

# Park Primary School Newsletter



Dear Parents

Welcome to our new look newsletter. We will now be sending out a newsletter on a monthly basis and will include updates on school improvements and sporting news, as well as general reminders. Headteacher Award winners and other outside achievements will still be celebrated in school every week and then will be posted on our school website in the 'Whole School Blog' section, which can be accessed from the homepage: <http://www.park-pri.hants.sch.uk/>

Staff updates ~ Miss McNiven will be taking up the position of Acting Deputy Headteacher whilst Mrs Henderson is off. Miss McNiven will also continue her role as Early Years (Year R) and Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) Leader, and Mrs Harrison as Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5, and 6) Leader.

Healthy Schools Award ~ I am delighted to inform you that the school has been awarded a Healthy Schools Award, recognising the work we have done to plan and implement health and wellbeing improvements for the children in our school. To achieve this, we had to prove that we are promoting physical and emotional health and teaching the children skills to make decisions about their own health and well being.



Futsal Competition ~ Eight children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a futsal competition at Samuel Cody school last week. They did a fantastic job representing our school and demonstrated brilliant team work. Matthew received a special mention for his amazing goal keeping skills. Well done to you all!

Included with this newsletter is a questionnaire about school clubs. We look forward to receiving your feedback.

Best Wishes

Miss Emma Grant  
Headteacher

## Notices & Reminders

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is becoming very popular. If you would like your child to attend on additional or ad hoc days, please ring the office at least 24hours before to confirm your booking and guarantee a place. Breakfast Club starts from 8am and costs £2 per session.

### Poppy Appeal

We raised £133.36 from the sale of poppies last term for The Royal British Legion.

### Site Safety

To keep children safe, please use the pedestrian gate if walking through the main entrance. Some families have been walking along the drive before re-joining the path. This can make it very difficult for cars to spot small children as they turn into the drive.

### Helmets

Children riding their bikes to school should wear a helmet at all times.

# School Development Priorities

The Senior Leadership Team, staff and governors have been working together to put together our School Development Plan, identifying the main priorities for the school for the rest of the school year and beyond.

Last year, our end of KS2 results were excellent, with 71% of Year 6 children achieving the expected level or higher in reading, writing and maths combined. This was well above the national average of 53%. We are obviously overjoyed with this fantastic achievement, but as a good school, we are always continuing to make improvements.

Some of the main areas we want to work on are outlined below, and I will keep you up to date with the progress we are making.

## To develop the use of new assessment procedures

Like all primary schools, we have introduced new assessment procedures after the government removed the old method of using 'levels.'

We are working with other schools in the area to embed the new system and moderate out judgements so that we can track how well the children are doing.

## Improve attendance so that we reach our target of 96%

We will soon be introducing a challenge and reward system to celebrate good attendance across the school.

## To look at the visions and values of the school

We would like to involve children, staff, governors and families in looking at our school vision and values. We will use these to underpin our curriculum and ethos.

## To improve spelling across the school

The new National Curriculum puts a greater emphasis on the importance of spelling. Staff have already had training on different strategies to help children to learn spelling patterns and rules, and to remember some words that are trickier to spell. We will be exploring ways for parents to support children with spellings at home too.

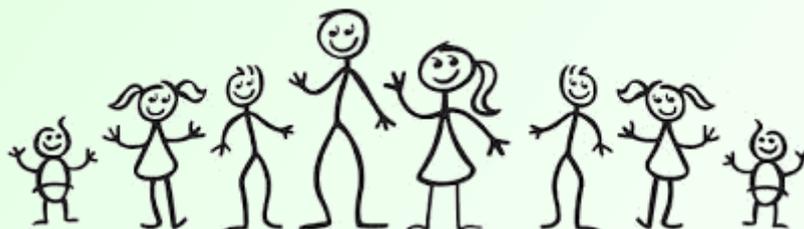
## Improve partnership and communication with parents

We will be looking at ways to seek parental viewpoint about some key aspects of school life including clubs and homework. We also want to find different ways of sharing information and celebrating our achievements.

This will include some changes to our website and a trial of online surveys to make it easier for parents to share their ideas.

## To increase the number of children reaching the expected level or higher for their year group.

We are continuing to look at ways that we can help all children to make good progress and to challenge them in their lessons.



## Read Write Inc.

Some of your children may have come home this week telling you about rainbow claps, marshmallow claps, lorry drivers and Fred fingers! This is because we have started a new phonics and reading scheme in school called Read Write Inc. All teaching staff have had training on how to teach the scheme and we have lots of new resources in school. The scheme will be predominately used in Years R, 1 and 2 to start with, and then used to help children in Years 3-6 who have gaps in their phonic knowledge (how we blend sounds together to read words). Staff will be receiving further training during our INSET day on 27th Feb, after which we will start teaching the reading part of the lesson and there will be some new reading books sent home.

We will be holding a meeting for parents after half term to let you know more about how we will be teaching phonics and reading in school and how you can support your child. If you would like to find out more before this, please follow the link below which has some short videos that you can watch to find out more.

<http://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/parents/>

## WORLD BOOK DAY

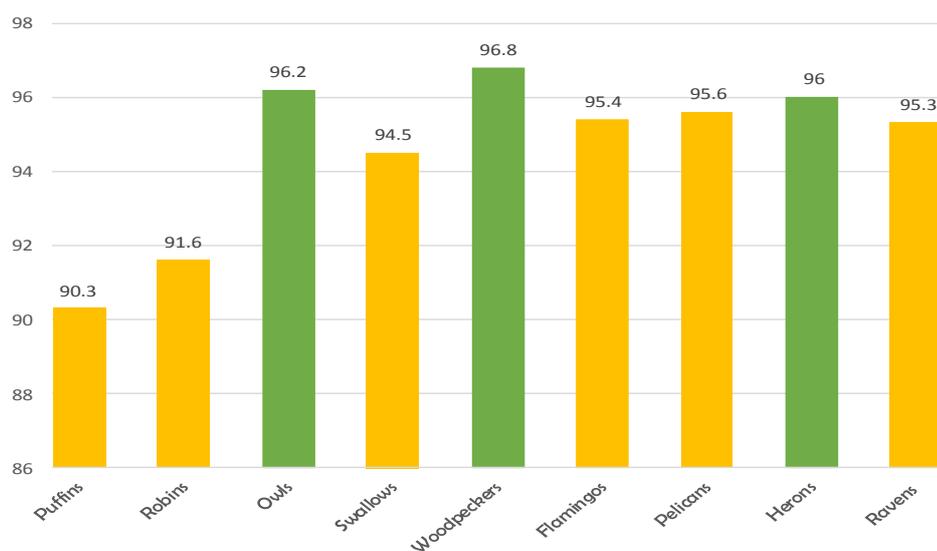
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On Thursday 2nd March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. Children may come to school dressed as a character from a book that they enjoy. There will be lots of activities in school to promote enjoyment of reading during the day.

## attendance

January Attendance



School Target = 96%



1st Place  
Woodpeckers

96.8%



2nd Place  
Owls

96.2%



3rd Place  
Herons

96%

# Coming Up...

## February 2017

Mon 6th—Thurs 9th Feb  
Book Fair—3.15–3.45pm

Thurs 9th Feb  
Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics @  
Samuel Cody (selected children)

Fri 17th Feb  
School breaks up for half term.  
Collect children at normal time.

Mon 20th—Fri 24th Feb  
Half Term Break

Mon 27th Feb  
INSET Day

Tue 28th Feb  
Children return to school

## March 2017

Thurs 2nd March  
World Book Day

Thurs 9th March  
Homework projects due in

Sat 11th March  
Welcome to Hampshire—Choir  
performance at Winchester Ca-  
thedral

Mon 13th March  
Year 5 Big Sing @ The Anvil

Thurs 16th March  
2.30pm—Homework Exhibition  
for parents and families

Fri 24th March  
Comic Relief—Mufti Day

## March 2017

Mon 27th March  
3.30–5pm Parents' Evening

Wed 29th March  
5–7pm Parents' Evening

Thurs 30th March  
2.15—Listen to me concert for  
families of children in Years 2,3,4

## April 2017

Thursday 6th April  
Last day of term for children

Fri 7th April  
INSET Day

Mon 10th –Fri 21st April  
Easter Holidays

Mon 24th April  
First day back at school

## May 2017

Thurs 4th May  
Polling Day/ INSET  
School closed for pupils

Mon 8th—Fri 12th May  
Statutory Tests for Year 6 pupils

Fri 26th May  
School breaks for half term

Mon 29th May— Fri 2nd June  
Half term break

## June 2017

Mon 5th June  
Return to school

## July 2017

Tue 25th July  
Last day of term

For Hampshire school holiday dates for 2016-17 and 2017-18, please follow check the Hampshire website:

<http://www3.hants.gov.uk/education/schools/schoolholidays>