



Park and Parkwall Primary Federation

Term 1 Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back everyone.

What a fantastic two weeks back it has been! The children have seemed so settled and happy in their new classes and our new staff have settled into the Park team brilliantly. It has been so lovely to see so many of you after 6 long weeks away. We also want to say a huge well done to our new Reception children who started their Park journey.

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You can continue to see all the fantastic celebrations and photos throughout the term. Children will be **geographers** this term.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100063902059570>

Outdoor Learning Term 1

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be having exciting outdoor learning opportunities this year.

Our British weather means children will need a waterproof coat for every outdoor lesson. On very warm/hot days children will need a long sleeved top. There are nettles and brambles in our outdoor area so arms and legs must be covered at all times. Please make sure these clothes are brought to school every week. Children can leave their clothes on pegs if you prefer.



Medical

Please ensure your child's medical information on Arbor is up to date and correct. If your child requires medication in school, please bring this to the main school office (please do not hand to the class teacher) and a medication form will need to be filled in and signed by a parent/guardian. This includes inhalers – please make sure the (in date) inhaler is labelled with the child's name. Please also note, it is school policy that we are only able to give prescribed medication to the children.

Communication

Our teachers are happy to talk to you first thing on a morning and at the end of the day. They are always happy to answer queries and assist. If you have a concern that requires more time, please feel free to contact our office, in the first instance, who can direct your concern to the relevant member of staff. A meeting will be arranged to discuss this in more detail. Concerns should always go through the class teacher first, rather than direct to the Head of School, unless of a safeguarding nature.

Snacktime

Children will be provided daily with a piece of fruit in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Those children in Key Stage 2 can bring to a school a healthy snack (cereal bar or fruit) for break time.

School Office

Please be aware of the office opening hours: 8am – 4:15pm

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality is extremely important and we celebrate the class whose attendance is the best each week with the attendance trophy. Holidays will continue to be unauthorised and we encourage families to take holidays outside of term time. Taking holiday during term time could incur a South Gloucestershire council fixed penalty fine and hugely impacts a child's attainment in school. We must also remind parents that children should be lined up at 8.45 to start their day and that any child that arrives after 8.55am will be marked down as late. A reason for lateness will be asked by our Office.

Only children in years 5 and 6 (with valid permissions on Arbor) are permitted to walk to school alone.

Absence

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 9.30am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms and continue to update us throughout the week if your child is absent for more than 2 days. Please call the office on the absence line **01454 866537**.

If we do not hear from you, we will call or text you to find out why your child is not in school. If we are unable to make contact and you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised. If we do not hear from you regarding your child's reasons for not being in school after a couple of days, we treat this as a safeguarding concern and may carry out a home visit.

Uniform

Standards in uniform are important in ensuring all school members feel part of the school community, help to prevent bullying and ensure correct health and safety. This is in line with all other schools. I would like to remind parents that earrings (hoops) are not allowed. In addition to this, false nails, makeup etc are also prohibited. Black school shoes/trainers should be provided and staff have been asked to make contact with parents/carers if this is not in place. PE kits are also to be worn for their lessons, please ensure PE kits are bought in a bag and labelled for them to change into. PE t-shirts are sold in the school office for £1. We appreciate your support with this.

Supporting children at home with reading

As always, we strive to do our best in school to ensure that every child leaves Park reading to a good standard. This can only be done in partnership with home support. We wish for all children to read at home x 3 times minimum and we know from vast experience that children who don't read at home can sadly fall behind their peers. If this is a struggle, please ask for support from our Family Support Worker (Debbie Emes) who may be able to help you find creative ways to do so.

Scooters

As we move into autumn (and wet slippery paths) we remind all parents, carers and children that scooters and bikes are not allowed to be rode within the school grounds. All riders must dismount upon entrance.

School's Milk service

A link to schools milk service is below if parent would like to order this (Reception parents of children over 5):

<https://www.schoolmilkservices.co.uk/>

Pupil Premium

We are aware that we have new parents at school who may not have applied for Pupil Premium support before. In addition, for many existing parents, their financial circumstances may have changed without realising it. The application is simple, quick and could offer valuable funding which would benefit your child (staffing, resources, food, etc). For more information please contact the office.

Clubs

Along with signature sports holding extra –curricular clubs, our teaching staff at the Park will also be holding clubs throughout the year. These will be on the school website and further information will be available very soon.

Swimming Dates

Year 6 Swimming Week 14: 11-15th Dec

Year 5 Swimming Week 21: 19-23rd Feb

Year 4 Swimming Week 22: 26th Feb – 1st Mar

Planned trips for this academic year:

Reception Local - Grimsbury Farm & Westonbirt Term 2

Year 1 Local - Bus Trip & Noah's Ark Term 6

Year 2 Visit to school Bristol Animal Club Term & SS Great Britain Term 1

Year 3 Visit to school Egyptologist & Caerleon Term 5

Year 4 Local Warmley Museum Term 1 & We the Curious Term 4

Year 5 Space Dome (at school) & MShed Term 5

Year 6 – Camp Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March

Initial school event dates for your diary

Term 1

Friday 22nd September- Year 2 Phonics and reading parent's meeting

Friday 29th September- Year 1 Phonics and reading parent's meeting

Tuesday 17th October -Parent's Evening

Thursday 19th October -Parent's Evening

Friday 20th October- INSET

Wednesday 4th October New Reception 2024-25 Open evening

Term 2

Tuesday 31st October – Flu vaccinations

Friday 10th November- Reception phonics and reading parent's meeting

Friday 17th November- Children In Need

Wednesday 6th December (morning)- KS1 Nativity (am)

Thursday 7th December (afternoon)- KS1 Nativity (pm)

Friday 8th December -Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 13th December- Christmas Lunch

Term 3

Tuesday 2nd January- INSET

Term 4

Thursday 7th March -World Book Day

Friday 17th March - Red Nose Day

Term 5

Week beginning Monday 13th May- Year 6 SATs

Week beginning Monday 20th May- Sports Week

Colour Run 23rd May

Friday 24th May- INSET

Term 6

Monday 1st July- INSET

Tuesday 23rd July- Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Dates will be updated as the year progresses. All dates are subject to change, due to staffing and weather.

Best Wishes

Mr Rowsell, Mrs Absalom & all the staff at Park Primary School