

Park Primary School



11 November 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

The children observed the two minute silence today to mark Armistice Day and to think about all the people who made and still make sacrifices to try to keep us safe. The children were wonderfully respectful during this time.

There is only two weeks left until homework projects are due in so if you haven't started you just have enough time! If you are unsure about what to do or have lost your homework sheets, please look on the school website or speak to your child's teacher. We look forward to seeing the finished projects in school in a couple of weeks.

Diary Dates

Inset Days

Tue 3rd Jan 2017
 Mon 27th Feb 2017
 Fri 7th April 2017
 Thurs 4th May 2017

Children in Need ~ Wear something Spotty

Fri 18th Nov

Listen to Me Music Concert

24.11.16 ~ 2.15pm
 Years 2,3,4

Homework Due in

25.11.16

Mufti Day (wear own clothes)

25.11.16

Homework Projects Deadline

25.11.16

Homework Exhibition

01.12.16 ~ 2.30pm

PTA Christmas Fair

02.12.16 ~ 3.30-5.30pm

KS1 Nativity

8.12.16 ~ 2pm
 9.12.16 ~ 9.10am

KS2 Performance

12th Dec ~ 2pm
 13th Dec ~ 6pm

Our Learning and Achievements this Week

	Robins have been spending lots of learning time focusing on counting, recognizing numbers and letter formation. We have been counting out objects and matching them to the correct numerals. Robin class have also been thinking about what keeps us healthy. We know that lots of different foods and drinks keep us healthy but also exercise and sleep keep our bodies healthy too. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Evie for always putting 110% into everything she does.
	Puffins have been learning about the properties of 2D shapes; how many sides and corners they each have. We have been trying to recognise some high frequency words such as 'and', 'the', 'said' and 'it'. Please help us to learn them. Puffins are enjoying our new role play area which is based on 'The Three Little Pigs' story. We have been talking about different ways that we can keep our bodies healthy. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Zachery for trying so hard to learn his sounds and writing them down.
	Swallows have been learning actions to a new story this week. 'The dinosaur who lost his roar'. In Maths we have had a go at adding by using a number line to count on. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Tyler for always trying hard in every lesson, especially in his writing.
	Owls have been busy learning our new story 'The Dinosaur Who Lost His Roars'. In Maths we have been re-visiting subtraction and in topic time we have been making our very own papier-mâché dinosaur eggs! Headteacher's Award has been presented to Jessica for always approaching everything in school with a positive, enthusiastic attitude!
	This week we have been choosing a new 'fear' for Plop in our story writing. In Maths we have been continuing to add 2-digit numbers using the column method. In History we have enjoyed learning about 'The Gunpowder Plot!' Headteacher's Award has been presented to Myia for accurately regrouping when adding 2-digit numbers.
	This week Flamingos have been learning how to use the column method in Maths to solve addition number sentences. In Geography we have been labelling the countries and cities of the United Kingdom by using a key. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Olivia for working incredibly hard in her writing and Geography.
	This week we have been designing and writing our own information text page for a Saxon book. We have also been learning about expanded noun phrases in English and learning about different ways to build sentences. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Emily for her really hard work and conscientious effort in her writing.
	This week we have been learning about decomposition and expanded methods of addition in Maths. In English we have been thinking about including adverbial phrases in our writing. In science we have started our topic on 'Forces'. Headteacher's Award has been presented to The Whole Class for being excellently well behaved on the school trip and representing Park School beautifully.
	We have been looking at our new book 'Skellig'. In Science, the children have been continuing their learning about evolution and fossils. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Oliver for being an active learner this week and having an excellent attitude.

Post Boxes

We have two new post boxes in office/reception area. One is for all office correspondence such as return slips and dinner money (ensuring it is in an envelope with your child's name on it) and one will be for P.T.A correspondence. The boxes will be checked daily so please return any slips or pay dinner money etc. in this way to prevent congestion in the office in the morning. Thank you.

Year 5 Mosque Trip

On Friday 4th November, Year 5 went to the Shah Jahnan Mosque. We spent the morning learning about the history of the mosque, sketching it and hearing about some of the beliefs of the Islamic faith. It is the oldest mosque in the UK (built in 1889). The children really enjoyed the trip and amazed me with the knowledge had acquired when we returned! Mrs Williams.

Children in Need—Friday 18th November

Children may come to school next Friday **wearing something spotty** e.g. a hair band, tie or socks in exchange for a donation to Children In Need.



PTA Events

The children had a wonderful time on Monday at our Discos so thank you for your contributions. We managed to raise £150.00 towards our school funds, after the costs of the disco and refreshments.

Please remember to get making those Jazzy Jars for the Christmas Fair to be brought to school week commencing 28th November! We would also like to take this opportunity to request donations of unwanted gifts, books, toys/ teddies etc. Please bring them to the school as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.

PTA Vacancies

Our PTA helps provide lots of fun activities for our children and families, whilst raising funds to enrich the experiences the children have at school. A number of parents who were intrinsic to the PTA have moved on as their children have left the school, and we now need some new parents to support the PTA and to take on some key roles. We currently have vacancies available for our PTA for Chairperson, Vice Chair and Treasurer. Please contact the school if you have an interest in these roles, or helping the PTA in any capacity.

Christmas Dinner

You will have received a form to complete for the children's Christmas dinner which will be on Thursday 15th December. Please return the form (all children), along with payment of £2.10 (KS2 only) by **Monday 21st November**. Children who have free school meals will be provided a meal but we still need the menu choice.



Star Charts

Congratulations to Jasmine C and Evie B who have earned 25 stars and have now been awarded with their bronze badges.



Attendance

Well done Ravens Class for having the highest attendance this week



Have a lovely weekend.

Miss E. Grant

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