



# Wombwell Park Street Primary School

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Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

## Newsletter – Summer 1

I hope you all had a restful spring bank holiday and you managed a little family time with the children being off school. I hope you enjoyed the Jubilee celebrations too!

I am writing to keep you up to speed on some recent news from school over this past half term and to remind parents of key information.

## COVID-19

Thank you for your continued support of the school in recent months. The summer term seems to have appeared more settled with fewer children testing positive, albeit staffing has remained a challenge with some testing positive.

Whilst the guidance is now very limited, we appreciate **parents and families that continue to remain vigilant and follow the Government guidance which Park Street adopts**. THANK YOU.

All of the school routines are now back to normal, but of course we would act in line with any Local Authority or Public Health guidance as and when given and communicate this to parents.

Should you have any queries or doubts in your mind then please do 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 a parent have to self-isolate, there is always still 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

Despite COVID-19 and the impact this is having on children's attendance, we continue to be proactive and adopt a policy which promotes excellent attendance and punctuality – something prior to COVID we were really proud of and had really made a difference to the school's attendance figures! Park Street continues to work as part of a wider Trust team now to continue this excellent progress in attendance, so all children can thrive and achieve their best. It was pleasing to read in the recent parental questionnaires that 99% of parents agree that school places a high emphasis on attendance and punctuality, with 77% of these strongly agreeing too! It is pleasing to see parents notice the strong ethos which staff work hard to create around positive attendance.

Obviously if your child develops COVID-19 and has to self-isolate for the 3-5 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. Chicken-pox and sickness bugs have been pretty prevalent this winter and spring! 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.

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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. We do still have a very small handful of families who continue to drop their children off a little later than expected. This has a clear detrimental impact on the children as they miss learning when they are at their most alert! Such families are being managed by our Attendance Team who work with the Educational Welfare Team, so please be reassured that school are working hard to improve matters for such children.

Our Attendance Lead, Mrs Green, continues to work with Clyde Buckle, 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 decline 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. 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 an 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.

Each week we 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 Summer 1	Top two weekly classes for attendance winning £5 each!		Overall School attendance
<b>Week 1</b>	Team CM (PM) with 100%	Team LL with 99%	94.5%
<b>Week 2</b>	Team CH with 96.1%	Team LF with 98%	92.4%
<b>Week 3</b>	Team LL with 98.6%	Team LF with 98.7%	93.4%
<b>Week 4</b>	Team JF with 96.7%	Team CW with 97.3%	92.8%
<b>Week 5</b>	Team CM (PM) with 94.4%	Team JF with 97.8%	88.4%

The Team with the **most** success and best attendance in summer 1 was Team LF and therefore they were invited to come to school in non-uniform on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022** as a class reward! Keep it up children!

### Uniform Policy

If any families are in need of support with school uniform then please simply mention this to a member of staff who will bring it to the attention of Mrs Hitchens (PSA). She has a stock of almost brand-new uniform ready to hand to anyone in need. If you have any spare shoes, which you think another family could use, then please pass these on to Mrs Hitchens. At this point, this is the only item of uniform donation which can be accepted due to the high volume of previous uniforms passed in.

Please note the following important points:

- **Leggings are not part of the school uniform so please can these be avoided.** This can be a contentious point as lots of children would prefer to come to school in leggings and when other children see this happening, it can cause further problems for those parents who abide by the rules.
- **Children also should not wear makeup for school, or false nails.** This is not encouraged as a school as it can lead to health and safety issues, as well as cause upset amongst the children too.
- **Children should not be coming to school wearing items of jewellery eg bracelets / necklaces.** Please also avoid having children's ears pierced during the academic year. Children are not allowed to do PE with them in (a compulsory part of the National Curriculum) and our staff team are not allowed to take these out for children either. Please try to stick to the summer holidays to have your child's ears pierced as this will leave 6 weeks for them to have them done and potentially learn how to take them out themselves. If your child has their ears pierced but finds it tricky to take them out independently for PE lessons, then it may be advisable to check your child's normal PE days and take their earrings out on the morning.
- **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)!
- If you would like to send your child to school in a summer dress, then this should be the blue or burgundy checked dresses, in line with policy. No other colours are accepted as part of the school's Uniform Policy. *George* at Asda and *Tu* at Sainsbury's are two places which sell both colours.

### 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.

In the warmer weather, children often take their coats off outside at lunch time and leave them on the field. 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.

Lost property is placed in the baskets in the entrance of school, should you need to try to locate a piece of uniform. There are lots of items there at the moment and we will endeavour to ensure all this is matched to the right owners within this summer 2 term.

### Summer months!

Now that the summer months are upon us, I would just like to remind parents that it is good practise, on sunny days, to make sure your child has some sun screen put on them before they come to school in the morning. This should help protect their skin in the morning and through lunch times, when the sun is at its strongest. Adults in school are not allowed to administer sun screen for the children. If you want your child to top up their sun screen throughout the course of the day, then your child needs to be able to put this on themselves, without adult intervention. It is rare that this top up is ever needed as lots of sun screens for children nowadays last at least the duration of a school day.

Please could I also remind you of the importance of your child bringing a water bottle to school each day. The bottles help keep children well hydrated during the day and this assists with their learning too! Children can re-fill their bottles when in school. Any bottles should be transparent and labelled with your child's full name. On warm days, the water bottles are taken outside at lunch time so writing the child's team on would be a good idea too.

### Books back to school

Many thanks to all parents who supported their child in searching for the pre-COVID reading books which belonged to Park Street. We managed to get a few back, so your efforts were very much appreciated!

Miss Baxter has spent a small fortune on revamping our school library and so there is now an array of school library books for the children to enjoy reading! It looks amazing – thank you Miss Baxter! She is working hard with our 'Reading Leader' children in school to keep the library ship shape and in pristine condition. We love reading at Park Street!

We actively encourage your child to read daily at home and reward this in school too. Please do take a read of the letter which our English Leaders sent out in summer 1, which shows the process of your child bringing a book home to read. These **MUST** be brought back on a daily basis and if they have not been seen by a member of staff, then notes home and phone calls will be made. This is purely so we are actively encouraging the children to take responsibility for the books they love and to ensure none go missing again!

Your support in this is massively appreciated!

### 3 Peaks Challenge!



As you will all be aware, a number of our staff team members have braved the '3 Peaks Challenge' this spring bank holiday! They have been aiming to raise money for school, to give back to the children following a turbulent couple of years due to the pandemic.

#### WHAT AN AMAZING THING TO DO!

I was overwhelmed to hear that they would be undertaking such an ordeal

for our school, but I think this expresses the amazing team of staff we have at Park Street and exemplifies the lengths they go to for the children and families of Park Street!



They undertook the challenge at the beginning of the holidays and to date have **managed to raise an amazing £1,509.**

**Miss S Rowson, Miss C Stuart, Miss S Hodgson, Miss V Bates and Mr A Fidment** all had an amazing time and were extremely proud of themselves and each other!

**Miss T Crookes and Miss B Rowson** were unable to do the challenge due to ill health, but are hoping to undertake the challenge by the summer holidays. As such the Just Giving page will remain open if

anyone wants to add a sponsor! The link is:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/beth-rowson?utm\\_term=WwbwMjvWM](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/beth-rowson?utm_term=WwbwMjvWM)

**MANY thanks to all of the families who have contributed, a great cause and a great TEAM!**

### Reading Together starts back up!

Many thanks to Miss McGinnes, our Reading Leader in school, who has organised for the EYFS and Year 1 'Reading Together' sessions to recommence this next summer 2 term! Miss McGinnes reported that it was amazing to see so many parents turn up for our first one on Tuesday last week, to read with their children and help foster a love and passion for reading amongst our children!

Well done to Grayson in Nursery, Bella in Team EO, George in Team CW and George in Team CH, who won our first post-COVID 'Reading Together' books! 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 starting on 07.06.22, from 2.45pm until 3.15pm**

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

No booking is needed, 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.

### **Key Stage 2 Eco Reps Litter Pick on Park Street! – 04.05.22**

A message from Miss Clementson, Eco-Rep Leader...

Now school life is getting back to normal after class bubbles, the Eco Reps have been getting into the swing of things caring for our local community! The Eco Reps were lucky to be joined by local community group "Twiggs" who accompanied us on a litter pick on Park Street and surrounding areas. We were completely astounded by the amount of litter we collected from such a small area, approximately 8 large bin bags! Not only were we shocked about the amount but also the types of rubbish people disposed of in the street and where they threw it! We found bottles, cans and wrappers stuffed behind the bus stop and Christmas wrapping paper amongst other Christmas rubbish in the salt bin in our local housing estate!

The Eco Reps really felt they made such a difference to our community and have asked to complete another litter pick next half term as there was so much more rubbish we didn't get time to collect. They are also wondering if the places we cleared litter from will still be litter free, so our fingers are crossed they are!

They all represented Park Street wonderfully and the Twiggs team were proud of their achievements too! We would like to give a special mention to Mrs Chavan, one of our school governors, who accompanied us on our litter pick! THANK YOU!

### **Our Rainbow member Rae is shining brightly...**

A message from Miss Clementson, Team CW teacher...



Park Street loves to celebrate individual achievements and we would love to share with you one of our "Rainbow's" special mission!

Rae is a fantastic member of Team CW and her mission is to make our world a lovely place to be by getting rid of all the litter! Rae cares deeply about the environment and has been inspired to buy her own litter pick and go with her family at weekends to rid the world of litter!

Rae says *"It's helping the Earth so animals don't get tangled in the rubbish. I enjoy doing it because it helps. I hope people will see me doing it and put their rubbish in the bin."*



What a truly amazing act that not only makes our community a beautiful place to be, but also makes it safe for wildlife too! Keep making a difference Rae, you are a SUPERSTAR!

### **Wear it Green day to help support our Gardening Club – 06.05.22**

Children were welcomed to school on this day to 'Wear it Green' or 'garden inspired' clothing! We asked for a donation of £1 and all contributions made have gone to our after school Gardening Club to help support

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them with their planting on school site, or to class planting activities. Mrs Stevens who leads our Gardening Club was so happy! **We managed to raise a whopping £154.90!**

It was wonderful to see the 'Grass Caterpillars' which were made! These are pictures of Team EO and Team CW's grass caterpillars. We took a picture of all 62 of them to submit to the National Children's Gardening Week competition. We are now patiently waiting to see if we have won anything!



Thank you to everyone's contributions, they made for a brilliant day!

### **Barnsley's Mayor visits Park Street – 29.04.22**

We had the great pleasure of welcoming Barnsley Town's Mayor to Park Street at the beginning of the half term. She attended to hand out certificates to the ten children who entered the Art competition for the COVID memorial, six of which were successful in having their art work actually imprinted on to the memorial!

She spoke about how significant this opportunity was for them and complemented their work as vital to supporting the people of Barnsley – we were so proud of the children's achievements and what an honour!

Thank you to Mrs Fitchett once again for taking opportunities like this for the children of Park Street!

### **Water Safety Talk – 16.05.22**

A member of the Hoyland Leisure Centre team visited school to talk about water safety and the importance of remaining vigilant when swimming in water, to Years 4 -6. This was to compliment the learning which takes place during swimming lessons when children at Park Street are in Year 5.

Thank you to Hoyland Leisure Centre for offering this free and extra learning opportunity.

### **Census Day at Park Street**



A big well done to Lee-Jay and Penelope for eating a lovely school dinner and winning our Census Day vouchers! Happy spending!

It massively helps school funds when more children eat a school lunch on Census Days, so thank you to everyone who recognises this and helps support the school, for the benefit of the children!

We would also like to express our thanks to Lynn Gilboy at ISS Catering who organises the vouchers for our school. It really does help by adding yet another incentive, so thank you very much!

**As always thank you to our catering team in school and to Mrs Jones for co-ordinating the event!**

## Sporting trips

Mr Smith confirms that this last half term the following events were undertaken by our sporting teams:

- Year 3/4 boys won the dodgeball tournament
- Year 3/4 girls came third in the football tournament
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- Year 3/4 girls came third in the dodgeball tournament.

A huge well done to all of the children involved for your efforts and enthusiasm! It certainly did not go unnoticed. It was amazing to see the comradery amongst the children representing our school, as they waved us goodbye each lunch time. They certainly worked as a team and Mr Smith said that each and every one of them represented school brilliantly! Go TEAM Park Street!

Thank you to Mr Smith for organising the events!

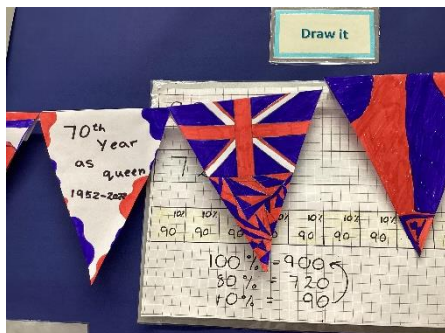
Wombwell Main Cricket Club also came in to school recently to coach our KS2 classes. They all, as always, thoroughly loved their training sessions!

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

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022; Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**Jubilee Celebrations – Wear it Red, White and Blue Day 25.05.22**

A message from Mrs Longden, Deputy Head teacher...



The whole school enjoyed engaging in a range of jubilee celebrations including: painting portraits of the Queen, art activities, creating bunting, enjoying street parties and afternoon tea, dressing up in red, white and blue and enjoying a whole school assembly where we learnt about our queen and sang the national anthem with Makaton signing!



## 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

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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](mailto:WPSSendco@ecmtrust.co.uk)

Please could you use this email address in future and not Mr Fidment's personal work email. We have recruited an Administrative Assistant, called Mrs S Goddard. This email inbox will be checked even more regularly by herself 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.

### Exciting staffing information

Following a re-structure of the Senior Leadership Team in school, I am pleased to inform you that Miss C McGinnes and Mr A Fidment are now the school's Assistant Headteachers. For the foreseeable, Miss McGinnes will remain the Nursery teacher and Mr Fidment will remain one of the Year 6 teachers also.

Miss McGinnes will be the school's official 'Reading Leader' and will continue to lead Early Years in to Key Stage 1. Mr Fidment will continue as SENDCo but will also take on more of a lead with Inclusion on a whole, including behaviour, the care for Looked After Children, transition and will also take a lead in the safeguarding of such children.

I am also pleased to announce that Miss E Overton will become a permanent member of staff at Park Street in September. Miss C Clementson will also remain in a part time role, teaching alongside Mrs J Watson.

Full staffing arrangements for 2022-23 will be sent out in due course as well as information around transition and classes for 2022-23, including support staff arrangements.

### Important Dates this term

**Phonics Screening Check for Year 1s (and Year 2 retakes)** – week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 (and the following week if needed)

**Multiplication Check for Year 4s** – week commencing Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and the following two weeks

**Safeguarding Awareness Month** – May 2022

**Records of Achievement out to parents** – WC 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Optional parental evening to discuss report** – 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022, 3.30-4.30pm drop in

**Reception – Year 5 transition day** – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**Team Sports Celebrations** – please see separate letter for class arrangements.

In response to one parental wish on our recent parental questionnaire, a letter regarding national testing periods for the academic year 2022-23 has already been sent out.

### 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](mailto: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:

<b>Objective 1</b>	<b>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).</b>
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<b>Objective 2</b>	<b>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.</b>
<b>Objective 3</b>	<b>To raise aspirations among children and parents/carers and raise awareness of a career options for all children, challenging gender stereotypes.</b>
<b>Objective 4</b>	<b>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.</b>

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](mailto: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!



I look forward to a positive half term here at Park Street on the lead up to the summer holidays. Let's hope the sun stays shining for us!

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Lawson  
Headteacher

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