



# Newsletter



February 2019

## Message from Mrs Lawson

Well, what another quick half term! 2019 seems to be going by just as quickly as 2018 did! Albeit a shorter half term, we have still had lots of exciting things going on at Park Street!

Staff and children have recently enjoyed some of our fundraising opportunities at school. The children (and staff) had lots of fun at the Valentine's Day Discos this week, where we raised over £600! There were lots of smiley faces and some amazing dances! The money raised will go straight back in to school funds and will be spent on Literacy resources and books for the children. We have had a really good family attendance at the coffee morning today, where children and parents enjoyed a drink, bun and a natter together. This is always lovely to see! Thank you for supporting school and the children, we really appreciate your co-operation waiting in the cold before the coffee morning—the reason for this is purely for safeguarding reasons as there are lots of children who use the reception area in the morning. Thank you.

The curriculum enrichment has been lovely to see in Early Years this half term. Knights were on our corridors this week, roaming around school and our Reception children had so much fun, as they helped them to learn about castles and knights. Year 5 had a great time on their memorial 'Walk of Wombwell' and Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their sporting trip to Netherwood! They were heard shouting 'Mrs Lawson, thank you so much for letting our year group go!' on their return. Amazing to hear they had so much fun (despite being a little nervous about 'going to the big school')! We have a number of exciting trips coming up after half term, like Team CB visiting the Dig in York, Team GG and JF visiting Murton Park and KS1 visiting castles. Have fun Teams!

Many of you may already know that our school has trained Thrive Practitioners in school: myself, Miss Grayhurst, Mrs Vaughton and now Mr Fidment too. Thrive is an initiative which draws on recent research in to a child's happiness, confidence and wellbeing, alongside neuroscience research. It provides professionals with a better understanding of how happiness and a person's capacity to manage their own feelings, is linked to their capacity to learn and ultimately thrive in life. Park Street are really passionate about this approach and our staff have had a lot of professional development around the language to use with children, when they are in a state of distress, anxiety and discomfort. It supports them in feeling happier and therefore more ready to learn. If you are interested in learning more, further information can be found at [www.thriveapproach.com](http://www.thriveapproach.com). It is well worth a read. Thrive is providing a great support for staff and children already at Park Street.

I am really pleased to let you know that we have two additional members of staff joining our TEAM after the February half term. Their names are: Miss C Milns and Miss C Hanson. They will be joining our staffing teams down in Early Years as Apprentice Teaching Assistants – welcome ladies, I'm sure you'll feel like you have been here forever very soon! I would also like to welcome two recent additions to our lunchtime SMSA team – Mrs A Chadwick and Mrs E Boardhurst.

Please note a few important notices:

### Uniform:

I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents and children about the Uniform Policy that we have in school, with particular reference to footwear:

*'The school strongly recommends that children come to school in sensible, smart, plain black shoes (leather where possible). Certain footwear is NOT permitted, including trainers and shoes with high heels/platforms, roller shoes or sandals in summer. Bright coloured shoes are discouraged.'*

School Governors, including myself, feel strongly about this and it is one aspect of our Policy that is not always followed. Please try to ensure your child's footwear is appropriate (slippers are not appropriate footwear to wear as indoor shoes).

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#### Parking:

I have recently been asked by a Councillor to remind parents / carers who park on the nearby Poplar Road (just off Park Street), to park with consideration and care for the residents of the street.

#### Parents dropping children off at Morning Activity Club:

Please could parents note that children attending Morning Activity Club **MUST** be brought in to school with an adult, as per the contract, whatever their age! Children MUST always be booked in beforehand too, to prevent disappointment.

#### Important dates for 2018-19

Thinking forwards to 'test' times this academic year, here is some important information. We would really appreciate that if your child is in Years 1, 2 and 6, you ensure they are in school during these important weeks. Children and staff work really hard and it would be a shame if children are absent from National tests and then do not have the chance to show their achievements:

**If your child is in Year 1** – your child will be taking their Phonics Screening Check test in the week beginning Monday 10th June 2019. Please ensure 100% attendance and no holidays.

#### **If your child is in Year 2:**

- if your child is due a retest in their Phonics Screening Check test then please ensure your child is in school week beginning Monday 10th June 2019. Please ensure 100% attendance and no holidays.
- ensure that there is full attendance, where possible in May 2019 and no planned holidays during this time, so as the children can take their Y2 SATs tests during the period of May 2019.

**If your child is in Year 6** – your child will be taking their KS2 SATs tests during the week beginning Monday 13th May 2019 (Monday – Thursday), so please ensure there is full attendance and no holidays.

If your child is in Reception: it is a really important year for your child, so please support school policy and try not to have any planned breaks in their education, so as they get off to the best start possible here at Park Street.

#### Safeguarding:

As you know, safeguarding is of paramount importance at Park Street. At the main entrance, you ring the bell to be let through into Reception. However, as you exit, for safeguarding reasons, the office staff will realise the button to let you out. Please note it is not broken, just part of the tightened safeguarding procedures.

I hope you all have a wonderful February half term and enjoy the holidays together!

Mrs Lawson x



P.S. Don't forget we have an inset day straight after the holidays, so I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 26th February!

#### **Inset Days 2018-2019**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

#### **Spring Term 1—Attendance Winners**

Our Attendance winners for this half term are...

### **TEAM AC !**

Team AC are invited to wear non-uniform on  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 as a reward!  
Well Done!

## Charity Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Christmas Chocolate Bouquet Fundraiser for Barnsley Hospice. The Hospice has confirmed that Park Street raised £79, which was added to all the other organisation's monies and the total raised was an amazing £7,882.65! We have been personally thanked by the Hospice and also asked to take part in their Easter Bouquet Fundraiser, so watch out for it in reception and choose a square to be in with a chance of winning!

Our recent Number Day for the NSPCC, was an exciting day where we raised money and took part in lots of exciting number based activities. Team JF competed in 'who wants to be a mathionnaire', Team LL completed a numbers 'Blockbuster', Team WP used their maths skills to bake to measure ingredients, played snap and lots of other number related games. We raised a total of £243—Thank you.

We are sincerely grateful for all the support from parents for the various causes which we choose to fund raise for and we are certain the charities will use the money to support those who need help. Our School Council are currently busy organising events for Red Nose Day and we will be selling Red Noses shortly.

Many Thanks

## School Fundraising

We have just held a hugely successful Valentine Disco, which has raised over £600. The money is being used to fund the purchase of new books for use throughout the school.

As we mentioned in our last newsletter we raised £149 by dressing up in our Christmas clothing, Mr Fidment has been busy spending this money on new playground equipment for pupils to use during lunchtime.

Thank you to everyone who has attended our Coffee Morning today, we hope you enjoyed spending time with each other here within school. Thank you to all who attended and those who helped out in the preparation and on the day. Once we have totalled up the amounts raised we will let you know how much has been raised and how this will be spent throughout school.

Thank you!

## Educational Visitors

We have been really lucky to have a visit from Escafeld Mediaeval Society who came into our school to spend the afternoon with our Reception classes to support our Fairytale topic. The knights brought some weapons to show us and we were amazed how big and heavy they were! We got to hold an axe, mace and swords including a huge two handed sword! We then got to try our hand at archery and had so much fun trying to hit the target! The evil Black Knight and his friends challenged the White knight to a tournament and we cheered them on! Luckily the White Knight won and the Black Knight was defeated!



A massive 'Thank you' to the team from Escafeld who so kindly came into school and gave us their time for free for the benefit of our pupils. Thank you to the parents who contributed a £1 donation which covered the teams travel expenses and enabled the event to happen. Big thanks to Miss Clementson for organising the whole event!

Thursday 17th January was Census Day. On this day the more school meals ordered results in an increase in funding that will contribute to teaching and learning. Thanks to the hard work of staff and our School Council, we increased the usual uptake of meals by 35%. The theme was 'Mad Hatters Tea Party' and everyone was invited to wear a hat (funny, silly, homemade etc). We offered incentives such as a fabulous themed menu with pupil favourites, a raffle and a prize draw for £10 Smyths vouchers, kindly provided by ISS Education Services. The lucky winners were Morgan and Jack. In the afternoon the children enjoyed watching the Disney film, Alice in Wonderland.



## Other News

### Attendance

Children who achieved an excellent 100% attendance for the Autumn term were awarded with certificates and stickers in our attendance assembly.

In total there were 89 pupils. A brilliant result!

Also certificates were awarded for improved attendance and a special award for 'an excellent attitude to attendance'. WELL DONE TO ALL!

Remember, if your child didn't quite make the 100% for the Autumn term, they now have another opportunity to receive a certificate for the Spring and the Summer terms!

Please keep up the good attitude to attendance!!

### End of School Day Arrangements

We politely request that where possible you give your child 'going home instructions' before they come into school and inform teachers/school office of any variations to the normal collection arrangements at the start of the day. We appreciate that on occasions you will need to contact school during the school day to amend these arrangements and we are more than happy to pass these on. In order for us to communicate this information with staff and pupils we need you to contact us as soon as possible in order that the message can be passed on in time for us to safeguard your child.

### Follow us on Twitter

As a school, we are all really excited to have created a Twitter account. This is an amazing opportunity for us to quickly pass on information and share some of the amazing things that we are doing throughout school. At the moment, we will only be using this to share information and we will not be tweeting any pictures of children.

Follow us - @WombwellParkSt  
#TeamParkStreet

### After School Clubs

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





## SEND Drop-In Sessions



Are you parent to a child with special educational needs or disabilities?

Do you have questions about your child's needs or their provision in school?

Would you like access to professional advice?

**Then why not drop-in for the opportunity to speak to professionals for advice and support around your child's needs;**

The sessions will be based at both ***Wombwell Park Street Primary School*** and ***High View Primary Learning Centre*** and parents from either school are welcome to attend any of the sessions.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

At High View Primary Learning Centre

**1.30-3.00pm**

In the Community Room

Professional;

Terrie McNiffe

Specialist Children's Nurse

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

At Wombwell Park Street Primary School

**1.30-3.00pm**

In the Community Room

Professional;

Matt Smith

ASD Coordinator at Community Paediatrics

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

At High View Primary Learning Centre

**1.30-3.00pm**

In the Community Room

Professional;

Lindsey Waugh

(Advice on sensory and social communication issues)

**Sian Vaughton (SENCO) will also be present at all sessions.**



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# *Symptoms of* Sepsis

Common infections can lead to sepsis.

Among adults with sepsis:



had a lung infection  
(e.g., pneumonia)



had a urinary tract infection  
(e.g., kidney infection)



had a type of gut infection



had a skin infection

## Fighting back against germs which affect our health

Infectious diseases can spread rapidly in schools such as sickness, diarrhoea, cold and flu viruses, scarlet fever and many more.



**Effective handwashing** is the single most important way in which to prevent the spread of infection, especially with sickness, diarrhoea and respiratory diseases.

### When to wash?

- Children and adults are encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue and wash hands afterwards when coughing and sneezing.
- Before preparing, serving and eating foods and snacks.
- After toileting.
- After contact with animals/pets
- For adults after assisting with toileting and changing nappies.





### Diarrhoea & Vomiting

If your child is absent with sickness and diarrhoea or both, your child should stay off school for 48 hours after the last known bout of sickness/diarrhoea before returning to school. Please see below information from the Public Health (England) team with advice of what to do at home.

## Diarrhoea and vomiting?

There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as norovirus  
Treat yourself at home while the virus runs its course

stay hydrated

take paracetamol

prevent spread

stay at home for two days  
after symptoms clear

Obviously, we know that on occasions, children can be sick for other reasons which are one off incidents. In these instances your child can return to school as soon as you feel they are fit to. If you have any queries regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01226 752029. Thank you

## Forthcoming Events

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

Date	Event
Friday 15th February 2019	Break up for half term
Monday 25th February 2019	Inset Day—School closed to Pupils
Tuesday 26th February 2019	Back to School
Tuesday 26th February 2019	Parental Meetings 3.30-6.00pm-Nursery
Thursday 28th February 2019	Parental Meetings 3.30-6.00pm-Reception to Year 6
Thursday 28th February 2019	Team CB—Titanic Day
Friday 1st March 2019	Team CB Trip to DIG
Monday 4th March 2019	Parental Meetings 3.30-6.00pm-Nursery to Year 6
Monday 4th March 2019	Team LG Bikeability begins—Monday to Thursday
Tuesday 5th March 2019	Parents of Children in Nursery, Reception, Years 1-3—Invited to come to school at 2.45pm to share a book with your child/children. (10.45am for morning nursery)
Wednesday 6th March 2019	Team LA Trip to Conisbrough Castle
Thursday 7th March 2019	World Book Day 2019-Come to school dressed as a book character
Monday 11th March 2019	Scholastic Book Fair-3.15pm until 4.00pm
Tuesday 12th March 2019	Scholastic Book Fair-3.15pm until 4.00pm
Tuesday 12th March 2019	Dental Survey for selected 5 year olds
Wednesday 13th March 2019	Scholastic Book Fair-3.15pm until 4.00pm
Wednesday 13th March 2019	Team JF Trip to Murton Park
Thursday 14th March 2019	Team AF & CT—Trip to Bolsover Castle
Friday 15th March 2019	Red Nose Day 2019
Tuesday 19th March 2019	Team GG Trip to Murton Park
Tuesday 26th March 2019	Team LG—Young Soldier Training Camp
Monday 8th April 2019	Team LG Residential
Tuesday 9th April 2019	Team LG Residential
Wednesday 10th April 2019	Team LG Residential
Friday 12th April 2019	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 29th April 2019	Back to School

## Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

We have three unclaimed prizes from today's coffee morning:

Blue 466-470

Yellow 226-230

White 311-315

Prizes can be collected from the school office. Thank you



## Safeguarding

Safeguarding is very important at Park Street.

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

Mrs Lawson or Mrs Longden  
(Designated Safeguarding Leads)  
Mrs Vaughton / Mrs Hitchens or  
Miss McGinnes  
(Deputy Safeguarding Leads).

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