



Wombwell Park Street Primary School

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Tuesday 6th September 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome back to school Team Park Street! It has been lovely to see the children and parents over the last few mornings. The children have looked really smart in their school uniforms and looked very happy to be coming back to school. Our staff team hope you have all had a wonderful summer holidays – let's hope we can continue to have some decent weather before the winter months!

We welcome 45 new Reception children to school this week and also a few new children further up school. We are positive that you will settle in to school life really quickly – we are looking forward to working with the new children and their families.

Reminders for new Reception parents:

05.09.22	9-11.30am
06.09.22	9-12.30pm (with lunch)
07.09.22	9-2.30pm (with lunch)
08.09.22	Full time – 8.35-3.15pm

Summer term success 2021-22

I wanted to celebrate the success which our newly re-formed Parent's Group had in the summer term last year. The group worked exceptionally hard to organise the best summer fair which Park Street has ever seen. As a result, they managed to make a staggering £1954.14 which will help the school massively this academic year. They also did lolly and uniform sales, which brought in additional funds. We will of course let you know what we spend the money on.

I would like to thanks the Parent's Group for all of their hard work, dedication and commitment to the school. We will keep you informed of what we spend the money on, but it will help the school in continuing to put on special events for the children, buy new playground equipment and also put on events for the children eg end of Year 6 disco and Award's Evening.

We look forward to working with the group moving forwards, to put on further events as we did pre-pandemic. These events included termly coffee mornings, Halloween and Easter Discos and Christmas celebrations, for example.



Another extra special thankyou to our amazing group of staff who completed the 'Three Peaks Challenge' last term. They managed to raise a whopping £1,579. This money is now in school funds and will be spent on activities to enrich the children's play and lunch times. THANK YOU so much to the staff once again for their love of the school and children! You are a true inspiration to us all!

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The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Portrait Competition winners – Summer 2022

This last term we had three winners, for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee portrait competition in Barnsley. Once again Park Street have excelled in an Art competition! Please find below their amazing portraits of the Queen and a picture of them enjoying a celebration event with the Mayor of Barnsley, at Barnsley Town Hall! All three boys had an amazing experience – well done!

We have Evan's contribution:



We have George's contribution:



We have Samuel's contribution:



Attendance reminders

Please note that we are continuing with our tenacious approach in ensuring the children at Park Street achieve good attendance rates, as we strongly believe that this has a positive impact on children's life chances.

Our attendance target is 97% and we aim for all children to be in class as doors open at 8.35am, with registers taken by 8.45am. Any children who arrive later than this time need to enter the school through the main school Reception area and not the classroom doors. Any late children should always be accompanied with an adult also, to hand over reasons for lateness.

Our Nursery times are as follows and we have the same tenacious attitude to Nursery children and families as we do towards full timers:

Morning session - 8.15-11.15am

Afternoon session – 12.30-3.30pm

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Children who are late to school are impacted on massively. They lose learning time when they are at their most alert and it is often embarrassing for children to walk in to a classroom full of children when they are late. Learning starts as soon as the children walk through the door at Park Street – please ensure they don't miss out on this!

It also impacts on our school Office staff, who are working hard to organise systems and processes for the school day, for the benefit of the children. With them having to break off from their daily tasks has an impact on the school's efficient running. We also give £5 each week to the top two scoring classes, which they collect and spend at the end of the school year – don't let your child's team down! Please do your bit and ensure all children are in as soon as they can be.

If your child is poorly, please ensure you phone the school each morning of their absence to give their name and reasons for absence.

Please continue to let school know if your child tests positive for COVID-19 on an LFT. They will still need to self-isolate for three days (day 1 being the day after symptoms start / they take an LFT). Staff will continue to isolate for 5 days if they test positive.

This academic year, our Education Welfare Officer is called: Julie Marsh.

If we have concerns regarding your child's attendance and feel intervention is needed from the Education Welfare Services, this is the person who would be calling or visiting families and inviting you in for meetings to discuss a plan for moving forward.

INSET Days and Holidays 2022-23

I would like to remind all parents that the remaining INSET days for this academic year are as follows:

Monday 31st October 2022

Monday 20th February 2023

Friday 26th May 2023

School will be closed for children on these days. These dates are at the bottom of our website home page if you lose the letter!

Our school currently follows Barnsley MBC's school holidays, which can be found using the following link:

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

Our school does not authorise holidays taken during term time and Penalty Notices may be given if the Local Authority agree it meets the thresholds. Please note the money from these charges does not come back in to school funds.

Statutory Tests for this academic year 2022-23

Last academic year I wrote out to parents to inform them of the following statutory assessment dates for 2022-23, but I thought a reminder would be useful. 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 Reception during 2022-23, their initial school baseline will be completed within the first 6 weeks of their Reception year. This will begin in week 1!
- 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 three-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:

Monday 8th May – English Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Papers 1 and 2

Tuesday 9th May – English Reading Paper

Wednesday 10th May – Mathematics Paper 1 and 2

Thursday 11th May – Mathematics Paper 3

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>

Leaders through school will be writing out with dates for workshops this half term, where parents will be invited in to listen to Park Street's strategies for teaching Phonics, learning in EYFS, Maths and the wider curriculum. This will hopefully support you in better supporting your children at home, with their home learning and home work.

Please also ensure you watch out for the letter regarding Seesaw, our online platform for learning and homework, so as your child can access learning at home. Also, please watch out for a letter regarding reading at home expectations and procedures.

Using the school site

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many of you will remember that we had a 'stick to the right' rule for moving around the school premises, to allow for social distancing. We still continue with this system even now, as this helps good organisation on school site.

So, please enter the school site through the right-hand gate and walk up the right hand side of the school path on to the playground. As you exit the school, again please walk down the right hand side of the path, cross the road at the top of the turning circle and walk down the right hand path, out of the right hand exit as you walk further down the pass.

School staff will be on site at the beginning and the end of the school day to encourage this 'one way' flow. Year 4 – 6 staff will also continue walking their Teams down to the gate at 3.15pm, to help support this.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents that only permit holders are allowed through the gates at the bottom of the school drive at the beginning and end of the day. These gates are locked by Equans staff at 8.20-9am and then again at 2.30-3.30pm.

Feel Good Fridays

As many of you will know, every other Friday we hold 'Feel Good Fridays'. These are days when the children and staff are invited in to school in their non-uniform sportswear and each Team has an additional focused physical activity to support their mental and physical health and wellbeing. Fitness is something we hold as a priority (as well as reading, maths, writing, curriculum and attendance to name a few...!) so we have these additional activities to help! We have been running the days now for over a year and the children, staff and parents love them! No charge is needed, just the children in their sports gear! The first one of these days will be: **Friday 9th September 2022** and will fall every other week from then on.

The dates are as follows for the autumn term:

September	9 th and 23 rd
October	7 th and 21 st (and 21 st will also be 'Wear it Red' day to stamp out racism, as part of Diversity and Inclusion WB 17.10.22)
November	4 th and 18 th
December	2 nd and 16 th

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Reading Together for Nursery – Year 1

Miss McGinnes (Assistant Headteacher for EYFS, KS1 and Reading) will be launching the 'Reading Together' sessions for children and families in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 in the coming weeks. This was started pre-pandemic and we had a huge success, with lots of families in support of our ethos that 'every child should be a reader!' as it opens so many pathways for the children with their learning. We re-launched it again this last summer term with amazing success and popularity, so we look forward to opening the doors once again on Tuesdays.

Miss McGinnes will write out with start dates and arrangements in due course.

Transition Meetings for 2022-23

Just a little reminder that our teachers are holding Transition Meetings for parents to attend on 07.09.22 at 3.30-4pm and repeating again at 4.05-4.35pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher and find out a bit more about their expectations and the learning which will take place over the course of the year. Please simply enter through your child's external classroom doors. This is for all children in Reception – Year 6.

After School Clubs

Over the course of the first few weeks, we will be setting up our 'After School Club' offer at Park Street, so watch this space! We will be continuing with a KS1 and 2 Multi Skills club, Choir and dancing, to name a few.

We are also continuing with our successful 'Morning Activity Club' (MAC) organised by Mrs A Godany, 8-8.30am Monday – Friday and 'Kidz Club' (after school provision) organised by Mrs S Stevens, 3.15-5.45pm. If you would like further information on these paid provisions, then please contact the main school Office and they will be happy to answer any questions you have. All bookings are made through the School Gateway App and spaces are limited so as we can organise staffing in advance.

Staffing

We warmly welcome a new Teaching Assistant to our school team; Miss E Hampshire. She will be working in a number of teams this year, predominantly Team JF and Team CH. I know you will all join me in welcoming her to the school team. She is very excited about this new chapter!

Should you have any queries or questions then please do speak to a member of your child's class team, a member of our Admin team or a member of the Senior Leadership team.

Our Senior Leaders have the following responsibilities – please speak to them if you need to!

Mrs C Lawson – Headteacher; Teaching and Learning; School systems, policies and procedures; Designated Safeguarding Lead; Child Protection and CLA Officer; Year 5 teacher Friday mornings

Mrs L Longden – Deputy Headteacher; Year 6 teacher, Curriculum Lead; Designated Safeguarding Lead; Pupil Premium Lead

Miss C McGinnes – Assistant Headteacher; EYFS Lead; KS1 Lead; Reading Lead; Deputy DSL

Mr A Fidment – Assistant Headteacher; SENDCO and Inclusion Manager; Maths Lead; Computing Lead

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.

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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.

SEN Information

As many of you will know, Mr Fidment is our school's Special Educational Needs & Disability Co-ordinator (SENDCo). To ensure optimum communication with parents of children with SEND needs, he is often out on the school site at the top of the drive every day possible (staffing dependent). If you would like to speak to him face to face then this is a good opportunity, even if it is to simply ask for a call back. As well as this, an email address has been organised for parents of children with SEND needs to email in to school directly about their child.

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

Please could you use this email address and not Mr Fidment's personal work email. We are in the process of recruiting an Administrative Assistant after our existing Assistant has moved on, Mrs S Goddard. She will be sadly missed! This email inbox 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. Please do bear in mind that Mr Fidment is also one of our Year 6 teachers and so will not be managing the inbox throughout the school day as he will be teaching.

Safeguarding

The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) in school are as follows:

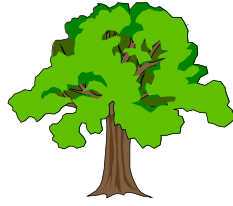
Mrs C Lawson (Headteacher) and Mrs L Longden (Deputy Headteacher) – DSLs
Mrs C Hitchens (PSA) and Miss C McGinnes (EYFS/KS1 Lead) – Deputy DSLs

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 will write out within the next couple of weeks with a calendar of planned events, for the remainder of the year, so as you have as much notice as possible. This will include termly Parental Evenings, Christmas events, celebration days in school and Sports Days etc.



Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Lawson
Headteacher

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