If any parents would like to support with the delivery of these objectives, then please do email parkstreet@ecmtrust.co.uk to express an interest in supporting the school. There are some ideas / ways in which you could help below this table:

Objective 1	To further develop the accessibility of information relating to school life for parents/carers with difficulties accessing written language (e.g. parents/carers with English as an Additional Language, Speech and Language difficulties etc).
Miss McGinnes has trained as an EAL Champion and is disseminating such training out to staff, to support them in being able to effectively manage issues relating to EAL.	
Translator services have been used for significant meetings in school, to ensure maximum, effective communication.	
Objective 2	To further develop opportunities for children to engage with people from different ethnic/religious/cultural backgrounds in order to raise children's awareness of the multicultural world in which they live.
School has a weekly focus on significant people from the past and engages parents in talking about important matters eg equality, which such people believed in.	
Mr Holmes as RE Leader has organised for a dance workshop to engage the children in celebrating Diwali.	
Celebration of Black History Month in school, with Diversity and Inclusion Week as a focus too.	
Objective 3	To raise aspirations among children and parents/carers and raise awareness of a career options for all children, challenging gender stereotypes.
Our Reception and Reception / 1 classes have had members of our school community (parents and grandparents) in class to talk about their jobs.	
SLT are planning opportunities for parents who have shown willing, to come in to school to discuss their roles with the children, to develop aspiration and awareness of possible roles.	
Year 5 children have taken part in the Mini Police programme to raise awareness of such roles and the importance of them.	
Year 3 have received a talk from SYP regarding the significance of fire safety awareness.	
Year 6 have visited Crucial Crew, to receive information about life experiences but also to make them aware of the different roles people take on in society.	
Objective 4	Improve the provision and achievement for identified groups of pupils to close any gaps between them and their peers: Disadvantaged, EAL, SEN and any other group identified as with a protected characteristic.
This is something which our SLT and Governors in school are working hard on as part of our School Improvement Plan for 2022-23.	

Do you find it difficult to access information relating to school due to having English as an additional language, for example?

Please always communicate this to our school's Admin team so as this information can be passed to the Leadership Team and plans can be put in place to support this.

Have you got links to others in the community that could contribute to developing opportunities for our children to engage with people from different backgrounds?

Please always communicate this to our school's Admin team so as this information can be passed to the Leadership Team and opportunities can be created through your links.

Have you got a job which you would like to share with the children as part of a career's week in school? Would you be willing to come in to school and speak to the children about how you got the role, what it entails and why it is 'the best job ever'?

Please email parkstreet@ecmtrust.co.uk to register your interest in doing this and your willingness to speak to groups of children to enhance their learning and raise their aspirations. We have had Air Hostesses, RAF members, Nurses etc in before! We would welcome anyone to support us with this.

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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 (EYFS/KS1 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 (SENDCo)
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!

Top tip: watch out for our monthly online safeguarding leaflets which we send out on email! This last term they have been based on: Instagram; Bereavement; Equality and Online Bullying. This January, it has been based on Setting up Apps, games and software following Christmas.



I look forward to a positive half term here at Park Street on the lead up to the February half term holidays.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the school and the staff team.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Lawson
Headteacher