



## Park and Parkwall Primary Federation

### Term 2 Newsletter



Working together to empower children to become aspirational, global citizens

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### Welcome Back

We had an extremely busy first term and were very proud of the attitude of all children, showing our school values of: **Aspiration, Resilience, Responsibility and Collaboration**. Well done to all the Reception children who settled in well and are enjoying school. We hope you all had a lovely half term and we have already begun a busy second term.



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

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

Our Park sports teams were incredibly busy  
Tweets you can find @ParkPrimaryPE

### Christmas Pantos

We are pleased to announce KS2 pupils have the opportunity to go to the Hippodrome to watch Peter Pan, we have managed to receive a grant from The Theatre Works Company and a donation from The Friends, to reduce the cost for parents.

We are very excited to invite The Little Things Theatre into school to perform Christmas Trolls for our EYFS & KS1 pupils.

Letters will follow with more details.

### 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.

### 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 (will valid permissions on Arbor) are permitted to walk to school alone.

## Home Learning



We strive to do our best in School to ensure that every child leaves The 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 3 times each week minimum.

Children in Year 3-6 have log-ins for Times Tables Rockstars. If you need support with this, please ask your child's class teacher.

## Healthy Schools

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. We also advise children to bring in a water bottle to keep hydrated during the day.

We encourage children and families to walk to school when possible due to the busy area around the school first thing on a morning. If children scoot or ride a bike may we remind you that they must get off and push it once on school grounds in the interest of health and safety.



## Reception September 2024

Do you have a child, or know a child that is 4 years old after 1 September 2024?

We have places at The Park Primary. Please call the office if you would like help applying or would like a tour of the school this term.

Closing date for applications **15 January 2024.**

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

## Friends of The Park

Thank you so much for the fantastic Halloween disco that the Friends organised. It was extremely successful raising over £1300.

If you would like to join the team or help out please contact the team on the Facebook link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfTheParkPrimarySchool/>



## Reading Achievements

We have been selected as one of four schools nationally to be filmed each term for our fantastic reading and phonics teaching. It is a great achievement for all the children and staff at The Park and we look forward to seeing the videos in the near future.

## Planned trips for this year:

**Reception:** Grimsbury Farm Term 5 & Westonbirt Term 2

**Year 1:** Bus trip Term 1 & Noah's Ark Term 6

**Year 2:** SS Great Britain Term 1 & Visit to school from Bristol Animal Club Term 6

**Year 3:** Visit to school Egyptologist Term 3 & Caerleon Term 5

**Year 4:** Kingswood & Warmley Heritage Museum & Wild Place

**Year 5:** Space Dome (at school) Term 4 & MShed Term 5

**Year 6:** Camp

***Best Wishes from Mr Rowsell, Mrs Absalom and all the staff at The Park Primary.***

## **Term 2 dates for the diary**

17 November: Children in Need  
4-7 December: Book Fair  
5<sup>th</sup> December KS2 Christmas Panto  
6-7 December: KS1 Nativity  
8 December: Friends Xmas disco  
11<sup>th</sup> December EYFS & KS1 Christmas Panto  
11-14 December: Year 6 Swimming  
12 December: Christmas Fayre  
15 December: End of Term 2

## **2024 dates for the diary**

2 Jan: INSET day  
3 Jan: 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Term 3  
9 Feb: End of Term 3  
19 Feb: 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Term 4  
26 Feb -1 March: Year 4 swimming  
27 Feb: Class photos  
4-8 March: Year 6 camp  
28 March: End of Term 4  
15 April: 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Term 5  
13-16 May: Year 6 SATs  
20-23 May: Sports Week  
23 May: End of Term 5  
24 May: INSET day  
3 June: 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Term 6  
1 July: INSET day  
17 July: Year 6 Leavers Disco  
23 July: End of Term 6

*\*Please note some dates are subject to change but we will know you if dates change at the earliest opportunity.*