



# Newsletter



April 2019

## Message from Mrs Lawson

Happy holidays everyone! This has been such an action packed half term, but a very rewarding one for Team Park Street! There have been lots of highlights; there have been trips, visitors and special events galore! What fun we have had!

Once again we have had some spectacular fund raising events and the money has gone back to the children, in the form of reading resources through school. Thank you so much for your contribution to this – it really doesn't go unnoticed! We have had a busy coffee morning again today which has been enjoyed by all and will add further money to this area! Reading is one of Park Street's school improvement priorities and I am so pleased with everyone's effort regarding this – thank you! I am sure if we all work together the children's attainment and progress in this area will go from strength to strength. Miss McGinnes and Miss Baxter (as Literacy Leaders), along with Mr Fidment, have been working very hard this half term to train teachers and TAs in Phonics and re-organise our school library. Such exciting times at Park Street – watch this space!

This half term the teaching staff have made great strides forward with our wider school curriculum. We are the proud owners of a 'GOLD Arts Award Mark', which means we teach the wide ranging skills of art very well, encouraging all children to become creative thinkers (a very important skill for when they are older and in the work place)! However, schools can always improve and we have worked hard on reviewing our curriculum and making further improvements. This is linked to the ECM Trust's Curriculum Intent, which focuses on LEAP!

**L for Language** (we want to improve the level of language and vocabulary which our children use)

**E for Experience** (we want to improve the quality of experience our children have in the wider curriculum, to make learning even more memorable so it fixes in to the children's long term memory)

**A for Aspiration** (we want to improve the children's aspirations for themselves and make them realise they can be whatever they want to be, if they work hard and develop strong resilience)

**P for Passion** (we want our children to really care for the world around them).

We have begun experimenting with curriculum days this term, focusing on our termly topic of history. Year groups have worked together on a history concept, to deepen their understanding by having a range of activities to work through during the day. These have been really successful and we are hoping to repeat these year group curriculum days each term. It has also been a wonderful chance for the children in split classes to work together, which is really important for them and for you as parents.

### 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).

As well as this, now it is getting warmer, I would like to remind parents of our policy regarding summer clothing. The policy states that:

***'During summer months, girls may wear a blue/white dog tooth checked dress as an alternative (but the school does not object to burgundy/white dog tooth either); boys and girls may both wear smart grey shorts.'***

### Parking:

Please do not park on the yellow floor markings below the barrier on the drive. A number of parents / carers who know the school well persist on parking here. It is a danger to the full school if any emergency vehicles need to access the main school site and staff can't cross safely from the car park. Please park elsewhere. I will be focusing on this area of safeguarding next half term with our Chair of Governors, when we meet to discuss how well we safeguard the children.

Parking on the drive in the morning is so much better than it used to be, but please can all of our community accept that we have parents / carers and children who need to access the top of the drive and school need to enable them access to do this. Mrs Turner as Office Manager manages this on a daily basis and does an excellent job in doing so. Please park respectfully and use the drop off at the top of the drive as exactly that – to drop off. Staff need to park at the top of the drive too, in order for school doors to open at 8.35am.

### Important dates for 2018-19

We would really appreciate that if your child is in Years 1, 2 and 6 at present, 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Please ensure 100% attendance and no holidays.
- Please ensure that there is full attendance 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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Monday – Thursday), so please ensure there is full attendance and no holidays.

**If your child is in Year 1, 2, 4 or 6 next year (2019-20) please consult the following website for details over their statutory tests – periods of time which absolutely need your child to be in school:**

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

Please note that if your child is in Year 1 or 2 in 2019-20 they will have their Phonics Screening Check and/or their KS1 SATs. If your child is in Year 4 they will have a new statutory assessment in their 'Times Tables Check'. Of course if your child is in Year 6, they will have their end of KS2 SATs. All the dates are available on the website above.



I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and enjoy your time together! Thank you once again for all your support, we couldn't do it without you!

Mrs Lawson x

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

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

### **Spring Term 2—Attendance Winners**

Our Attendance winners for this half term are...

**TEAM AC & TEAM CB!**

Both teams are invited to wear non-uniform on  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 as a reward!  
Well Done!

## Charity Fundraising

We are sincerely grateful for all of 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.

### Red Nose Day

This term, the children and staff raised money for Red Nose Day by dressing up in red. The children had the opportunity to buy buns at playtime (thank you to all those parents/carers who provided these) as well as Red Noses from our School Council Members. In the afternoon, the children watched a Strictly Come Dancing Red Nose Day Special, where some of our staff members performed Waka Waka. We also had an extra special performance from some of Team LL, who dressed up in costume to perform Abba's Dancing Queen (sung by Mrs Crossfield). Some of our Park Street members got creative at home and designed a new Red Nose in order to participate in a colouring competition, judged by Mrs Fitchett. Well done to Gracie and Blake, our competition winners. Park Street would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who supported our charity day. Together we raised £610.32!! Many Thanks!

## School Fundraising

We have just held a hugely successful Easter Disco, which has raised over £450. The money is going straight back to the being used to fund the purchase of new books for use throughout the school. Watch this space for September 2019!

Thank you to everyone who has attended our Coffee Morning in February and 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. The February coffee morning raised just over £200. Once we have totalled up the amounts raised from today, we will let you know our team's success and how this will be spent throughout school!

Thank you to all the families who visited our recent book fair. We managed to earn over £393 in commission which we have spent on books for the children in school - fantastic! Thank you!

## The Big Spring Clean

Our School Council and Eco Reps participated in 'The Big Spring Clean!' This annual event aims to make our community a lovely place to be! We held the 'Spring Clean' of Park Street on 21<sup>st</sup> March and the children tried their best to free the locality of litter. Amanda Bradshaw - the Community Development Officer, from the Wombwell Ward Alliance and the South Area Tidy Team, joined the Park Street team to help out. Mrs Chavan our school Governor also came along to lend her support. Miss Clementson led our 'Eco Reps' and Miss Garratt led our 'School Council' to complete the litter pick. Early Years and Key Stage 1 children did a fab job of collecting litter within the school grounds, mainly the Nature Area and found bags of rubbish including sweet wrappers and plastic drinks bottles. KS2 tackled an area of Park Street along the main road and were amazed at the volume of rubbish they collected. We have been lucky enough to take part in 'The Big Spring Clean' for the past two years and what better way to look after our area and make it a lovely place to be while caring for the environment. We are already hoping to help next year too, and regularly take part in litter picks within our school playground. As a school we ask that parents / carers / and children support us by continuing to use bins within the local area or take any rubbish home!

### World Book Day

Park street enjoyed celebrating a love of books on World Book Day. Children and staff dressed as their favourite book characters and each class learnt about a different book or author. The children also enjoyed "reading buddies" where older and younger children in school paired up to read books together and "story swap" where teachers swapped classes and read their favourite story to a different class. We also had a great turn out for 'Reading Together' where parents were invited into school to share books with their children.

Improving Reading in school is one of our main school improvement priorities, so thank you so much for encouraging and modelling positive attitudes to reading Team Park Street!

### Nursery 'Stay & Play'

On Wednesday 3rd April nursery parents were invited to stay and join in our learning for part of the session. We were joined by lots of mums, dads and grandparents who were able to have a go at lots of different activities both inside nursery and in our outdoor area. Thank you so much to everyone who was able to make it, the children love showing their grownups what they do in nursery every day! Look out for future dates for the summer term.

### 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

### Missing Reading Books

Following an audit of reading books in school, we have lots of books missing. Please could everyone have a good look at home and return any books belonging to school. Thank you very much.



### 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.

### 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.



### Team JF—Trip to Murton Park

To enhance our learning Team JF visited Murton Park. This day out enabled the children to become a member of the Roman army and experience what life would be like during this time.

Throughout the day the children took part in a series of activities such as: weapons training; making an oil lamp; writing a letter home in Latin and taking a tour of a Roman fort. The children were a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed the day!

### Team AC —Trip to Conisbrough Castle

Despite a rather soggy day the children had a wonderful time at Conisbrough Castle as part of their History topic. They took part in a fabulous workshop where the children got to dress up as Medievals who would have lived in the castle over 850 years ago. They found out a lot about the history of the castle and the jobs that people would do. They were able to explore the castle and even managed to climb the many steps until they got to the top of the castle with its wonderful views over Conisbrough and its surrounding areas. All the children had a great time.

### Team GG —Trip to Murton Park

The children had an amazing time at Murton Park where they got the chance to explore what life was like as a Celt in Britain. Throughout the day, the children took on numerous roles of farming, grinding flour, hunting, making pots as well as practising their methods of fighting the enemy.

The children were so engaged throughout the day where they took on an active role. Not only that but they also got the opportunity to go and scare the Romans outside their hillfort. Brilliant learning included: one of the special weapons that the Celts had, that the Romans did not understand (and they were scared of), was their Druid.

Before finally leaving for school, the children experienced the special offering of a sword by the Druid to their Gods and Goddesses in the still lake. What a truly amazing day it was! All staff were incredibly proud of the team.

### Team CB —Trip 'The Dig' in York

Team CB kicked off the second installment of their History topic with a trip to DIG! Here, the children took part in various different workshops as well as becoming archaeologists and participating in four different interactive digs to uncover evidence of Viking presence in Britain. The class were a credit to the school and were so engaged from the word go! They especially loved the 'Battle Tactics' workshop, where they were able to hold real Viking weaponry. To round off the day they also practiced battle formations and each used their own shields to form a barricade. All in all a thoroughly fantastic trip with a thoroughly wonderful group of children!

### Team AF & CT —Trip to Bolsover Castle

This half term, Team CT and Team AF visited Bolsover Castle. During our visit, we enjoyed learning about William Cavendish, exploring the areas of the castle and thinking about the different people who lived and worked in the castle. Walking around the extensive grounds, we were amazed with the spectacular views over Derbyshire. This was a great learning experience for all of the children!

### Team LG — World War One Day

During this term, Team LG became extremely inquisitive about the lives of young soldiers during WW1. The children listened to Michael Morpurgo's 'Private Peaceful', which sparked the interest of the children to learn more about the life of child soldiers. On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Team LG participated in a young soldier's training camp run by Mr Fidment. As part of their training, the children learnt the basics of first aid (including CPR), field craft, drill and survival in the outdoors. The most fun part of the day was when Team LG covered themselves in camcream to make sure they were camouflaged whilst in the nature reserve.

### Team LG — Bikeability

Well done to all Team LG members who have completed Bikeability this half term (Level 1 and Level 2). The Bikeability team were super impressed with your outstanding behaviour and fantastic listening skills. Happy riding on the roads and stay

## Year 3—The Wright Brothers' Flight Day

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Year 3 took part in a historical event where the children had to board a plane to begin their journey of developing their knowledge of...

- ♦ Who, when and where were the Wright brothers?
- ♦ What did they decide to invent and why?
- ♦ How long did it take them to succeed in their invention?
- ♦ Who and what inspired them?
- ♦ How has their invention impacted on our lives today?

Year 3 were very lucky today as they had two special guests in to talk about their career and how the first flight of the Wright brothers has developed new roles within the flight industry. Mr Blanchard (parent of



Owen and Ella) kicked started their journey by speaking about the RAF and how flight has evolved over time. He showed examples of different aircrafts used within both World Wars, and how the RAF began. During the talk, the children experienced and developed their knowledge through the use of video clips, images as well as the talk given. They heard about all the different types of job opportunities with the RAF. Before finishing, the children asked some amazing questions about the aircraft, the speed and how the colours were produced from the aircraft during the shows. Thank you so much Mr Blanchard!

Throughout the day, the children rotated round the different activities to develop their knowledge and find out the answers to the above questions. They used newspaper clippings, images, timeline cards, iPad and books, to develop their History and reading skills—such a memorable experience.

In the afternoon, the children had the privilege of experiencing what it must be like to fly in a small aircraft that had been designed and made by Mr Whittaker. He showed the year group all the different models of aircrafts he had made over the years. Between talking about the different aircrafts, the children also had the chance to try out the different small model type card and wooden planes that Mr Whittaker had created as part of his inventing. Thank you so much Mr Whittaker!



## Educational Visitors

### Science Show

KS1 and KS2 were lucky enough to be visited by Kinetic Theatre Company. Kinetic Theatre have visited Park Street for the past few years showcasing their acting talents to perform engaging and exciting Science shows! This year the show taught all about sound and was called Lady Cecily's Sound box. The play began with the evil Elizabeth Taunton hatching a plot to kill Queen Victoria by means of a sound activated bomb. She first taught more about sound and her weasley partner in crime, Sir Foster Ramrod, explained the basics of sound production. Thank you for all of your contributions which have allowed us to invite them back next year for their country and Western show about light and colour "The Light Fantastic!".

### RNLI Visit

Year 3 have been lucky enough to enjoy a visit from Sue Cameron from the RNLI this last week. They have learnt about water dangers and risks and learnt about how to keep themselves safe around lakes, canals, streams, seas and oceans. Miss Fury was incredibly pleased by Year 3's behaviour and the impressive questions they asked to find out more. Well done our water experts!



## 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.

**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.**

## Forthcoming Events

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

Date	Event
Friday 12th April 2019	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 29th April 2019	Back to School
Wednesday 1st May 2019	Reception Pupils—Hearing Tests
Friday 3rd May 2019	Non-Uniform Day for donations for Summer Fair-Letter to follow
Monday 6th May 2019	BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO STAFF AND PUPILS
Friday 10th May 2019	Reception Pupils-Vision Screening
Monday 13th May 2019	Year 6 SATS-SPaG
Tuesday 14th May 2019	Year 6 SATS-Reading
Wednesday 15th May 2019	Year 6 SATS-Maths Paper 1 & 2
Thursday 16th May 2019	Year 6 SATS-Maths Paper 3
Thursday 23rd May 2019	Break up for Half Term Holidays
Friday 24th May 2019	INSET DAY—SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Monday 3rd June 2019	Back to School
Tuesday 18th June 2019	Team LG—Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Friday 19th July 2019	Break up for Summer Holidays
We will sent out a full timetable of events for the summer term as soon as possible after the Easter Holidays, which will include sports days etc.	

## INSET DAYS 2019-2020

We can now confirm our Inset Days for the next academic year.

**Monday 2nd September 2019**  
**Friday 25th October 2019**  
**Monday 24th February 2020**  
**Friday 22nd May 2020**  
**Monday 20th July 2020**

## Unclaimed Raffle Prizes

We have several unclaimed prizes from todays coffee morning:  
 White 211, White 141, Orange 56  
 Orange 86 and Orange 261

Prizes can be collected from the school office. Thank you





## Could you help our Gardening Club? We need donations .....

Our gardening club is starting up straight after the holidays and they are in desperate need of a few essentials so they can get busy and improve the area around school. Do you have an allotment or greenhouse where you've been busy growing fruit and veg from seed that would transfer into our flower beds for our children to look after? They are also in need of: compost, plants, seeds and planters.

If you can help please either call into the school office or phone school on 752029. Our gardening club would be so grateful for anything that you could donate to school! Many Thanks—Park Street Gardening Club

## Summer is on it's way.....

Fingers crossed the warmer weather is just around the corner, with this in mind we asking for your help with a few things.... We are unable to apply sun cream to our pupils so we ask that when required, parents apply sun cream before the children come into school, and bring a hat to wear. We request that **ALL** children bring a water bottle to school everyday, we are unable to supply pupils with drinking cups but sell reusable water bottles from the school office for £1.20. Please ensure all items including coats, jumpers/cardigans and hats etc. are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid items getting lost after break times, when the children tend to get hot and remove outer layers of clothing.

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding is very important at Park Street.

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

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

Also available to speak to regarding welfare and wellbeing issues are  
Mrs Vaughton (SENCo) or Mrs Turner (Office Manager & Attendance Officer)

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