

Park Primary School



25 November 2016

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Well done and thank you to everyone who has sent in jazzy jars for the Christmas Fair. The children have been walking past them on the table outside my office and have been busy deciding which ones they would like to win! If you haven't had a chance to bring yours in there is still time next week.

We need volunteers to help with the Christmas Fair on Friday. There are sign up sheets on the playground before and after school. If you do not bring or pick up your children and would like to help, please contact the school office. Thank you all in advance for your support.

Diary Dates

Inset Days

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

Homework Exhibition

01.12.16 ~ 2.30pm

PTA Christmas Fair

02.12.16 ~ 3.15-5.00pm

KS1 Nativity

8.12.16 ~ 2pm
 9.12.16 ~ 9.10am

KS2 Performance

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

Christmas Dinner

15.12.16

Last Day of Term

16.12.16

3.01.17

Inset Day

Our Learning and Achievements this Week

	This week we have been comparing and grouping different sized objects to see if they are large, medium or small. We are learning to use the language of fewer/more, by comparing two sets of groups. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Harrison A for working really hard with his high frequency words. He has also moved up a reading level.
	As part of our Goldilocks topic, We tasted porridge with different toppings on it. We then voted on which one was our favourite. Puffins have been practising writing their names, ask us to show you! We have started to blend our sounds to form words. Please help us to practise. We have been learning about the difference between small, medium and large. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Sam C for working so hard at blending sounds.
	This week Swallows have been looking at reports. We have been picking out the features of a non-chronological report to use in our own writing. In Maths we have started to use Numicon to look at numbers to 20. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Holly F for trying so hard with her numbers to 20 and always having a positive attitude.
	Owls have been very busy this week. We had a letter from Amy at the dinosaur museum, asking us for help writing reports about dinosaurs! In Maths we have been looking at place value for numbers to 20, and in Topic we have created our own resistance dinosaur skeleton painting! Headteacher's Award has been presented to Evelyn P for always putting 100% effort into everything.
	This week we have been investigating instruction texts and learning about their key features. A mystery letter from Plop has asked us to make some bird boxes! In Maths we have been doing subtraction. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Victoria L for following all the class rules every single day and for being a kind and caring classmate.
	This week Flamingos have been learning about the Bronze Age in History. In Gymnastics they have been creating a sequence with their partners that shows them mirroring each other's movements with a clear beginning, middle and end. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Kyle L for superb and enthusiastic singing in the performance in front of the parents.
	This week we have continued to solve multi-step word problems in Maths. We have finished innovating our portal story. The children have worked hard to make exciting and powerful vocabulary choices. We have also started rehearsing for the Christmas play. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Owen W for having a positive attitude to all his learning this week and listening carefully to follow instructions.
	In Maths we have moved onto subtraction, and I have been so impressed with how well all the children have done. In English we are starting to look at newspaper reports, particularly learning about modal verbs. In Art, we have been thinking about making props and costumes for our Christmas play. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Sophie T for always being an enthusiastic and helpful member of the class.
	In Maths, we have been refining our written method for multiplication and learning about BIDMAS. We are also starting to rehearse for our Christmas production of 'The Snow Queen' and write our own warning stories. Headteacher's Award has been presented to Ella T for writing an exquisite build-up of tension for her story.

PE Kits

A large number of children do not have PE kits in school at the moment. As we know how important physical activity is for children, we keep a number of spare kits in school, however some classes have had 10 or more children without kits in school which we cannot facilitate. We have asked all the children to bring in their kit next week and will be checking that they have remembered. If you are finding it difficult to provide a PE kit for your child, please speak to your child's teacher or the office.

Parent Governors

I am delighted to inform you that Julie Ann Taylor and Helen Jones have become our new parent governors who we welcome onto our school governing body.

Homework Exhibition

Please join us at our homework exhibition next Thursday from 2.30pm. Please collect and sign out your child from their outside classroom door from 2.30 and then bring them round to the hall through the outside door. I am very excited to see all the children's hard work on display.

Listen 2 Me Concert

The children in Years 2,3 and 4 gave a lovely concert yesterday to Parents and Carers. They have worked very hard with Mrs Bolam, our Music Teacher and performed a range of exciting songs. Well done to you all.

Performance Tickets

We have sent out the letters this week for KS1 and KS2 performances so you can obtain tickets to come and watch your children in their performances. KS2 have also had a letter home regarding the evening performance. Its very important that we have this letter signed and brought into school as this gives us an idea of how many children will attend the evening performance and who will be collecting them.

Christmas Lunch—15th December

Thank you for returning the Christmas meal choice for your children. Just to remind you that there will be no other meal choice on this day so if your child is not having a Christmas dinner then please send them to school with a packed lunch.

Connaught Christmas Fayre 2016

The Connaught School are having their Christmas Fayre on Monday 12th December at 4.30-6.30pm followed by a Christmas Cabaret. Watch out for the posters in our notice boards.

Second Hand clothes sale— 6 December at 3pm

There will be a sale in The Sunshine Room. All items 50p so please bring small change.

Spare Underwear

If at all possible could the parents of the younger children in school please send in some underwear in their child's PE bags as we have a limited supply. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Star Charts

The following children have been awarded their bronze badges today in our celebration assembly: Kaydon L
Chloe H, Elisha A, Sophie O'N, Alex R, Artom Z. Well done!

Attendance

Well done Woodpeckers Class for having the highest attendance this week.

Have a lovely weekend.

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