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Dear Parents / Carers,

Newsletter – Spring 2

I hope you have all managed a happy start to 2023. We have had an exciting spring term at Park Street, with lots of activities and opportunities to enrich school life for the children. I hope you enjoy reading about them below!

Attendance Policy

As you will be aware, we continue to be proactive and adopt a policy which promotes excellent attendance and punctuality, so all children can thrive and achieve their best.

We know that from time to time, your child may become unwell. 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 offer advice.

Our school continues to work hard to ensure three-day absence visits are completed by our SLT / PSA, wherever possible. These are only made as a measure of support for families.

Punctuality:

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. Lateness has a clear detrimental impact on the children as they miss learning when they are at their most alert! 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.

We are pleased to see that as a result of our hard work with parents, there are far fewer children arriving at school late this half term! **Well done TEAM Park Street!**

The Attendance Team and the systems we have in place:

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, then 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!

Holidays:

Holidays taken in term time will **not** be authorised unless there are extra special reasons. 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

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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.

TEAM Attendance Winners!

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.

Week in Spring 2	Top two weekly classes for attendance winning £5 each!		Overall School attendance
Week 1	Team CH – 99.2%	Team HG – 99.2%	96.9%
Week 2	Team JD – 98.7%	Team HG – 99.3%	95.6%
Week 4	Team CH – 98.1%	Team JF – 100%	96.4%
Week 5	Team AC – 98.6%	Team HG – 98%	96.1%
Week 6	Team DB – 98.2%	Team HG – 99.7%	95.2%

Team work makes the dream work! We look forward to the summer term when TEAMS will spend their collection of £5 notes on a treat for themselves! The Team with the **most** success and best attendance in spring 1 was **Team HG** and therefore, they have been invited to come to school in non-uniform on **17.04.23** as a class reward! Keep it up children – you managed to achieve a whopping **98.2%**! We have continued to enjoy more positive attendance figures this term, which is once again fantastic! We still all need to keep working as a TEAM though to continue to improve this.

A huge well done to all of our 100% attendees this spring term:

Team CW – Ella, Finley, Jenson, Roman, Kaeben-Oliver, Tobias, Louie and Jessica

Team EO – Penny, Esmae, Jordan, Elliott, Nathan, Natalia and Jack

Team CH – Hazel, Tyler, Amaya, Rae, Thomas, Henry, MJ, Alice, Noah, Lillie, Taylor, Erin, Grace and Keira

Team JF – Lewis, Isaac, Grasia, Eli, Miles, Jordan, Alex, George and Ollie

Team AC – Georgie, Amber, Charlotte, Charlie, Marshall, Theo, Millie, Eden, Nolah, Millie and Eva

Team CB – Mia, Evie, Levi, Joseph, Joshua, Tegan, Ava, Alyla and Mia

Team JD – James, Liam, Cody-Jay, Abigail, Maria, Alaia, Chloe-Louise, George, Robin, Riley, Alexis, Filip

Team DB – Keira, Layla, Elissa, Trafford, Sadie, Laila, Remi-Mae

Team LF – Charlie, Alexa, Lola, Amelia, Teddy, Molly, Lola, Heath, Ellis, Layton-John, Wilf, Elwood, Logan, Bronte-Mai and Evie

Team AF – Zunaira, Aliza, Olivia, Ivy, Alexi-Mae, Jared, Billy, Poppy and Blake

Team LL – Scarlett, Emily, Bobby, Tulisa-Rose, Nevaeh-Rose, Eden, Eloise and Ben

Uniform Policy

If any families are in need of support with school uniform then please simply mention this to Mrs C Hitchens (PSA). We have 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 are not expected to have hair dye in their hair for school, or any over the top hairstyles which may distract learning.**
- **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)!

- As the summer months are now upon us, please note that grey shorts may be worn for school or blue/burgundy checked summer dresses (only in these colours).

Lost property

Items of clothing are sometimes misplaced by children, especially when they are busy playing! Please could you ensure all 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.

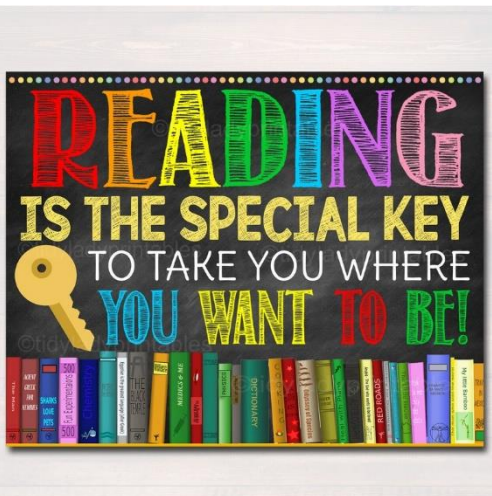


Lost property is placed in the baskets in the entrance of school, should you need to try to locate a piece of uniform.

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.

A few reminders for parents...

- The drive should not be accessed by parents / carers during the times of 8.20-9am and 2.30-3.30pm unless you have a permit
- The speed limit on the drive is 15mph – please respect this all of the time, even if it is not busy, as school staff and children continually use the drive and surrounding areas for PE and at playtimes/lunchtimes
- The yellow lines at the bottom of the drive and on the main road should not be used to park on
- Gates to the playground close at 8.45am, at which time all children should be in lessons, learning. Any children arriving after this time should be accompanied by an adult to the main school entrance and signed in as 'late'
- Children should be in school for the full day; we ask that parents do not just come to school to collect their child from the main entrance, unless it is in an emergency or for a pre-planned emergency medical appointment, for example, which we know about beforehand.

PARENTS: could your child qualify for 'free school meals'?

If you think that your child may be eligible for 'free school meals' then please consult the following page and apply immediately:

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/schools-and-learning/free-school-meals/>

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Should you need any help / support in reading or completing such paperwork, then please either mention this to our Admin Team either by phone or email and a member of staff will be organised to help and support. We have done this very successfully for a number of parents to date. This helps you out and also helps school out too, with opportunities for more funding to help support your child.

The site states that your child could benefit from these if you receive:

- income Support
- income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190, provided you are not receiving Working Tax Credit
- the 'guaranteed' element of the State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income threshold of less than £7,400
- support under part six of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

'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 spring term.

This is an excellent opportunity for parents and children and is open to parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – 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 though the main Reception area.

For those parents who continually attend – thank you! It is making a huge impact on your child's reading progress. It makes them full aware that reading is really important!



Online Safety Assemblies

We have introduced a half termly age appropriate assembly to be carried out, which focuses purely on ways in which children can keep themselves safe, when online. This includes coverage of how to treat others with respect, as well as how to look after themselves. This is on the back of a number of online safety, out of school incidents, which we have supported children and parents with. These assemblies are taking place in the first week after every half term holiday break, so if you would like to talk to your child about this, ask them what they have learnt from the assembly.

Please support us in this and ensure your child only accesses Apps and programmes which are age appropriate, as this is where we are finding the issues lay. Lots of children are not old enough to manage the thoughts and feelings created when something goes wrong, using an App that is for older children or adults. **THANK YOU.**

We are also planning an Online Safety opportunity for parents in the summer term, so please watch out for workshop dates!

Year 6 receive visit from Balbir Singh Dance Workshop, working on Indian Dance and exploring Macbeth – 23.02.23

As part of our work towards the Arts Award, Year 6s enjoyed a fantastic opportunity, learning to dance with our special visitor from Balbir Singh Dance Company. This was an amazing session for both Year 6 classes and they had lots of fun. They learnt how to tell the story of Macbeth through intercultural Indian dance

forms. The children were incredibly well behaved during this opportunity and a real credit to the school, really getting involved! Both Mr Fidment and Mrs Longden were impressed with their Teams!

History Dress Up Day – 24.02.23

From Miss Clementson:

What a fantastic time Park Street had on our Inspirational Figures dress up day! It was wonderful for everyone to get involved and share their facts with their class. The children were so engaged with their learning and many were passionate about sharing how their inspirational person fought stereotypes and showed resilience in the face of adversity to achieve amazing things.

For many it was an eye opener into how the past has shaped our own lives, and how lucky we are to live in today's society. Inspirational people included Emmeline Pankhurst, Winston Churchill, Charles Dickens, Edward Jenner and Neil Armstrong. Please check out the History Blog on the website for more information and photos of Inspirational Figures.

'Wear it Bright Day' to celebrate Holi, the Hindu festival of love, spring and new life – 13.03.23

This half term we have celebrate Holi, the Hindu festival of love, spring and new life! We asked for voluntary contributions of £1 to help support us in purchasing new resources for RE...your contributions are always very welcomed, thank you for your support!

The children and staff were all invited to school to wear something bright – the brighter the better! Each child was asked to create their own poster of colour to celebrate the day! Thank you to Mr Holmes for organising.

'Eat them to defeat them' initiative – March 2023

<https://eatthemtodefeatthem.com/schools/>

We have all watched the 'Eat them to defeat them' video above in school and have tried hard to make sure we have a positive attitude towards eating vegetables! Mrs Watson has led on this and our SMSA team have been busy during the month of March, handing out stickers to those children who have tried hard to eat their vegetable intake! The target board in the Hall has soon filled up – well done Park Street!

Creative Writing Parenting visits for Year 2 upwards – Feb - Mar 2023

In an attempt to continue to support parents with how best to support their children in writing and to create in-school opportunities for you to learn with your child, we have organised for Creative Writing sessions to take place from Year 2 upwards. These began in spring 1 and have finished this spring 2 term.

The theme has been 'A Winter's Day...' and where possible, Teams have been taking advantage of our amazing nature reserve to make learning even more engaging, exciting and purposeful.

It has been lovely to welcome parents back in to classes to experience learning with their child. Parents have continued to give excellent feedback on the events. They have loved seeing their children in class and have enjoyed the experience of learning alongside them. Parents have also been so very complimentary about our teachers and the very positive relationships that they have with our amazing children! We look forward to opening our classrooms up further for such opportunities!

Famous People Assembly Studies and DR TIM...

Our 'Famous People' assembly studies have continued each week, using the excellent book series called 'Little People; Big Dreams'. Further information of these quality books can be found using the following link: <https://littlepeoplebigdreams.com/>

This half term we have focused on:

Anne Frank and William Shakespeare

Focusing on such significant people has allowed us to explore some big themes, including:
Fighting for what you believe in; discrimination; following your dreams, passion and strengths!

We have continued to discuss 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

This spring half term we have had a strong focus on ‘mutual respect’.

Please do talk to your children about these core values too and how everyday life should be lived according to such principles. This will really help reinforce what we teach the children at school and hopefully, one day, remove hatred and generate tolerance, within our community.

Book Week and World Book Day – 02.03.23

As always, we celebrated World Book Week this half term and had an extensive amount of activities to further encourage a love of reading!

- On 02.03.23 we celebrated World Book Day. All children and staff were invited to dress as a book character on this day. During the day there was an opportunity for children to show off and talk about their costumes and book character and generate excitement around books. Staff enjoyed visiting different classes to read and share their favourite stories! There was a real buzz in the air! Each class paired up with another class for “reading buddies” and it was lovely to see older children reading to the younger children too. We had a story swap where each teacher swapped and read a story to another class in school!
- Throughout the week we held a Book Treasure Hunt. Staff wrapped books up and hid them on the school grounds. Children found them, read them with their adult at home and then wrapped and hid more books! There was a real excitement and buzz around books and reading...I wonder if this will continue...keep your eyes open!
- Our “books and biscuits” event was very well attended by parents of children in nursery, reception and year one. They enjoyed a biscuit while sharing books together and then ten lucky children won a new story book and a hot chocolate to take home and enjoy. Thank you to all the family members for your support.
- Scholastic Book Fair: this ran 3.25-4pm on 6, 7, 8th of March 2023. It was lovely to see so many families visiting – we are hopeful for a good amount of commission so as we can further enrich our library area! Thank you for supporting your child!
- Classes created their own virtual library too to share some favourites!

The children (and staff) had a great week! Thank you for organising Miss McGinnes and Miss Baxter!



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Red Nose Day organised by our School Council 17.03.23

We once again had an amazing Red Nose Day in school this spring term, thanks to the epic organisational skills of our School Councillors and Miss Baxter who leads them! We enjoyed the following:



- Decorated RND biscuits as an 'Incredible Us!' activity, given that this year the red noses were not suitable for our younger children in school
- A sweepstake for children to cast their votes on which members of staff may win the staff race!
- A staff race (with a few additional surprises)! Thank you to all of the staff (and children) for taking part! Mr Davison ran an amazing race in a pair of pink knee-high boots and Isabella in Team HG ran a wonderful race whilst holding a picture of Mrs Lawson (Thanks Iz – you star! ☺). Mr Smith enjoyed his first place – and continues to celebrate! The children LOVED this!
- A dilute juice sale!

Conrad Burdekin – 20.03.23



We had a wonderful day with Conrad Burdekin on Monday 20th March 2023!

We have welcomed Conrad to WPSPS before the Pandemic and we know we always have an amazingly fun day with him! He is hilarious and really brings out the best, most creative and inspiring ideas out of the children he works with!

All of our Reception – Year 6 classes got to spend time with him, making up their own poems and having the best laugh!

Conrad visits lots of school across the country, so it was lovely to hear his feedback at the end of the day when he shared he had had an amazing day with some of the best children ever! Well done Park Street and thank you parents for your voluntary contributions to ensure this day could happen! We look forward to welcoming him back next academic year for more fun and poetry! WE LOVE READING! Thank you to one of our Literacy Leaders, Miss Baxter, for organising!

Cardigan / Jumper Swap Day – 22.03.23

We held a jumper swap day in school this half term, to encourage children to see what it is like to give up something that they like, that makes them feel comfy and happy. This was to encourage the children to link such feelings to festivals like Ramadan in Islam and Lent in Christianity. We discussed these in assemblies at length and the children had some great ideas!

Easter Coffee Morning – 24.03.23



A HUGE well done to members of Park Street's Parent Group who enjoyed great success at the Easter Coffee Morning recently.

Here is a picture of a few members of their Team, with Easter Bunny, who called in for a little visit! It was a long, hot morning for the newly returned Easter Bunny, following their recent maternity leave!

They managed to raise just over £600! The group will be working with leaders in school to decide what the money can be spent on for the benefit of the children!

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WELL DONE and THANK YOU for all of your efforts, they do not go unnoticed AT ALL!

Year 5 continue their 'Mini Police' programme

Our 10 Year 5 Mini Police have continued their work with the South Yorkshire Police and have continued to have such a good time working with the professionals!

We look forward to their celebration this summer term – keep up the hard work!

National Shakespeare Week at WSPSPS – 20th – 24th March 2023



All classes engaged in a wide range of exciting activities to celebrate National Shakespeare Week this spring term!

KS2 children worked with long time creative partner and friend of the school Conrad Burdekin (poet) to create some Bard based poems which were enthusiastically performed. Several classes have created their own Shakespeare books to enter into a national competition, 'Write til your ink be dry'. Our older children were also lucky enough to explore the themes of Macbeth through the medium of Indian Dance with visiting dancer Devika Rao (only at Park Street).

Some of our younger children have learnt poems and performed some of their favourite stories. KS1 children chose a Shakespearean character and created crowns and headbands depicting them. Children in lower KS2 made some exciting and at times disgusting witches' potions with all kinds of yukky ingredients.

Year 6 visit Barnsley's Cooper Gallery and Experience Barnsley Museums – 22.02.23

Team LL and AF were lucky enough to visit the Cooper Gallery and Experience Barnsley on 22nd February.



Pupils thoroughly enjoyed exploring the work of Henry Moore and spent time developing some of their own sketches.

We also visited Experience Barnsley: children engaged in an ancient Egyptian workshop to support their learning in history.

This included: decorating papyrus, unearthing artefacts in an archaeological dig, making an amulet, playing the board game 'Senet' and exploring a collection of scent cubes.



We also visited the Tut 22 Exhibition which was curated by Joanne Fletcher world famous Egyptologist (and local Barnsley lass).

We also learnt about the important work of Ernest Jones another local man who it is believed first discovered the name Tutankhamun whilst working in Egypt.

It is thought this find inspired Howard Carter to make his legendary discovery. We also explored the local history of Barnsley enjoying the permanent Experience Barnsley collection of local artefacts.



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Easter Stay and Play in Nursery

Thank you to all the family members who joined us in nursery for our most recent stay and play with an Easter theme. The children loved showing their grown-ups around nursery and having a go at some Easter activities together too. Look out for more stay and play dates coming up in the Summer term!

Easter Bonnet Parade – 30.03.23

It is always so lovely to witness WSPSPS at Easter time, especially when our Nursery children parade around school with their amazing Easter bonnets!

Thank you parents for all of your help and creativity!

Eco-Rep Litter Pick with Twiggs – 30.03.23

Miss Clementson organised for our Eco-Reps to complete yet another Litter Pick, with Twiggs and our school Governor, Mrs Chavan. As always, the children loved representing the school and helping our local community and loved working with Twiggs. We also received some fabulous feedback from Twiggs, who wrote the following in an email to Miss Clementson following the event:

'I just want to say a big thank you to yourself and everyone involved in the litter pick today.

The children were so well behaved and really keen to be involved. They were a credit to themselves and also to the school.'

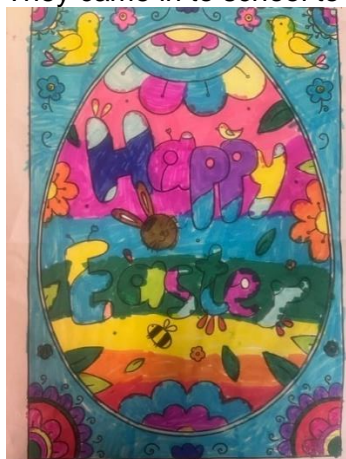
Well done Eco-Reps!

A special well done from Miss Clementson:

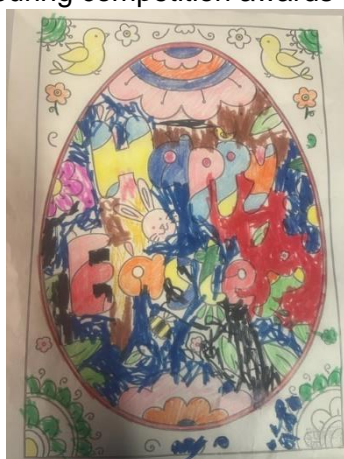
The Eco Reps have been busy again this half term. Hopefully you have noticed that school is a little bit "greener" with lots less litter! The KS2 Eco Reps were accompanied by Twiggs Ground Maintenance on another litter pick along Park Street and the local housing estate. You may have seen us working hard to make our community a lovely place to live. The KS1 Eco Reps had the opportunity to plant some trees in our Nature Area. They planted Dogwood, Dog Rose, Hawthorn and Hazel. The saplings will encourage wildlife and support our habitat. For years to come children will be able to watch the trees grow and observe how they change! Well done Eco Reps for playing such an important role in supporting our environment.

Easter Week and Assemblies at WSPSPS – 31.03.23

Charlesworth Funeral Directors launched an Easter Egg Colouring competition for WSPSPS children this year! They came in to school to deliver the colouring competition awards too – please see the winners below!



1st Prize – Millie in Team AC



2nd Prize – Eddie in Team EO



3rd Prize – Rory in Team EO

There were also 4 runners-up, including:

Jude – Nursery
Iyra-Rae – Team CW
Rowan – Team CB
Alex – Team JF

A MASSIVE thank you to Charlesworth Funeral Directors for thinking of WPSPS at Easter time and for enriching the children's experience of Easter! It is wonderful to work with the local community, for the good of the children!

The children enjoyed a number of Easter assemblies in the final week, leading up to the Easter assemblies, where they learnt about the importance of Easter, the Christian Easter story and why Christians celebrate this. We also linked this to other celebrations in other religions eg Ramadan in Islam and discussed importance key messages like self-control and discipline eg Lent in Christianity and Ramadan in Islam. The children showed a deep understanding too of some of the symbolic things we do and how these relate to the Easter story eg eating Easter eggs and hot-cross buns; symbolisation of spring time and new life – chicks, lambs etc.

WPSPS Nursery – please spread the word!

A message from Miss McGinnes, AHT for Reading and EYFS/KS1:

As you know, we have a wonderful nursery provision within our school. This is free and open to children the term after their third birthday for 15 hours per week. Morning sessions are 8.15am until 11.15 and afternoon sessions are 12.30pm until 3.30pm. We currently have spaces available for an immediate start for children who are already three or four years old and will also be taking an Easter intake if you have a child who turns three before 31st March. Once your child has had their 2nd birthday, you can apply to add your child's name to our waiting list.

Please contact Miss McGinnes if you would like any further information or if you would like a tour of the setting.

Please also visit our class blog page to see the learning we enjoy every day.

Sporting Trips with Mr Smith

A special well done from Mr Smith:

A huge well done to Zunaira in Team AF who has made it through to the Table Tennis Nationals at Wolverhampton. She made success on 21st February whilst participating at the English Institute of Sport! An incredible achievement – well done!

Another big well done to members of our Year 4 Team, who attended a Dodgeball competition, just for fun! The children's skills were great and their behaviour representing school was exceptional!

As well as this, both after school sporting clubs have gone very well. This next term it will be KS1 Multiskills on a Monday and Girls football for Years 4/5/6 on a Wednesday. I am looking forward to starting both and getting some more trips organised for this half term.

Feel Good Fridays

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

APRIL	28 th April 2023
MAY	12 th May 2023 – CANCELLED DUE TO KS2 SATS
JUNE	9 th June 2023 23 rd June 2023
JULY	7 th July 2023 21 st July 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 on Mondays. 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 / concerns to email in to school directly about their child. This email address is: WPSSendco@ecmtrust.co.uk

Please 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.

'Thinking Differently'

Mr Fidment has led a 'Thinking Differently' programme in school in spring 2, but despite the need for it there has been a low uptake. This is a positive parenting course specifically for parents of children with ASD / ADHD diagnoses (or potential diagnoses) and feedback has been really positive!

If you are interested in attending this course in the future, to support you at home, please do email Mr Fidment using the SENDCo email above – another programme of this course starts in week one of the summer term, as per previous letter and he continues to adapt the course to meet the needs of our parents and to give you more in depth knowledge about a child's brain and how this works and how it impacts on their behaviours.

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 support the safeguarding and attendance teams alike. She also works with our Parental Group and holds regular coffee mornings.

Mrs Hitchens has been holding a parental Coffee Afternoon for any Park Street parents, who would like to attend. This continues to be held at **The Salvation Army** centre in Wombwell and will continue to run every Tuesday from 2-3pm. The more the merrier! There is also 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 and please use this!

Mrs Hitchens is also running another 'Webster Stratton' positive parenting group – if any parents would like to join this term, it is not too late! Please let her know ASAP and you will only have missed one!

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).
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.
Objective 3	To raise aspirations among children and parents/carers and raise awareness of a career options for all children, challenging gender stereotypes.
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.

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.

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!

A few top tip safeguarding reminders for parents to be aware of:

The NHS Dental Team have requested that we let you know the following information and provide you with the link below, for you to find out additional information, should you need it. A message from them is below: Please remember to take your child to the dentist regularly. NHS dental care is free for children. All children aged 3-16 can have fluoride varnish painted on their teeth by the dentist at least twice a year, to help strengthen their teeth and prevent tooth decay. If you do not have a family dentist, you can find your nearest NHS dentists at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/Dentists/LocationSearch/3>

School Matters

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.

Our school operates an open-door policy which means that you can speak to staff in an open manner, whenever you feel the need to. Due to teaching constraints etc, sometimes this member of staff may be busy but you are still encouraged to use the open-door policy, register your requests and a member of the staff team will be in contact with you in due course.

Please know though that we promote 'mutual respect' and never expect a parent / carer to be abusive to a member of staff or another adult on site. We expect the correct behaviours to be modelled to the children.

Please also note that at Park Street our behaviour policy centres around positive relationships and positive praise. Please note that online abuse to staff will not be tolerated on social media too, as this could be defamation of character – we thank you for your understanding in this area.



I look forward to a positive half term here at Park Street on the lead up to the May Spring Bank Holiday.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the school and the staff team. I hope you enjoy the weekly Newsletters, instead of the half termly one! Please let me know your thoughts!

Yours sincerely,
Mrs C Lawson
Headteacher

& The Park Street TEAM!



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