

Welcome back after the long summer vacation. We hope you all had a relaxing break and are ready for the new school year.

## Dates for your Diary

09-12.10 18	Individual Parent Meetings - SEND
16-17.10 18	Individual Parent Meetings
19.10.18	Friends Halloween Disco
23.10.18	Tempest Individual Photos
25.10.18	Last day for Pupils
26.10.18	INSET
05.11.18	Term 2 starts—Pupils return to school
16.11.18	Children in Need Day
28/11-5/12.18	Book Fayre Week
05.12.18	Christmas Fayre
12-14.12.18	KS1 Nativity
14.12.18	Friends Winter Wonderland
18.12.18	Christmas Meal for Pupils
21.12.18	Class Parties (No School Meals)
21.12.18	End of Term 2 & Christmas Jumper Day

## School News

We have three new teachers starting with us this year. Miss Woodington, a previous pupil of The Park, moves across from Parkwall and is teaching in Year 5. Mrs Wilkins and Miss Pilgrim are both NQTs and are teaching in Years 3 and 4 respectively. All have made a fabulous start to the new academic year and are really enjoying life at The Park.

We would like to say a huge congratulations and a big thank you to Mr Bickle from The Park and Mr Jelf from Parkwall who successfully completed a 300 mile charity bike ride in just 3 days. Mr Bickle and Mr Jelf raised over £3,000 for the MIND charity in memory of our colleague and friend, Mr Andy Jones.

## Inset Days 2018/19

**Mon 3 September 2018**

**Fri 26 Oct 2018**

**Mon 7 Jan 2019**

**Mon 22 July 2019**

**Tues 23 July 2019**

## Attendance Matters

Daily attendance is important for all children and young people to succeed in education and to ensure they don't fall behind both socially and developmentally. Children and young people who regularly attend school, typically have better health, better employment outcomes and higher incomes across their lives.

We love it when children come into school every day, so we celebrate their 100% attendance in our special assemblies.

## Messages from the Office

Lots of Lost Property!

With the new year comes new uniform and unfortunately the start of a lost property mountain. Each week the yellow lost property bin is emptied and anything labelled reunited with the owner. This then leaves many bin bags full of unnamed items – every week.

This process is costly for parents and time consuming for the school. We try very hard to ensure clothing is returned and if every item was labelled this system would work beautifully.

We have around 5 bin bags of clothing and 3 bin bags of wellies which will be put out for collection by ANYONE who wants to take the items. Unfortunately if they are not claimed next week, they will go to a clothing recycling company. We will advise parents via text which day it will be available. Parents should check the lost property bin situated on the Year 1 Terrace, in the first instance for any items missing.

## **Digital Park and PayPoint**

The school has opted to become a cashless office, with the exception of payments in the Breakfast Club. This makes it more secure and reduces the ability for children to lose money. Parents have the ability to pay through the internet on smartphones, tablets etc via School Money. Cash payments can be made at any shop displaying the PayPoint sign. Parents still wanting to pay with cash can collect a digital payment slip from the office and make cash payments at the shop.

## **Around the Classes**

### **Reception**

In Reception this term we are having lots of fun getting to know each other with our topic 'Marvellous me'! We are learning routines, making friends and learning new things every day. This week we have been painting self-portraits and cannot wait to show them to everyone who visits our classrooms! We are especially enjoying taking home our bedtime stories to share with our grown-ups and we are all trying so hard to recognise and write our names.

This week we have gone number crazy and have been exploring numbers. It is a very busy time in Reception this term and we really appreciate parents and carers support in helping their children settle into school life.

### **Year 1**

Our theme this term is All about me. We have been reading and writing about the story 'Ned' and are now moving onto 'I'm the happiest'. Thank you to all the parents who came along to our Year 1 parents meeting. Every child should now have some activities to practise at home.

### **Year 2**

Our main cross curricular learning for this term is a geography based theme called Amazing adventures. Our year group books are The Lonely Beast and Beegu. Parents were invited to attend a Y2 parents' meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 2.30pm.

### **Year 3**

Our main cross curricular learning for this term is a history based theme called Rocking up to the Romans. Our year group book is Stone Aged Boy. Parents were invited to attend a Y3 parents meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 2.40pm.

### **Year 4**

Pupils in Year 4 are studying a history based theme called Amazing Ancient Asia. The year group reading book is The Firework Maker's Daughter by Phillip Pullman.

## **Year 5**

The main learning theme for Year 5 pupils this term is El Salvador, where children will be learning about the geography of this South American country. Pupils will be reading Shackleton's Journey and this will inform much of the English work for the term. Parents were invited to attend a Year group meeting on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3.20pm

## **Year 6**

Our main cross curricular learning for this term is a geography based theme called Searching for Landmarks. A school trip to London to explore the landmarks took place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October. Our year group book is The London Eye Mystery. Parents were invited to attend a Y6 parents meeting evening on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 5pm where we discussed trips, SATs and expectations before secondary school.

## **Forest Schools**

This term we are starting the year making Dream Catchers and thinking about our dreams for the future. We love going to the park and our sessions there are all about seed dispersal, there are seeds that fly, roll, are buried and even travel in poo! The end of the term is going to be all about water and the weather – let's hope there is not too much rain though!

## **Information Technology**

Computing kicks off with the theme Online Safety. This term also includes learning in Advertising, Spam – not the tinned type, and Self Esteem. Code Club starts for Years 5 and 6 after school on Tuesday & Digital Leaders will be chosen.

## **Sports**

Term 1 PE - Children will be learning and taking part in a number of outdoor and indoor sports this term such as Boccia, New Age Kurling, Football, Tag Rugby and Netball.

Children in Years 5 & 6 have been taking part in Sportshall Athletics practise working alongside Dean Garrett from CSET Sports in preparation for the upcoming competition.

Well done to all children involved in Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September Year 3/4 Football competition winning 3 and drawing 2 games.

All results can be found on the Park Primary PE twitter page.

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